

Happy Friday Everyone!

I hope everybody's week was just as great and fun as ours was here in Room 5, but I'm not sure how many of you got to make some awesome origami stars!

We are all very proud of ourselves after completing our class solar system this week. Please stop in and take a look at all our hard work if you can and pictures will be up soon if you aren't able to! Fun fact we learned this week: It rains DIAMONDS on Saturn!

As you all know, our buddies for the year are the kids in Ms. Alexandra's class, the middle school. We meet every other week on Thursdays for a half hour and do something different every time that is related to what our classes are learning about. The children in both classes then later incorporate what they have learned into their classrooms! For example, this week, our buddies came with an idea about learning TOGETHER how to make some cool origami stars. Our class later had the idea to use the stars they made in our solar system display! This was a great math, fine-motor, science, and social skills activity for both groups. Ask your child what shapes they had to make in order to create their star and see if they remember how to make one and show you over the weekend!

To go along with our exploration of the solar system and the planets, we have been focusing on our own planet Earth a bit more this week. I asked your child why do they think only our planet can be hospitable? What does Earth have that the others don't? We then created our own globes and wrote a couple words describing our interpretation of the Earth underneath. They're up in the hallway so make sure to come find your child's next week!

Ladies and gentlemen, boys and girls, we have some future screen play writers, directors, actors and actresses in our class! We've been experimenting a little with lights, sun, shadows, and puppets this week. I put up a white shower curtain in the room and the class began to journal their own plays! What was super cool to see was how they worked together to create something they all loved. We had two students work on the actual writing of the play, we had another literally direct our actors and actresses, and we had a narrator! They have even been making their own puppets because they couldn't find characters they needed! Super happy teacher moment right there-taking the initiative and working together, BRAVO!! You should all be very proud!

Reminders:

- If your child would still like to place a book order on <https://clubs.scholastic.com/> and have misplaced the fliers, please let me know and I would be happy to give you some more or you can always check out the catalogs on the link. We are loving the Mo Willems-Gerald and Piggie adventures and they have a great deal for a pack of 8 books for \$15! If you already placed an order last week, your child took home the book(s) today.
- Please make sure your child is in comfortable GYM shoes everyday!
- If you have any gently used games, toys, or books you would like to donate-let me know! We're always looking for something new and exciting!

That's it for this week! Have a fun-filled weekend and don't forget to read a book with your child:)

-Ms. Anna

"You can discover more about a person in an hour of play than in a year of conversation."-Plato