

Good evening Parents,

Happy Friday and last weekend of September!

We have concluded our exploration of the planets and space this week, but we made sure to go out with a BANG! Literally! Earlier this week, we watched the Apollo 13 launch from April 11, 1970 and the kids were in awe. From the gigantic exhausts (new vocab alert!) to the speed, and how amazing it is that the tail actually detaches! We decided, why not make our own? However, they wanted to take it a step further and not only create their own shuttle, but to somehow make the tails detach by themselves, mid launch! Talk about rising to that challenge, but I know we can do it:) Stay tuned on next week's newsletter for the results of our launches!

After reading the book, How To Catch a Star by Oliver Jeffers, the class made their own stars to add to our solar system display. First, I drew two different stars on the board and let your child choose whichever they felt would be easier for them. For example, in order to make star A, we had to make 5 lines all the same length. For star B though, we made 10 shorter lines as close to the same size as possible. There was a lot of learning happening here! From math, to fine-motor development, to new vocabulary being introduced, comparing and contrasting, making connections, etc.

Ask your child about the super fun Itsy Bitsy Spider book we read, too! It was so nice, we had to read it twice (back-to-back)! It was so much fun to sing, make our own rhyming words, and predict each spider's season and ending. We started to write our own rhyming story-make sure to come in and take a look once we get it published!

Reminders:

- Book orders were sent home today. If you would like to place an order, please go to <https://clubs.scholastic.com/> . If you have not ordered before, follow the steps to create an account and the books will be shipped to the school! Orders are due by next Friday, October 6th.
- Please send an old t-shirt or smock to keep at school for your child if you haven't done so already. We like to get messy and not worry about silly things likes clothes when playing and experimenting!
- Parents, please make sure to check your child's folder everyday, if it is sent home. There is often time-sensitive information enclosed:)

Have a fantastic weekend reading books, playing, being outside, and playing with your little(s)!

-Ms. Anna