



# The Davignon Weekly

October 2, 2015

## Please Note

In an effort to conserve paper, our class newsletter will be going "green"! You can find "The Davignon Weekly" under on the Drake School Website.

Simply go to [ntschoools.org](http://ntschoools.org), click on "Drake School", click "Teacher Pages", click "Davignon, and click "Newsletters". If you would like a paper copy, please send a written note in requesting so by October 8<sup>th</sup>.

Thank you for showing your support to our school by attending Open House! It was great to meet everyone!

## Reminder:

A recent Stanford study showed that recess is a profoundly important part of the school day. Organized recess programs engage students in meaningful play and prepare them to learn once back in the classroom. We will be going on the playground or for a walk outside daily. Please make sure your student is prepared by sending them to school with a sweatshirt/jacket and appropriate shoes.

## This Week's Focus

Reading- Daily 5 is in full swing this week, with students completing all rotations independently. Guided Reading groups will begin soon!

Writing- Our writing piece "All About 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade" took on a new look for Open House. Students learned how to type up their journal entries in the computer lab for an "extra polished look". We hope you enjoyed reading them!

Math- Students continue to learn addition strategies to master their facts fluently. We have learned a "Doubles Chant" to help us remember the sum when given the same addends. Have your student practice this chant aloud to you!

Science- We have learned the attributes of mammals and birds. This week we used a scientific tool, the handlens to observe, examine, and compare feathers and hair.

Spelling- Our spelling words this week all had beginning or ending blends in them. We used the strategy "Chunky Monkey" to break our words into chunks when spelling them.

Exciting News: The Davignon family will be growing by one come February 2016! I expect to stay in the classroom until this point when our baby girl is born and return before the end of the school year. More information will follow as this exciting time approaches.