

Dear Parents,

Highlights from this week to discuss with your child:

1. We are on chapter 18 of our novel study, ***Snow Treasure*** by Marie McSwigan. We had fun this week wearing our coats while we go to our virtual Norway. Our new vocabulary words are: epidemic, commotion, curfew, and ban. We have added charades to our vocabulary games. It is not as easy as it sounds. Try it. Your child can tell you some more of the words. At the end of our book I will send a complete list of the new words we have been playing around with and incorporating into our day.

2. Thank you again to everyone who helped us celebrate earning 4th place in the Nation and Canada in the Matific Math Olympics! Check out our website for our victory photos. Matific is keeping their site open to us until the end of April. ENJOY! Who can play every single game? Can you collect all your cards by the end of April? I just added 20 new games last night!!! Let me know if you cannot remember your username. If you want your child to stay excited about learning more math...don't mention learning math at all! Instead, ask to see their awesome cards they have earned. Someone did a lot of research and brainstorming to come up with those cards that your child collects by correctly doing math. So don't reinvent the wheel. Fuel the excitement over collecting those cool cards. Set a goal of how many new cards your child can win and let the games begin (again). 😊

3. There is more evidence that the love of reading is growing in our classroom. On Thursdays the students ask to keep some of their books for the next week plus get new ones. This shows that they are starting to develop preferences for a certain author's writing style or certain topics. Ask your child about the stories they read in class. By talking about stories you are increasing vocabulary, improving visualization skills, strengthening summarization skills, and building a lifelong love of reading! Talking about books and stories improves reading!

4. Parent/teacher conferences are next week. Your child is welcome to come. Talk with your child beforehand and ask 1. What is your favorite math game? 2. What library book do you wish we had at school. 3. Why do we have parent/teacher conferences? 4. How will the conferences help you in school? 5. What do you think we will talk about at conferences?

5. Culture night was another success and extremely delicious. If you did not have a chance to make it please drop by the cafeteria with your child and stroll through the continents that are still displayed. Find Norway, the North Atlantic where the Titanic sunk, India, Canada, Qatar, Bulgaria, Greece, Scotland, Ireland, Florida, etc..

Your partner in education, Mrs. Teresa Pape :)