

# 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 a nonfiction article that connected math concepts like finding and calculating area. They read and analyzed an article titled Color Study. The students read about a graffiti artist that painted the inside of a dorm with a giant, vibrant mural. After reading the article, the students worked in pairs to solve word problems that included finding area of different murals.
- Book Reviews- Every day for about 20 minutes the students spend time independently reading a pleasure book. Upon completion the students are required to write a book review. Each student has a book review graphic organizer to help them with writing the review.
- National School Choice Week- This week the students had a blast learning and practicing the National School Choice dance!! In addition, they were given the opportunity to write reasons why they love their school. Please make sure to ask your child about school choice week and have them teach you the dance!!
- Band for Today- At school today, the students had the opportunity to try a few instruments and received information about learning a new instrument. Please check your child's bookbag for more information about Plato's instrumental music program.
- Static Electricity Investigation: With so much static electricity going on in our classroom, mostly with students' hair we decided to explore static electricity. The students discussed what they know about static electricity and what they want to know. Next week, the students will form hypothesis and conduct an experiment to find out what materials/objects become charged with static electricity.

## Viking Exploration

- Myth and Legend-In their cooperative groups, student analyzed and discussed the similarities and difference between a myth and legend. Each group made a Venn Diagram to organize their information.
- Favorite Norse Myth-This week the students read Creation: The nine worlds. After reading the myth, the students discussed the myth and analyzed the characters/gods in their book talk groups.
- Map of Scandinavia and neighboring countries-The students continued to work in their cooperative groups to create a map of Scandinavia. Important parts of the map were added like, title, map scale, compass and map legend. The map is displayed and located outside our classroom on our class wall! Please make sure to check it out!!
- Country Research Project-This week the students started a country research project. Each child was given a note-taking packet with specific research questions to organize their information and notes. This country research project is an in-school assignment and is due on February 8<sup>th</sup>. Please make sure to ask your child about the country they chose!

### *Brain Teaser*

In a year, there are 12 months. Seven months have 31 days. How many months have 28 days?

### *Answer to last teaser*

Nay (disagree)-Archeologist have yet to uncover a Viking-era helmet embellished with horns.

## Events and Reminders

Please make sure your child is checking their Khan Academy assignments daily.

2/14 Valentine's Day/Pajama Day

2/19 No School-Presidents' Day