



February 28, 2025

Dear Parents,

"Opposite, Opposite, I'm Mr. O, I'm opposite!" This week Mr. O made an appearance or disappearance depending on his mood. Mr. O loves opposites and would play the "Opposite Game" every time we talked with him. We had fun dancing the Tango to his "Opposite Song" and made a list of the opposite words in it: yes and no, stop and go, fast and slow, good morning and good night, laugh and cry, in and out, push and pull, empty and full. We also read Mr. O's book, *Opposites*. We made our own opposite books and played "Opposite Memory."

The Earth's oceans are amazing, and Mr. O loves the ocean, and one of his favorite ocean creatures is the octopus. We read the book *Octopus Under the Sea* and learned about the octopus. He is a very interesting creature. These are some of the things we learned:

- The octopus has eight tentacles.
- Each tentacle has suckers on them to help it grip rocks and capture food.
- The octopus can camouflage its body to help it hide from its enemies.
- The octopus escapes danger by squirting dark-colored ink so it can slip away without being seen.

We also read *Why the Oyster has a Pearl*, a tale about generosity. We learned that a pearl is formed when a grain of sand or a bit of floating food is trapped inside an oyster shell. Then we ate an oyster snack with a pearl. We have learned the names of the continents. Ask your child to sing the "Continent Song" for you. We are now learning a song to help us learn the names of the oceans!

Mr. O shared interesting information about two nocturnal animals: the owl and the opossum. Nocturnal animals are more active at night than during the day. Mr. O brought many interesting books about owls to share with us. Our favorite was *Nocturnal Animals: Owls*. The pictures were real photographs of owls. Mr. O also loves opossums, and we read interesting things about opossums in the books *Opossums* and *How the Opossum Got His Grin*. We learned that the opossum plays dead to protect itself from its predators. Opossums are only found in North and South America. In art, we enjoyed making 3 dimensional owls and painting opossums using combs.

Ask your child to sing our February Spelling Song!

*******WE WILL BE KEEPING THE CHILDREN'S FOLDERS OVER THE MARDI GRAS BREAK.**

Reminders:Library books due Monday

Remove schoolwork from folders daily

Please continue to collect Community Coffee labels and Box Tops for Education

Important Dates:

- Friday, February 28 - Grandparent's Day Half-Day - Dismissal 10:45
- March 3-7 - Mardi Gras Holidays
- Monday, March 10 - School Resumes
- March 9 - Daylight Saving Time Begins
- Wednesday, March 19 - Little Cardinal Class Picture
- Thursday, April 17 - **Easter Party - 9:00-11:00** at the Mandeville City Hall Park on the East Approach. The children will meet at the park instead of coming to school that day.
- *ALL parents must attend with their child. If you cannot attend, please make arrangements for another family member to attend with your child.
- **No Siblings - this is a school fieldtrip. More information to come.**
- Easter Holidays - April 18 - April 25
- Monday, April 28 - School Resumes

Thank you for your continued cooperation and support. Have a wonderful weekend!

Cynthia and Sara

<p>Math Enrichment Write numbers 0-20 randomly on a piece of bubble wrap. Have your child identify the number then "pop" it.</p>	<p>Fine Motor Enrichment Make paper blocks by rolling sheets of cardstock into paper tubes. Secure the edges with packing tape and mark off lines about 2 inches apart. (Empty cardboard tubes may also be used.) Have your child cut on the lines and smooth out the cutting creases. Encourage your child to stack and build with them.</p>	<p>Phonemic Awareness Say a word the rhymes with: book three king glue gate rain Say a word that begins with: /b/ /l/ /v/ /z/ /n/</p>
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