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 Did Dinos Really Roar? The children read about how scientists look to birds and crocodiles to learn about dinosaurs sounds. They learned that sound's loudness is measured in units called decibels. After reading the article, the children solved word problems that included subtracting multidigit numbers using place value strategies.
- Moon Mini Exploration-This week the students continued observing the moon and writing their daily observations. This Friday marks the end of our moon journaling. Next week, the children will share their journals with the class.
- Autobiography (5 paragraph essay)- The class visited the Des Plaines Library Computer Lab and started typing up their essays.
- Hurricane Study-This week the class continued to explore Hurricanes. They specifically explored Hurricane Irma and Hurricane Maria. In addition, the children worked on their informational posters and speeches about their Natural Disaster Awareness service project.

The Thieves of Ostia Novel/Ancient Rome Exploration

- Signet Ring- This week the students sculpted and painted their signet rings. They are on display in our classroom!
- Founding of Rome-Legend of Romulus and Remus-This week the students read the legend of Romulus and Remus. Before reading the legend, the students were encouraged to discuss what a legend is and characteristics of a legend. Please make sure to ask your child about the legend of Rome!

- Italian Peninsula-This week the students were engaged in a map activity that encouraged them to locate important geographic places of Ancient Rome. Then the students started to create a map of the Italian Peninsula including important cities, rivers, and seas. As a class, we discussed the meaning and the origin of the word Peninsula. The children learned that the word is from Latin paeninsula, from paene (almost) + insula (island).
- Book Talk-The students worked in their cooperative groups and discussed the following discussion questions. Who and how the mystery was solved?

Brain Teasers

I'm tall when I'm young and I'm short when I'm old. What am I?

(answer to last brain teaser-your breathe)