Davignon Weekly February 5, 2016

Students will be in excellent hands with Mrs. Katie McKinnon. She is a certified, experienced teacher, who is great with the students! She will aim to keep classroom routines and procedures the same in hopes of a seamless transition. Please contact her with any questions or concerns you may have. If you signed up for Drake's Family Math Night, it will be held on Monday, February 8th from 6:00 – 7:30. See you there!

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Next week will be my final week in the classroom before I start my maternity leave.

Tonight is Drake's Basket Raffle. Doors open at 6:00 and the drawings are at 8:00. It should be a great night for a wonderful cause!

This week s Focus

Reading/Grammar- We studied the book "Somebody Loves You Mr. Hatch", which is a fan favorite! We focused on his feelings throughout the book and how to relate them to ourselves in certain situations. We also learned about 1st and 3rd person point of views. While 1st person is told by one of the characters, 3rd person point of view is told by a narrator. Students are great at naming examples of books that we have read that are in each point of view.

Writing/Science – We returned to non-fiction writing this week and learned facts about polar bears in the process. Students learned how to take facts from a passage and put them into their own words, so as not to "steal the author's words".

Math- We have started one of the most challenging topics of 2nd grade: regrouping during subtraction. Even though many of us have learned this skill with the word "borrow", this is not an efficient or mathematically sound way of explaining this concept. Please use the vocabulary term "regroup" when helping your child.

Spelling– Our spelling words this week had the spelling pattern of "-oo-" or "-u", which can make a sound that can be tricky for students. They should be familiar with some of the words, as they rhyme with "look" and "good".