

# Kristin's Class Newsletter

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Dear Families,

Thanks to Kathy Shipp, who bravely took on the task of caring for our class for three days last week! She reported that the kids were wonderful. I was very happy to be back in school on Friday.

## **Last Week**

The poignant story of the *Ugly Duckling* was our focus last week. We talked about **empathy**- thinking about others' feelings. We learned a little about ducks while we were at it, and did some duck math, too.

## **This week...**

...our story is Goldilocks and the Three Bears! We'll attempt our first big project together- a fabulous pop up book! Be ready to be amazed. We'll think about self control- (that Goldilocks didn't have much, did she?) and do some bear math.

## **Spelling**

Our first spelling test went very well- no tears at all! Everyone was able to participate in the test in

some way- either by drawing quietly while others took the test, copying the words from a list, writing beginning sounds, drawing pictures of the words, or actually trying for "dictionary spelling." This is one of the great things about a multiage class- kids get lots of time to practice a skill before they have to do it for real. I'll try hard to get the corrected tests home on Mondays. Make sure to celebrate whatever effort your child makes, and look for signs of growth over time rather than perfection.

## **Conferences**

We'll have our first goal setting conferences on October 2 and continue until we are done! Bring your student along and expect to be an active participant in the process. If you haven't signed up yet, look for the form attached.

## **Whew!**

The first three weeks are behind us! Thanks to everyone for your support.