

Happy Friday and November Parents!

We had so much fun on Tuesday creepy crawling around the dark classroom to some spooky music and reading a funny, spooky, math story in the dark with just some flashlights! We made some shadow puppets, learned about vampire bats, and saw a super cool clip about spiders and how their webs are extremely similar to music strings that actually send different signals to the spider! We will be making our own next week!

I told you all last week I had a feeling we would really get in to cup building and challenges even more this week! We learned a little about stability and bases when building a skyscraper and the importance of air flow. Thus, some of the class decided that in order to build their perfect tower, they first needed to layout a solid foundation. SO much new vocabulary! We tried a lot of different things to see what would work best and got an impromptu math lesson out of it! They started off with just four medium sized blocks to make a square and build on top of those, but then we quickly realized we have to add more blocks so the surface remains even. On Wednesday, our tallest tower needed 34 cups. This group then wanted to challenge themselves on Thursday to use 10 more! How many cups total do we need now? How many blocks for our base? This was so cool! I will post pictures on our webpage tomorrow:)

We usually meet with our buddies twice a month, however, this week we really needed their help with something HUGE. The best way to get people involved with our service project is to educate them and promote what we are trying to accomplish. That being said, we got into groups with our buddies and they helped us make big poster signs for the pajama drive. Hopefully you saw them throughout the school and/or in the foyer! We will be visiting the other classrooms next week to talk to everybody about our goal to collect 100 pairs of pajamas.

Fun riddle For one of our morning challenges this week, I asked the class to write their answer to a little riddle: I have wings, but cannot fly. I am short and plump. What am I? Oh my goodness, the answers were GREAT! I was looking for turkey (looking back, I should've given them another more specific hint), but got some even better like an alacorn (I had to ask, too), a chicken, rooster, red bird, eagle, and penguin!

Favorite book this week: Iggy Peck, Architect by Andrea Beaty

Reminders:

- Book orders are due TONIGHT!
- Daylight Savings this Sunday, November 5:)
- PAJAMA DRIVE! We have kicked off our first service project for the year and it will go until December 8. For every pair of new pajamas Scholastic receives, they will match with a book to donate to children in shelters. Let's do this! Our class has set a goal of reaching 100 pairs!!

- Successful first week of saying the Pledge of Allegiance! Please remember to get to school on time and that the Pledge needs to be said at 8:45. Ideally, all children should have at least one turn. Practice with your child over the weekend!

That's all for this week-have a super duper weekend!

-Ms. Anna

"Everybody is a genius. But if you judge a fish by its ability to climb a tree, it will live its whole life believing that it is stupid."