**Snuffles’ House**

Our class began a new math unit this week about shapes. We heard a story about Snuffles, a hedgehog who lost his home in a bonfire. After hearing the story and discussing different shapes, the children created their own hedgehogs using Model Magic (clay), toothpicks, and markers. Now our little hedgehogs needed a home of their own. Therefore, we started to create homes using 3-dimensional shapes. This week we made a cube house. After noticing that the plain cube was quite boring, the students had the opportunity to purchase decorations at the “House Decorating Shop.” The children also explored a variety of 3-dimensional shapes that use circles. During the upcoming weeks, we will make new houses for our hedgehogs as we learn about different shapes.

**Cold Blooded and Company**

On Friday, our class had the opportunity to observe and learn about a variety of reptiles. Dave and Karen Stitt (Mrs. Beers’ parents) work closely with “Cold Blooded and Company,” a reptile specialty store in the Altoona area. They brought three corn snakes, a bearded dragon, a red-eared slider and a baby alligator for the children to observe. The students also had the opportunity to ask questions. We got to pet every animal except for the alligator. Be sure to ask your child about his/her favorite reptile!

**Spring Conferences**

Conference schedules are available on our classroom website. Please be sure to arrive on time so that we can make the most of your visit. Also, please bring your child. He/She will have a lot to share!

**Questions for Your Child**

1. Sing “5 Green and Speckled Frogs” to practice simple subtraction.
2. What is the difference between a 2-dimensional and 3-dimensional shape?
3. What should you always do first when you are revising a story? (Read what you have already written.)

**Reminders/Donations/Thank You**

There is no school April 5th - April 10th due to the holiday weekend and conferences. School will resume on April 11th. Enjoy your break!

For the conclusion of our shapes unit, we will need very small boxes, empty juice cans, and small paper cups. If you are able to donate any of these items, it would be greatly appreciated!

Thank you for your participation in the Scholastic Book Fair. The books you purchased helped raise money for our school. Thank you also for purchasing books for our classroom! It is greatly appreciated!