

Happy Friday Parents!

We've made our transition into our new exploration and we're already having so much fun learning about architecture and buildings! On Tuesday, we took a trip to the library to check out some non-fiction and fiction books. After reading a book about Young Frank: Architect (Robert Viva) and talking a little bit about building our own dream houses, your child began their blue prints! WOW! They first made a list of the different rooms they wanted to include such as a kitchen, bathroom, a math game room (yay!), and a couple even had a ballet studio! Ask your child what they included. They drew different sized rooms and then used their list to label each room! We then began bringing our homes to life and started constructing them out of clay. Come take a look!

We also read the book, [A House For Hermit Crab](#) by Eric Carle this week. The story is about a crab that has grown too big for their shell and each month is looking for something to decorate and bring some life to it's "just plain shell". This sparked an interesting discussion about why our houses don't have sea anemones on them or urchins outside guarding our homes for security! A few students then said, "well, that's why we plant stuff. You know, like flowers, and things." Love it!

This week, with our reading buddies, we had our older friends help us write a story. Your child dictated and their buddy wrote. Afterwards, they all made their own puppets of the characters in their stories and we read each of their stories to the class while they acted out using their puppets! I'm not sure how long we can keep these at school so keep an eye out next week in their backpacks:)

Today's morning challenge joke: What did the ghost say when it needed a tissue? I have a BOOOOggy! Everyone wrote their answers and read them aloud during morning meeting!

Reminders:

- Book orders were placed last week, however, a few of you have asked if you can still place an order. That is absolutely fine, but they will just be coming a bit later than the rest!
- We love show and tell! Please feel free to have your child bring anything, any time they'd like, as long as their show & tell pertains to our current explorations. For example, maybe your child found a really interesting leaf at the park and wants to show everyone how it compares/contrasts to the leaves from our tree! Also, now that we are learning all about buildings, architecture, and construction, maybe your child has a super cool crane toy they can bring in, or even different materials than what we have so we can possibly use to build a skyscraper!
- I have also included a classroom wishlist of a few items we would love to have donated :) Please note that it is absolutely NOT mandatory, but much appreciated!
 1. Legos
 2. Flour

3. Salt
4. Vegetable oil
5. STEM games such as Oh Snap! Logic Dots, Magna Tiles, K'Nex, etc.
6. Child safety tools
7. Old equipment we can take apart and put back together that is SAFE-if not sure, contact me and I'm happy to help!
8. Puzzles

Have a great weekend and GO BLACKHAWKS (and Bulls)!

-Ms. Anna