

Happy Friday Parents and here's to a great month! Kalo mina!

Second week of school=SUCCESS! We are so intrigued and amazed by our solar system that we can't explore enough! We began this week with a K/W/L chart and listed what we already {K}now, {W}hat we want to know, and we will end with listing what we {L}earned. With some help from our non-fiction books, your child chose a planet to "study" and create a replica. Keep an eye out for our solar system next week in the classroom and ask your child which planet they made and how! By the way, we used different sized balloons, different colored tissue paper, and some homemade modeling clay in case your child forgets!

Happening currently at our sensory table...water exploration! There are so many benefits to playing with water and experimenting. Water play helps children develop fine motor skills, strengthens hand/eye coordination, promotes social skills, grows their vocabulary, inspires creativity, assists in building problem solving skills, development of math skills, and SO MUCH MORE! We have a variety of PVC pipes (wide, skinny, long, short, etc), measuring cups, funnel sizes, tubes, and scoops to experiment with for now:) We have also been mixing some colors to test out our predictions of what two other colors would create when mixed together! If I put red and white together what color would that make? What happens when we mix a little more white? This then transferred over to using watercolors on solid white paper and painting with different materials to create not only various colors, but even textures.

Your child picked a job this week and had to interview for the position! Don't worry, the interview process wasn't too stressful and no resumes were needed, however, I did ask each prospect to state one reason why they should be offered the position and why they feel they would be a good fit to be the kitchen cleaner, librarian, table wiper, etc. Ask your child what they're responsible for! Afterwards, they wrote their names on a post-it and stuck it under their job title!

You may have seen some interesting looking popsicle stick shapes coming home this week. What began as making a frame for our family pictures in our cubbies (if you haven't already sent a photo in with your child, please do so next week), turned into investigating shapes and using a variety of materials to create them! We talked about how a square has four equal sides, how it differs from a rectangle even though both have four sides (compare & contrast) and we learned a new word-hexagon! Some were so intricate that they included a rectangle and then a square glued on as the second layer, following with a triangle on top! Very cool!

I brought in some Snap Circuits for the class to experiment with and wow, HUGE HIT parents! We have some super excited engineers in room 5 putting together parts to create alarm clocks, make a fan fly, a mirror detector, and so much more. Which one was your child's favorite thus far?

Reminders:

- Smocks needed! We tend to get a bit messy during the day and we could really use an old t-shirt or smock to protect our clothing! Please send with your child on Tuesday. Don't forget to label their names!
- Book orders are due TODAY! Please submit your orders online at <https://clubs.scholastic.com/> using our class code MRX4Z.
- Extra change of clothes: Please send in an extra change of clothes clearly labeled with your child's name to keep at school. Also, we are only human so sometimes we forget our sweatshirts, water bottles, lunch boxes, etc. somewhere. Make sure to label all personal belongings as well.
- GYM SHOES ONLY PLEASE! We want to make sure your child is comfortable all day, everyday, and is wearing SAFE shoes, as well. Gym shoes CAN be worn on dress uniform days, too! Please keep in mind no open toed sandals, crocs, ballet flats, backless sandals, etc.

- Parents, please make sure your child has used the restroom at school BEFORE entering the classroom every morning!
- Box tops are everywhere! Send any unexpired ones in whenever!

Have an awesome 3-day weekend and see you on Tuesday!

-Ms. Anna

P.S. Parents, if you could please just reply a quick "Got it" so I know everyone is receiving the newsletters, it would be greatly appreciated! Thank you!