

Dear Parents,

It has been a busy two weeks and now we are heading into spring break! Thank you for coming in to conferences to meet with me and talk about how your amazing children are growing and progressing by leaps and bounds! They are continuously impressing me with their deep thoughts, quick minds and wonderful insights.

This week has been all about St. Baldrick's. Four of our twelve students (or $\frac{1}{3}$, as we figured out this morning with our question of the day), participated in shaving their heads for this very worthy cause. All of us participated by shooting basketballs, dancing, and cheering on the students and adults who were getting their buzz cuts! Thank you for contributing money to help fund research to cure childhood cancers. I love how our Plato students are such strong advocates and community contributors!

Last week we finished our novel study of *Charlotte's Web* just in time to go see the play version at Prairie Lakes Theater. It was a lot of fun and exciting to have a special field trip with Mr. Chris' class, who also read the novel. What made the experience even more exciting was when the power went out in the last few minutes and we were in total darkness. The children remained calm and quiet while the staff tried to get the lights back on. After several minutes, the narrator came out and told us how the story ended with the help of a flashlight.

All of the adults/teachers/chaperones agreed later that our students were the best behaved during this unexpected situation. There were students from other schools that were yelling, leaving their seats, rushing the stage, etc. Another example of how Plato students rock!

We also watched the film version of *Charlotte's Web* this week and tomorrow will graph which version we liked the best. Some of the students are already asking which novel we will read next. We will vote on one after spring break. I am thrilled that the students are so engaged in our read alouds.

After much practice, we will have the chance to perform our Reader's Theater version of *Stone Soup* for Ms. Teresa's class tomorrow. It has been fun watching the students reading their scripts, using props, and even improvising during our rehearsals. The children have been very enthusiastic about this and we will definitely plan on holding another performance in the future and inviting you all.

We will be finishing up our teeth experiment tomorrow by predicting what each tooth looks and feels like before observing and examining them one last time. I had one student bring me the jar with the coke in it and exclaim, "I think the tooth is gone! Who took it out?!" Upon closer examination, we could see that the tooth was still in the jar, but it was blending in with the coke due to its changing color. I expect we will be having some interesting discussions tomorrow as we analyze the results of our experiment.

The children have also been practicing for the Greek Program tomorrow night and are excited to have you come see them perform. We had rehearsal this week at The Bridge and of course I'm biased, but I think my kids were the best. :) They all remembered their lines, spoke clearly and confidently and did an amazing job dancing.

Have a relaxing and fun spring break!

Ms. Leslie