

Warden's Words

MONTHLY UPDATE ON WHAT'S HAPPENING IN ROOM 11

APRIL EDITION

END OF YEAR TESTING

It's getting to be the end of the school year which means lots of testing. The students took the ISASP tests. These replaced the old Basic Skills tests that the students used to take. They are completely online. Hopefully we will have the results in a couple of weeks. The students also did the spring FAST, aReading, and aMath tests. These are the tests that they take three times a year. The results for these tests will be included in their report cards.

JUNIOR ACHIEVEMENT

We finished up our Junior Achievement in April. The students learned many things, including how to get and keep a job, the use of technology in the workplace, and the global interdependence of resources. **Many, many thanks to our JA volunteer, Alison Kass!!** We really enjoyed having her visit our classroom each week!

TIRRILL PARK PICNIC

We are excited to have our end of the year picnic at Tirrill Park, especially since we did not get to have it last year. It will be on the second to last day of school. To add to the excitement, we are having a cookout. The students were able to choose whether they wanted a hamburger or hot dog that day! A fun time for sure!!

ABC COUNTDOWN

Once we got to 26 days of school left, we started our ABC Countdown. We started the first day with A and will end with Z on the last day. Each we do some activity that begins with the letter of the alphabet. For example, on A day, we started our autobiographies and became amazing artists by learning how to draw a shark. On C day, we started our checkers tournament. Still don't have a winner yet! A couple more examples are that on D day we drew doodles and had

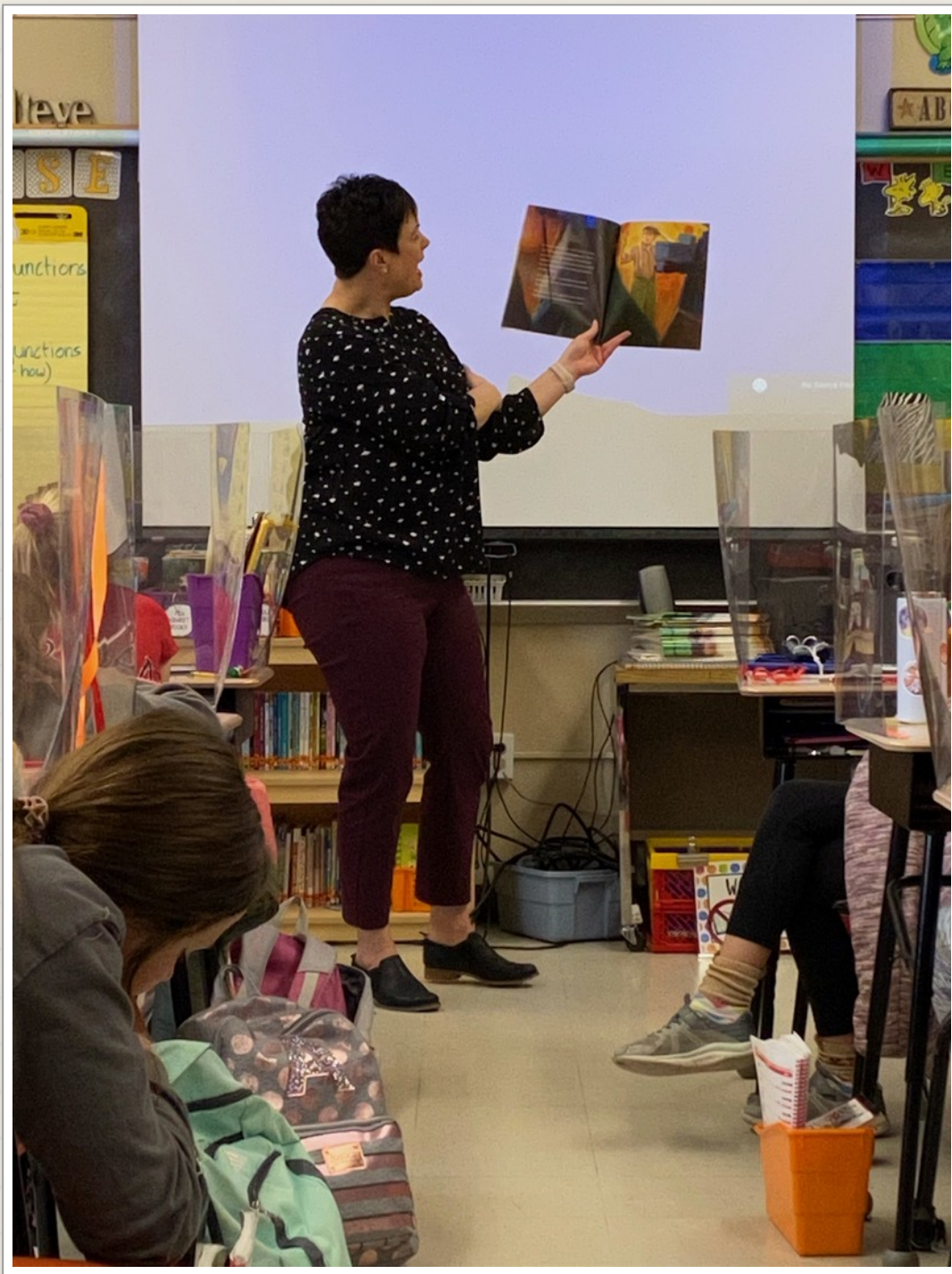
donuts, and on F day we did flashlight reading and had fruit rollups! The ABC Countdown adds a little fun to the end of the school year.



APRIL READING MONTH

The whole school celebrated April Reading Month. We turned in our reading calendars each Monday with the minutes that we had read the previous week. We had all-school book alerts where every one stopped what they were doing and read for a bit. Ms. Harbach came and read our book-a-day book to the class. We also dressed like book characters, in wacky clothes, and in shirts with words on them. The best part is that the fifth grade had the most minutes per student in the school so they have earned dilly bars!!





READ AND FEED

We will be having an all school read and feed for reaching our goal of reading 60,000 minutes as a school during the month of April. The fifth graders will read some extra time as we have also reached the end of another reading unit. Make sure your child has a good book to read!!

MEMORY BOOKS

Along with the ABC Countdown, the students are doing pages for their memory book. For example, their autobiography will be in their memory book, along with pictures from this school year. They will receive their memory book on the last day of school. I've told them that they are very fun to keep and look back at when they are older!!

STUDENTS SPEAK...

What is something about fifth grade that you will never forget?

...Mrs. Worden's loud sneezes.

...the hour read and feed.

...my classmates.

...getting to have Mrs. Worden as my teacher.

...all the read and feeds we had.

...all of the reading tests we take.

...read and feed, math, and my teacher.

...that we got to do spies, that was fun.

...Mrs. Worden and all the things she said.

...ABC countdown.

...our class and our teacher. We've had so many fun times.

...the teacher because you were so fun and also Worden bucks. Also all the good books.

...the fun things we do in class like the ABC countdown, book-a-day, and most of all, Mrs. Worden.

...Mrs. Worden's ringtone.

...1. doing the ABC Countdown.

2. reading Gentle Ben.

3. all of my classmates and my teacher, of course!

4. having a checkers tournament.

...the teacher who has such a jam out music of Elvis and the teacher who LOVES Snoopy. Also, the cool checkers tournament.

...the work we had to do. Also when Mrs. Worden beat me at checkers.

...the teacher, :) in a good way.

...that we got to be Mrs. Worden's last class ever! How we got to do problems of the day, and if we got it right, we got to have dum-dums. We got to have book-a-days where we got to read a book every day. I will also never forget about our ABC countdown. We've had a lot of fun times this year.

..something that I will never forget about fifth grade is our awesome, amazing teacher, Mrs. Worden, who always was nice, even if we were a bother. She always gives us time to catch up on our work and is really understanding.

LOOKING AHEAD...

May 5 - Spring program

May 6 - All school read and feed

May 26 - School picnic at Tirrill Park

May 27 - Last day of school!!