

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 Crazy Canine Records. They read about record-breaking canines: Highest hop, smallest dog, speediest skateboarder and biggest dog biscuit. In this article, the children strengthened their place value skills. Some math vocabulary words explored were greater than, less than, tenths, hundredths and thousandths.
- Shedd Aquarium Field Trip- Prior to our trip the students planned their visit. They explored the Shedd's website to plan which exhibits and animals they wanted to see. At the Shedd, each child was given notecards to jot down animals they would like to further research. After our visit, the children explored and researched the animals they found interesting! Our trip to the Shedd was amazing and so much fun!!
- Hurricane Irma Service Project- Our school raised a total of \$422!!! This total includes funds raised from the T-shirt day, raffle ticket sales and a lemonade stand initiated by some students from our classroom! This week the students were put into groups to count the money raised from our service project. The children were put into groups and divided the money and figured out the total amount.
- Buddy Time: This week during Buddy time with Mr. Chris, the students began their Amusement Park Exploration. The students wrote about their favorite amusement park ride and brainstormed a list of characteristics that make up an amusement park. Next buddy time, the students will begin to build an amusement park ride using Knex. In addition, during buddy time with Ms. Bia's class, the children paired up and worked on a Pipecleaner Tower Stem Challenge. The students worked together to create a tower using pipecleaners. Each team of 2 students were given 15 pipecleaners to build the tallest, free-standing tower!

The Secrets of Vesuvius/Ancient Rome Exploration

- Lego STEM Challenges-Ancient Roman Architecture-This week, the children continued to work on their presentations for their Lego replica of Ancient Roman Structures.
- Mount Vesuvius-This week the students explored Mount Vesuvius. They learned that Mount Vesuvius, is located on the west coast of Italy, is the only active volcano on mainland Europe. The students will continue to explore Mount Vesuvius.
- The Legend of Romulus and Remus-This week the class continued to investigate Legends. The students viewed a video clip about the Legend of Rome and compared/contrasted the movie to the reading passage. In addition, the students were encouraged to think about other ways the brothers could have solved their conflict. As a class, we all agreed they needed help in communication skills!! I challenged them to think about how they would help the brothers resolve this situation. The students were encouraged to do a role play of Romulus and Remus.

Brain Teasers

Which is heavier? A pound of feathers or a pound of rocks?

(answer to last brain teaser-clock)