

2M News Letter
Ms. Morrissey and Miss Walsh

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We have had a busy March!

PLAY: April 16th at 2 pm

Your children brought home lines to practice for our play, *Spiderella*. They should be learning these lines and know them by heart by April. We will not be using scripts to practice in school after April 1st. We have one practice day a week on stage; the rest will be in the classroom. It may be helpful to listen to your child when they practice their lines in case they need help with pronunciation or speaking loud enough.

We had the Tanglewood puppet show, *Cinderella*. Your child may have some interesting things to tell you about marionettes.

In Foundations, we are working on ao, ow and oe. Next week we will be working on ou and ow. Continue to practice the "Trick Words" from the beginning of the year. We throw a few in here and there on their Friday assessment and it is really evident who has been practicing!

Math: We reviewed adding and subtracting three addends, solving number grid puzzles, and explored multiplication, and division and volume. Please continue to practice math facts 0-18 with your child daily. This will help them build a firm foundation for more challenging problem solving.

Writers' Workshop: We have begun writing fiction stories, characteristics of fiction, brainstorming, and developing internal and external features of a character. Your child is also beginning to learn how to edit their own paper, make changes and corrections, and create more detailed sentences.

Readers' Workshop: We are working on inferring. Using what we know, clues from the story, and picture clues to figure out what the character feels. Your child will predict what may happen and prove why they know this by using evidence from the story. Continue to read and discuss stories at home, it is a big help for your child in understanding stories!

