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# The Cardella Times

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## A busy week..

It's finally here...Spring Break! Even though we were very excited, we managed to be very productive. In writing, the children wrote different leprechaun stories. Some wrote how they would catch a leprechaun while others opted to write a poem. All of them turned out great.

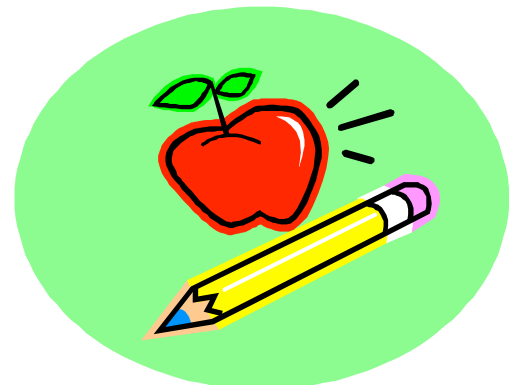
We focused on nouns by reading a poem called *I Like* in which it has nouns in every sentence. Then, we went on a noun hunt (looking for nouns in other books) and wrote our own *I Like* poems with a partner. They turned out very cute, but more importantly they learned all about nouns.

As mentioned, we finished up our science unit on liquids, solids, and gases. The children learned a great deal of knowledge and had fun while doing it. This week, the children looked at toothpaste and had to decide if it was a solid or a liquid. It was a very intense conversation where we could not agree on an answer! We also combined a liquid (vinegar) and a solid (salt) to clean pennies. The children were in awe that by mixing these two substances together, it actually cleaned pennies! Sometimes it even changed the pennies color!

This past week in Time for Kids, we discussed the election campaign and how close it is. It is amazing to see the children so interested in it. I only hope their excitement continues for the rest of their lives!

We finished chapter nine in mathematics on measurement. As usual, the children did a fantastic job on the assessment. We will begin chapter ten after Spring Break.

Thanks to Mrs. Murdach, our podcast is up and running. She also scanned our famous African American coins and pictures onto our website and turned them into a Quicktime video. Make be sure to check it out!



## Tidbits

Please note the second grade musical has changed dates. The new day is Friday, May 2. When I know the times of the performances, I will let you know.

If you still haven't returned your report card envelopes please do so as soon as possible. I will need them to send out for the final report card in June. Also, we are still in need of Kleenex! If you have any, please send them in! Thanks to the families who have already brought some in.

Again, please make sure your child is bringing back their Spelling sentences every Thursday and their Reading log every Friday. It is imperative that this be completed.

We added another field trip to Wagner Farm on May 6th. We are also schedule to go to the Grove on April 15th. I will send the Grove permission sheet the week we come back to school.

The past few weeks, we have been learning cursive. I just wanted to reiterate the children will not be writing in cursive, but rather just learning the letters. Once we have learned both upper and lowercase letters, the children are allowed to write their first letter of their name (both first and last name) in cursive. In third and fourth grade, they will be using cursive more often.

## Upcoming Events

Friday, April 4<sup>th</sup> 2008

Spirit Day

Tuesday, April 15<sup>th</sup> 2008

The Grove Field Trip

Friday, May 2<sup>nd</sup> 2008

Second Grade Musical

If you haven't already you should watch Oprah's Big Give on Sundays at 8 pm with your child. It is a great lesson about helping others!



## Reminders to Parents

Your child will need to bring the following items this week:

1. The Spelling Paragraph is due on Thursday, April 3rd.
2. The reading log is due on Friday, April 4th!
3. Water Bottle and Snack
4. Check our Website for updates and pictures!