

Ms. Dionysia's Classroom Connection

A Peek at the Week

Here are some of the activities/projects the children were engaged in this week:

- DynaMath is a dynamic math education package that integrates Math and Literacy with one engaging Magazine. This week the students read 3 different nonfiction articles that connected math concepts. The children read an article titled Roller Coaster Stroll and learned that people can walk on twisted pathways to experience a sculpture in Germany that looks like a roller coaster. The children read another article titled Sweaters for Elephants and found out that volunteers knitted enormous sweaters to keep elephants warm during a cold spell in India. Lastly, they read an article titled Monopoly's New Tokens and found out that the token lineup is going to look a bit different. After reading the articles the students answered word problems that strengthened their knowledge of rounding, equations and place value. They even played a game of Monopoly!! 😊
- Math Logic/Word Problems-Everyday the students are involved in completing logic math word problems. These problems involve students to think critically and to use multi step strategies in order to solve the problems. In addition, the students are encouraged to explain their strategies and answers. It's very interesting to see how each child figures out the math problem.
- Moon and Sun Mini Exploration-This week the students continued observing the moon and writing their daily observations. In class, the students worked in cooperative groups and created a model of the 8 phases of the moon. It is on display in our classroom. In addition, the students explored deeper into the sun. They learned many interesting facts about the sun! Please make sure to ask your child about their findings!

Autobiography (5 paragraph essay)-the student began writing their own autobiography. I have provided the students with a graphic organizer that helps in organizing their thoughts and ideas. This week the students wrote first draft paragraphs 1-4.

The Thieves of Ostia Novel/Ancient Rome Exploration

- Character Maps-This week the students worked in cooperative groups and analyzed the main characters of our class novel. Each group was given a main character to examine. The children discussed each character by examining what the character looks like, how the character acts and how other characters react to this character.
- Map of Ostia- The setting of the novel is in Ostia, Italy. This week, the children had the opportunity to explore Ostia, Italy. They viewed an informational video and were able to make connections to other places in the world. After exploring Ostia, the students worked in cooperative groups to create a map of Ostia by labeling important rivers, seas, and landmarks.

“No act of kindness, no matter how small, is ever wasted.”

-Aesop

Brain Teasers

What belongs to you but other people use it more than you?

(answer to last brain teaser- Stamp)