

A loving heart is the beginning of all knowledge.
-Thomas Carlyle

The Kindergarten News
for the week of 2/8/21

- **Theme-** Dinosaurs/Valentine’s Day
- **Expressive Vocabulary-** quirk- *a peculiar trait or mannerism*
random -*made or done by chance*
- **Introduce-** Review Qq and Rr/Sight words -new, old, but, eat, that
- **Bits of Intelligence-** Presidents
- **Fable** – The Swan and the Crow

Language Arts

This week we will meet the “ig” and “est” word families as well as review all word families introduced thus far. If your little reader is having difficulty decoding words, it may be helpful to have him/her identify the word family rather than sound out the letters individually. For example, if the word is *hat*, cover the *h* and ask “what’s the word family?”. When your child responds “*at*”, uncover the *h* and ask “what happens when there is a *h* in front of *at*?” He or she should then answer “*hat!*” This method often proves to be easier and more successful for many of the students. As the boys and girls continue to improve their reading skills, I highly recommend that you visit your local public library and encourage your child to select titles that he or she can read independently. This will not only provide extra reading practice, but will help to boost reading confidence as well.

Math/Science

The boys and girls will continue to work on the concept of money this week. Once again our focus will be on learning to recognize the penny, nickel, and dime, as well as being able to tell the value for each coin. Our unit on dinosaurs concludes this week also. We will learn about fossils and discuss the possible reasons for why the dinosaurs became extinct. Our theme table will feature a variety of actual plant and prehistoric animal fossils, and the children will even try to make their own imprint fossils using plaster of Paris! As a culminating activity to highlight what we have learned from our dinosaur unit, the students will complete a page for their journals about their favorite dinosaur.

Important Dates

February 12.....Valentine’s Party(remember to bring your Valentine’s cards)
February 14.....Happy Birthday Maxwell Duncker!
February 15.....Parent Conferences/**no kindergarten classes**, school open for daycare only

Help Wanted-

Our classroom is in need of additional containers of disinfecting wipes. Any donation would be greatly appreciated! Thank you.

 *Happy Valentines Day* 