

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 interpreting data analysis, using critical thinking and fractions skills. They read and analyzed an article titled Sweet Talk. The students learned that NECCO, the company that makes Sweethearts, produced 2 billion candy hearts each year. The company has updated the sayings on its hearts to reflect changing times. Some messages, like **Kandy Krush** and **Pugs & Kittens** are new. Classics like "Be Mine" and "Kiss Me" have been around since NECCO started making them in 1902!!! After reading the article, the students paired up and solved problems by writing fractions and multiplying fractions.
- Valentine's Day- On Valentine's day, the students were engaged in many different activities. They learned about the history of Valentine's Day and made as many words as possible using only the letters in the word VALENTINE. There are over 30 words! Another activity the students were engaged in was building Valentine theme structures using only Legos. Lastly, the students wrote a short story using the words on conversation hearts they randomly picked. Their conversation hearts writing had to include characters, setting, plot, conflict and a conclusion. Make sure to ask your child about their Valentine's Day Writing with Conversation hearts!
- Winter Olympics Games- This week, the students viewed a highlight video clip of the Olympics opening ceremony. The children were amazed to see the record setting performance of 1,218 shooting star drones flying in sync to create huge light-up images of Olympic sports and the iconic Olympic Rings! Then, the students created their own Olympic rings and Olympic torches. The students learned that the rings symbolize the international nature of the Olympics, including five colored rings to represent five competing continents. The students learned about the history of the torch and after being lit in

Olympia, Greece, the torch began its Korean Journey! The students are also keeping track of the Medal count....Norway is currently in the lead!

- Presidents' Day-What is Presidents' Day? The students learned why we celebrate President Day and why it is celebrated on the 3rd Monday in February. Please make sure to ask your child about this holiday! Some key words/phrases to ask your child - George Washington, Abraham Lincoln, Mount Rushmore, Constitution, and We the People.

Viking Exploration

- Viking Social Structure-Working in cooperative groups, the students researched about the Viking social classes. Within each social class were different types of Vikings who performed different roles.
- Book Talks - Favorite Norse Myths- This week the students read How Thor Got His Hammer myth. After reading the myth, the students discussed the myth and analyzed the characters/gods with their book talk groups.

Brain Teaser

How many words can you make from the letters in this word?

VALENTINE

Events and Reminders

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

