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Hello Families,

Thank you for being so understanding with my technological problems. My computer is being repaired and my loaner doesn't seem to like me much. However, it appears that all IT problems have been resolved.

*Last week...*

During writing, the students finished the small moments unit of study. For the final mini lesson, the students "caught" a small moment story, wrapped them in their fist and told this story through their fingers. This tactile activity assists the students in organizing their many thoughts into beginning, middle and ending parts of a story. Their most recent stories have shown such progress in their understanding of a small moment and writing mechanics.

During math, the students continue to work on Unit 5: 2D and 3D Geometry. The students filled puzzle outlines with pattern blocks and recorded how many shapes each puzzle needed to be completed. Also, the students played the game *Fill the Hexagons*. In this game, the students rolled cubes labeled with pattern block images, take the blocks they rolled and use them to fill six hexagon shapes. Through this activity, the students are able to visualize shapes within shapes.

During handwriting, we continue to work on lowercase letter formation and correct usage of the various handwriting papers.

Our book buddies performed several plays for us.

During guided reading, all groups mini lesson focus was on expressive reading, continued practice of comprehension and metacognitive questioning. I know it sounds fancy for Kindergarten but they can do it!

During science, we finished our balls and ramps unit and our bouncers! Also, the students, in teams, needed to create and design ramps that would help their bouncers to roll to a certain location. As you know, the bouncers have come home. The students can always continue to work on those balls or make new ones. This unit has been great fun for all!

*Thank you to....*

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Mrs. Sconyers and Mrs. Klein for the books, Jenga and birthday bear's new bag!

Mrs. Haarde and Mrs. Klein for your help in the classroom.

I know it seems that I am always thanking you but you all do so much, I can't help it!

*This week....*

We will start our writing unit of Fiction.

We will begin our Dr. Seuss author study. If you would like to send in any favorite Dr. Seuss books, we would love to read them.

*Funny Moment....*

Mrs. Mackie and I always joke around with the children that they are so good that she and I could go get a coffee while they run the show. Well, one child wanted to let us know, "It's a good thing there is no dunkin donuts around here, we would lose you since we are so good!" Those are the moments that I cherish and never forget.

Thanks again for your patience with technology,  
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