

Ms. Dionysia's Classroom Connection

Welcome back to school!!!! We have had an amazing and successful start to the new school year!

A Peek at the Week

Solar Eclipse Field Trip- Our trip to Triton College Cernan earth and space was amazing!!! The children participated in many engaging activities at the center. They used a reflecting telescope and other safe indirect methods to observe the solar eclipse. The students viewed Totality in a digital planetarium. Totality is a 3D movie about eclipses. The students learned how and why eclipses occur. Also, how to safely observe an eclipse. The children were able to view the first contact- when the edge of the Moon's disk touched the edge of the Sun's disk and continued to observe until the Moon's disk blocked 86% of the Sun's disk which is called Maximum Eclipse. It was so amazing to experience this with your children!!!

Moon and Sun-This week we continued to learn about the Moon and Sun. The children realized they had so much more to learn. The children learned about the 8 phases of the moon and started keeping a Moon Journal. The children will be observing the moon for a month by making direct observations.

Our class this week spent time sharing memories of their summer break, building our classroom community and getting to know each other.

- Students created a postcard that included an illustration and a message about their summer vacation or summer memory.
- Monochromatic selfies (self portrait)- The students were given mirrors to look at themselves to help them with drawing their selfies. As a class, we discussed the word monochromatic which means containing and using one color. We also discussed the origin of the word. Please make sure to ask your child about this project!
- Building Towers- Students worked in pairs to build towers using index cards. Teams worked together to build the tallest standing tower. They were only able to stack an index card after they wrote a word of something they have in common. After each team build their tower they measured the height of their towers in inches. The children had tons of fun doing this activity!!

- Interview a Classmate-Students paired up and interviewed each other and then presented information on their partner.
- Time Capsule- students worked on our class time capsule. Each day this week the children worked on different artifacts that were placed in the capsule. The first artifact they worked on was a future letter to themselves that included their academic, social and personal goals for the new school year. They also included things they want to accomplish and what they want to learn this year. The second artifact included their height measurements. The students were engaged in converting their measurements from inches to feet. The third artifact consisted of the measurement of their hands and feet. It will be so much fun to see how much they have grown at the end of the school year!!! Next week the class will decide on where to conceal (bury) our time capsule!

Reminders/Upcoming events

We will have a short snack break everyday. Please send a healthy snack with your child and remember it must be Peanut and Nut Free!

I'm looking forward to an amazing year! Have a great weekend!

Ms. Dionysia

Logic Riddle

What can travel around the world while staying in a corner?

(Answer in next week's newsletter)