

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-This week the students read a nonfiction article that connected math concepts. The children read an article titled Wild Field Trips. They read about volunteer park rangers teaching students about animals that live in the Everglades using skeletons and other articles. After reading the article, the students answered word problems that strengthened their knowledge of data analysis, reading charts/graphs, multiplying by 10, and place value.
- Moon and Sun Mini Exploration-This week the students continued observing the moon and writing their daily observations. In addition, the class conducted an experiment to show the phases of the moon. They used a flashlight, an orange, a pencil, a marker, and a friend! The orange was the moon and the flashlight was the sun. Please ask your child about this experiment and try it at home!!
- Autobiography (5 paragraph essay)-the student continued to work on their autobiography. The students finished making revisions and are ready to publish their essays. Next week, the class will visit the Des Plaines Library Computer Lab to type up their essays.
- 9/11 Day- On Monday, our class observed the 16th anniversary of 9/11 by discussing the roles of first responders (fire fighters, police officers and paramedics). We discussed on doing good deeds and that any good deed you do counts! The students decided to write letters to a first responder thanking them for their service.
- Hurricane-This week the class explored Hurricanes. They learned some facts about Hurricanes like how do they form and how do they work. After discussing hurricanes and Hurricane Irma the class has decided on conducting a Natural Disaster Awareness service project. Stay tuned for more details.

The Thieves of Ostia Novel/Ancient Rome Exploration

- Magpie-This week the students worked in cooperative groups and researched the European Magpie. Some research questions they answered were: How did the Magpie get its name? What is the scientific name of the Magpie? What family of birds does it belong to? What habitat do Magpies live? In addition, the students researched different images of Magpies and illustrated their own!
- Signet Ring- This week the students followed a recipe to make clay and began to create their own signet rings! In this activity, the students had to use their measurement and conversion skills and follow a recipe.
- Roman Numerals and Letters- This week the students explored Roman Numerals and Letters. They wrote their birthdate in Roman numbers and played bingo using Roman Numerals. In addition, the students learned that of the twenty-six letters in the Western alphabet, twenty-two come from the Roman alphabet.

Brain Teasers

What can you hold without ever touching or using your hands?

(answer to last brain teaser-River)