

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 subtraction, multiplication, division and data analysis. They read an article titled Giants of Generosity. The children read about inspiring people who give back during the holiday season and beyond. In addition, they analyzed different graphs and charts on Holiday Travel Stats. The children were surprised to see how many U.S. Travelers traveled by car during the winter season and the number of travelers have increased over the years. After reading the article, the students work in pairs to solve word problems using division and multiplication.
- Problem of The Month: Mountain Metrics- The children analyzed a table that compared the highest mountain peaks across the seven continents. These mountains are known as "The Seven Summits." After analyzing and answering the provided questions the children researched one of The seven Summits and created a travel brochure or a poster about their mountain.

Wonder Novel

- Book Talks- After each reading the novel children were involved in answering check in discussions questions: What choices did individuals make in the chapters you just read? What alternative choices could have been made? Why do you think those choices were made? These types of questions lead to great discussion of empathy and friendship.
- All School Wonder Wall-This week the students collaboratively worked on creating an interactive Wonder Wall display. The students took the pledge to be kind. Each student responded to the following prompt: I pledge to be kind by _____. Please make sure to check out our Wonder Wall and add to it too!!

- **Culminating Activity-** Each child was given the option to choose from one of these projects: **Book Review, To be Continued, Precept, Mom or Dad's perspective, choose your own Adventure, How do you feel?** Please make sure to ask your child about which culminating activity they choose.
- **Wonder Movie-**This week the students had a **Wonderful** time at the **Movies**. After the movie, the children were involved in comparing and contrasting the movie to the book. Some questions they answered: **I'm glad that the movie included this from the book...., The movie brought a lot to life including...., I didn't like that the movie was different from the book because...., I loved that the movie was different because.** They also rated the movie and book and explained why they like or not liked it.

Events and Reminders

12/22 - 1/5 Winter Break