

Ms. Dionysia's Classroom Connection

A Peek at the Week

Here are some of the activities/projects the children were engaged in this week:

- DynaMath-This week the students read nonfiction articles that connected math concepts like calculating area and decimal operations. The children read an article titled Titanic Art. They read and learned about a new art installation in Germany that features a life-sized projection of the ship on a panoramic screen. After reading the article the children solved an area model word problem. In addition, the children read an article titled Kitten Cologne. The students read about perfume makers finally perfected a kitten fur scent. The scent took more than 15 years or trial and error to make! After reading and analyzing the article, the students worked in cooperative pairs to solve word problems using different decimal operations.
- Wonder-This week the students started reading Wonder by R.J. Palacio. Wonder is a story of a young boy who struggles in school because of a cleft palate and facial deformity. Before reading the novel, the students were engaged in some pre-reading activities to prepare them for the novel. Some pre-reading activities included: listening and analyzing Natalie Merchant's "Wonder Song" and responding to journal prompts- How are you ordinary? How are you extraordinary? If I found a magic lamp and could have one wish, what would you wish for.... During our classroom discussion, the children expressed to me that they would all LOVE to have their own copy of Wonder, so now they do!!! Copies of Wonder have been ordered and your child now has her/his own copy. Your accounts will be billed \$10 to cover the cost of the book. After we read the novel, we will be watching the film as a class at the Movie Theatre!
- Thanksgiving Stats- The students learned that President Abraham Lincoln made Thanksgiving a national holiday in 1863 after the Union Army victory at Gettysburg. In addition, the students analyzed different types of graphs (bar, circle, line) and charts. The students learned about the length of select balloons in the NYC Macy's parade, the average cost of Thanksgiving dinner

in the U.S, NFL teams with the most Thanksgiving Day Games, and what time people eat Thanksgiving Meal. After analyzing the graphs, they answered questions using the charts and graphs.

The Secrets of Vesuvius/Ancient Rome Exploration

- **Social Order of Ancient Romans**-Students learned that social class in Ancient Rome was hierarchical. After researching and exploring each social class, students were placed in cooperative learning groups to create a skit about their particular social class. The children wrote up a script and performed their skit to the entire class. Please make sure to ask your child about their Skit!
- **Roman Villas**- In their Engineering groups, the students continued to work on their Roman Villas. The students are so proud of their models!

Brain Teasers

What number am I?

- I have 3 different digits all even.
- My digits are in order from greatest to least.
- My digits' sum is 12.

(answer to last brain teaser- 47)

Events and Reminders

Khan Academy-Students should be visiting Khan daily and completing assigned assignments.

