## The First Grade Forecast



We have had such a great week here at Lake in the Hills Elementary. Here's what we have been up to this week.

During centers this week students worked on reading comprehension, $r$ blends, story writing, and sight word practice. Students worked with the ow and ou sounds. Students also practiced reading fluency and writing fluency. Students should receive 3 new books for their book boxes. Next week we will work on cause and effect. We are also working on making connections.

Our word of the week was dew. Students have discussed the meaning of the word dew. We took a trip outside first thing Wednesday morning with no shoes on. Students felt the dew on their feet and made predictions about what the ground would be like if we came out later in the day. Their prediction that the ground would be dry was proven and they were very excited. It was a fun experiment and worked along perfectly with our weather unit! © The word dew has been added to our vocabulary notebooks.

In Math we have been working on graphing. Students have learned about picture graphs, bar graphs, and tally marks. We have discussed the reasons for using graphs and how they are helpful. We have taken many votes this week and practiced graphing the information gathered. We will continue this concept next week.

In science we have been learning about weather. We have learned about the parts of the water cycle and the elements of weather. We will continue this next week.

Unfortunately we did not have enough students bring in materials to make their leprechaun traps. I have told the students that we will do this activity on Monday instead, so they have the weekend to gather and bring in supplies. Thanks for your help with this. It really is a fun activity for the students.:

As you know, our district is participating in Relay for Life. Thank you to all of you who have donated to this wonderful cause. Please remember the deadline to turn in your Relay Recess participation envelope is April $4^{\text {th }}$. Thanks $)$

The students received five new Dolch words to add to their word bag. Please be sure to practice these words each night.

I hope you are able to enjoy the beautiful weather that is predicted for this weekend! I know I will be spending a lot of time outdoors with my family. Hope you will too!! Enjoy!-)

Upcoming Events:<br>March 16- Family Dance<br>March 22- Market Day Pick Up<br>March 26-30- Spring Break<br>April 2- Classes Resume<br>April 4- Relay Recess Due<br>April 6- No School- Good Friday<br>April 20- Art Fair/Book Fair

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