



Mrs. Carson's  
Kindergarten  
Classroom Connection  
March 1, 2015

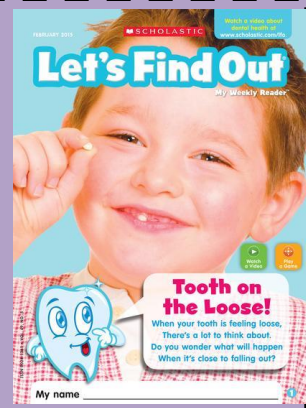
### What is a SMALL MOMENT story?

- It's about one thing (focus)
- A true story about ourselves
- It's about things people do
- Events of the story are told in order



As writers, the kindergarten students are recalling true events from their own lives. We are "telling" these stories aloud, sharing with partners & with the whole class. You can help at home by talking with your child about special moments, family vacations, birthdays, outings and adventures, and special memories you've shared together.

Last week we read & talked about keeping our teeth healthy. We read our Scholastic "Let's Find Out"



There is an online companion piece to our paper magazines:

<http://letsfindout.scholastic.com/>

student password: dolphin31 (there is no login)

After reading about tooth brushing & healthy eating habits, I asked the class a survey question: How many teeth have you lost?

We collected data on our Tooth Tally Chart & then colored in a graph.

Finally each student shared a "tooth story" and wrote about it in their writing notebook. Their stories were really cute! Some students wrote about going to the dentist & others wrote about a time when he/she lost a tooth.

### ALPHA-FRIEND & SIGHT WORDS



Alphafriend of the Week:  
Andy Apple

Our focus words:

**are & on**

up, an, love, have, said, is, it, in,  
and, here, mom, dad, play, go, at,  
to, my, like, a,  
I, see, can, the, we

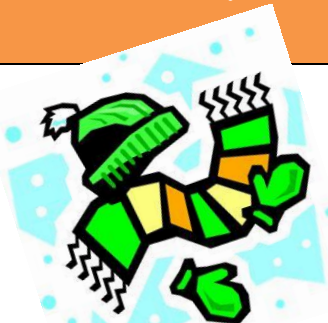
It's really important to be able to find & identify words within text. Be a "word detective"!



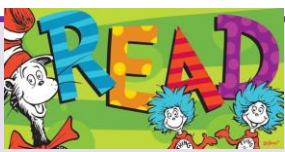
PLEASE LABEL ALL  
OUTERWARE &  
make sure there is a  
change of clothing in  
your child's backpack.

### Reminders:

NO SCHOOL  
Tuesday,  
March 3<sup>rd</sup>



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# MARCH is Reading Month

We've got some exciting activities planned to celebrate Reading at Doherty!

Our class Homework for the month of March will be the attached "March Reading Calendar".

Wednesday, March 11<sup>th</sup> is our next Doherty Parent University. At 6:30 p.m., our reading consultants, Mrs. Boruta & Mrs. Mattson will be sharing strategies on how to support your child as a reader in the home. Childcare will be provided for schoolage children.

Our Family Fun Reading Night is Thursday, March 26<sup>th</sup>.

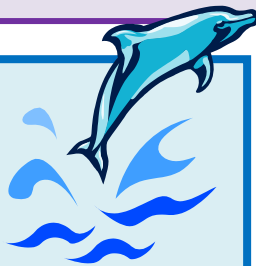
5:30-8:00 p.m.

Plan to join us for an evening at school to celebrate reading!!!

In the classroom, we will be reading Dr. Seuss books in honor of Dr. Seuss' Birthday.



## Doherty Jump Rope for Heart



Doherty is supporting the American Heart Association Jump Rope for Heart Campaign. Our gym teacher, Mr. Brewer, will be in need of volunteers to help out with the jumping activities.

Our class will jump during gym class

Friday, March 13<sup>th</sup>: 9:40-10:40

If you're interested in helping out, please plan to join us for the jumping activities on Friday, March 13<sup>th</sup>. Mr. Brewer would love to have volunteers to help out. Thank you!!

You may contact him with any questions:  
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Our current unit of study is focused on collecting and organizing data.

Important vocabulary:

data, sort, organize, collect, graph, total, tally, compare, more, less, same

We are formulating survey questions and gathering data. Ask your child to think of some simple survey questions that he/she could ask classmates.

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Password for photo album: Dolphin2027