

# 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 analyzing data analysis and using critical thinking. They read and analyzed an article titled Why Reading Rules. The students read about how books have the power to shape culture, art, and us. After reading the article, the students worked in pairs to solve data analysis word problems that included locating and examining data on different types of graphs.

## Viking Exploration

- Book Talks - Favorite Norse Myths- This week the students read The Magic Stallion myth. After reading the myth, the students discussed the myth and analyzed the characters/gods with their book talk groups.
- Scandinavian Viking Timeline-Working in cooperative groups, the students started to create a Viking settlement timeline. The students are charting the Viking settlements that existed in Europe and North America.
- Picture stones and Runes-The students learned that the Vikings used an ancient system of writing, called Runes. Each letter was made of straight and diagonal lines because these were easier to carve into stone or wood than curves. More than 2,500 Viking inscriptions in Runes have survived! The students had the opportunity to write their name using the ancient writing system and created a name sign.
- Country Research Project- Students continued working on their country research project. Students worked on taking notes and scrapbook poster. Some students started typing their first draft 5 paragraph essay report. The students were given a country report guidelines and graphic organizers to help them with writing the 5 paragraph essay. This country research project is an in-school assignment and is due on February 8<sup>th</sup>.

*Brain Teaser*

Johnny's mother had three children. The first child was named April. The second child was named May. What was the third child's name?

*Answer to last teaser*

*12 months*

Events and Reminders

Please make sure your child is checking their Khan Academy accounts and completing their assignments on time.

2/14 Valentine's Day/Pajama Day

2/19 No School-Presidents' Day