Happy Friday Everyone!

We have enjoyed an exciting week in kindergarten. On Wednesday, Mrs. Midura and Ms McAvoy came into class for a video and discussion on germs and hand washing. They placed a small amount of glow in the dark lotion on each child’s hands. They looked at their glowing hands under a black light and then washed their hands well. Another look under the black light showed where they had missed. The most noticeable was around the nails, the backs of their hands, and their wrists. Later in the day we observed the children talking more about germs.

We can see tremendous growth and maturity. Students have taken more of a leadership role in their performance throughout the day. This is manifested in the way they help and guide others on their Work Board teams, and in the way they hold their ground when disagreements arise. These social interactions are critical to success in school. Each year, you will see the children collaborating more and more. This means they must work well together and resolve problems in order to be successful. You can help your child to be more successful by providing opportunities for play with other children their age. Encourage them to discuss issues important to children (not grownup problems) and to practice speaking up when necessary.

On Thursday, Mr. and Mrs. Piper brought in a baby lamb, born on their farm over the weekend. “Lambchop” was a delight! Everyone who wanted to could hold and pet the lamb. We had several classes of visitors from around the school come in to see him as well. He made his school debut on morning announcements so all of the school was able to get a peek. Each morning before the announcements begin, Mrs. Carmichael selects an excerpt from some music to play for 30 seconds. Today, she was quick to pull out “Mary Had a Little Lamb.” Hooray, Mrs. Carmichael!

Here is a picture of Mr. Piper feeding the lamb a bottle of formula.
Mrs. Thibault drops by to visit with animals whenever she learns of one in the school. This is our 2009 photo of Mrs. Thibault and a lamb.

Last week I sent home the newsletter with a special request at the end. That was, to sign on the line, cut, and return the stub to me. This was my way of checking to see if you are reading the newsletter. Interested in the results? Out of 16 families, I received 10 replies. Six of you are not reading this. If you are one of the six, you are receiving this in an envelope with your name on it and a "Please Read" printed on the front. It would be unfortunate for your child to be left out of the fun by not having things that make our class experience more meaningful.

We will be having a Valentine Party on Fri, February 13.

- Parents are invited to provide refreshments for the class to enjoy. Remember to avoid any products with nuts.
- Students should prepare and send in their valentines for classmates. Each card should have their classmates name clearly written on the outside so that your child can read the name and put them into their classmates Valentine boxes.
- Here is a list of names for the Valentine cards.

Aaliyah  Jacob  Kiara  Zachary
Anthony  John  Liliana  Zeynep
Caitlyn  Jonathan  Madelyn
Cameron  Kaelin  Ryan
Chris  Kayla  Tori

Have a wonderful weekend with your children. They have worked very hard this week. Ask them about the stories they are writing with me during Writer’s Workshop.

Regards,
Mrs. Poulin

We need Kleenex for the classroom! Thanks!