

Our **SUPER** Week



February 4-8, 2019

We are extremely excited to be celebrating Pet month again! This is a school-wide favorite, and we look forward to many furry visitors! If you would like to bring a pet to visit our classroom during morning or afternoon carline, please let us know so we can schedule a day.

Here are a few more highlights from our week:

- We used our prior knowledge of *wants vs. needs* to begin our discussion of pets. Together, we made a chart describing what pets are, what they can do, and what they need. Recalling the difference between a need and a want, the children did a wonderful job listing examples of what a pet needs to be taken care of properly. We also read the book *Move Over Rover*, a story about many backyard animals squeezing into a dog's house during a rainy day. After reading, we discussed how much this story reminded us of a Jan Brett favorite, *The Mitten*! This gave us the opportunity to recall the differences and similarities between the two books.
- We learned about the *-ing* family! As a large group, we came up with rhyming words and sentences that belonged in this word family, and even added *-ing* to action words. This was a great way to recall the two parts of a sentence: a subject and an action. We took sentences such as "The dog barks" and changed them to "The dog is barking." As always, we added this list to our word wall and encouraged the children to use it as a tool for more independent writing.

Looking Ahead

- **Our class is running a school-wide food, treat, and toy drive to help our local Pet Alliance continue to take care of the many animals in need.** If you have any old towels, blankets, or sheets that you would like to donate, these will be used to help keep the animals cozy and warm during the winter months. We look forward to watching our Kindergarteners help make a difference!
- **100th Day of School Celebration** February 13th. We will celebrate with a fun day of counting, sorting, and making 100. We will also dress up like 100 year olds!
- **NO SCHOOL MONDAY, FEBRUARY 18th**
- **LEMONADE STAND TO BENEFIT THE Pet Alliance** Wednesday, February 28th during afternoon carline.