

Dear Parents,

Thanks for all the wonderful books and insects that keep coming into our classroom!

Highlights from this week to discuss with your child:

1. Every day we use scientific method even if it is as simple as how do I make the color orange or how can I get this to stay on the board. But on Monday our problems constantly changed because they were crawling and wiggling and moving in reverse! We had so much fun experimenting with our mealworms we continued throughout the week. We documented our findings in our journals. Ask your child what surprised he/she the most about our baby beetles. 😊

2. What can you do to make sure that a ruler will balance? What does this prove about the numbers on the ruler?

3. I bought a dozen mealworms for one dollar. If we give half of them to Mr. Chris to feed Godzilla, how many will we have left? Will we still have enough left to use for experiments?

4. This week we have joined in the fun of painting rocks to hide around Des Plaines in hopes that the people who find them are inspired and a little happier because of finding a colorful treasure. The rocks are tracked through the Facebook page: Des Plaines ROCKS. We hid our rocks on the way back from the Fire Station. Feel free to join in the hunt! Ask the students why they think their rocks will make people happy?

5. We had a beautiful sunny day for our trip to the Fire Station. The focus of the tour turned from fire safety to more about how the firefighters stay at the firehouse overnight. Ask your child to show you our Venn diagram posted outside our room.

We have some more field trips planned and we are visiting the library on Thursday mornings so it is important that everyone arrive on time every day. Our goal is for 100% punctuality; we are almost there. 😊

Your partner in education, Mrs. Teresa Pape

*“The important thing is not to stop questioning.” – Albert Einstein*