

Ms. Dionysia's Classroom Connection

A Peek at the Week

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

- **Happy New Year!!!** The class started out the week with writing New Year's Resolutions. As a class we analyzed and discussed the meaning of a resolution. To help with forming resolutions the students were given the following questions to answer: What do you hope to do this year? What are your goals for this year? What would you like to change this year? After writing their resolutions, the student created a 2018 flap book with their resolutions highlights. In addition, the class analyzed the lyrics of Auld Lang Syne and learned why it is sung on New Years Eve. Lastly, we ended our day with engineering noise makers and using them for our class New Year countdown!!
- DynaMath-This week the students a read nonfiction article that connected math concepts like multiplication, division and finding factor pairs. They read and analyzed an article titled Surprises from Saturn. The students learned that the Cassini space probe recently ended its 13-year mission of exploring Saturn. Cassini explored Saturn, its moons and its rings. The students read about five of its important discoveries. Please make sure to ask your child about the exciting discoveries!!! After reading the article, the students work in pairs to solve word problems using division and multiplication to find factor pairs.
- Winter Poems/Stories- This week the children wrote original winter poems or stories. After brainstorming different ideas, phrases and words that describe winter the students wrote their own. In addition, using google docs the students typed up their poems/stories.
- **MLK Day**-To honor Martin Luther King Jr. Day, the students viewed and analyzed Dr. Martin Luther King's I have a Dream Speech. After discussing and analyzing his speech the students were encouraged to write their own speech of their hopes and dreams for the world/community. In addition, the

class worked with their buddies from Ms. Bia's class to create a I have a Dream Banner.

Viking Exploration

Our next class exploration will be studying the Vikings! The class novel has been pre-ordered to ensure all students will have the same novel. Your accounts will be billed \$5.00 to cover the cost of the class novel.

Brain Teaser

How many digits are there in the number of hours you have been alive?

Events and Reminders

1/15/18- Martin Luther King Jr. Day- No School