

Happy Monday and start to a brand new week!

We read two chapters today because chapter 13 was so short and we learned that the Poppers are having some serious money problems. This is when Mr. Popper had the bright idea of training the penguins for an act, but only building upon things they actually like. For example, tobogganing, play fighting, and dancing are all activities Mr. Popper's penguins love to partake in everyday. We ended the chapters learning about Mr. Greenbaum and the Poppers, as a family of four plus their 12 penguins, auditioning for him in his theatre. I can't wait for you all to read their books!

Ask your child about their math games today! Hint: it involved some blind voting!

We ended the day with a super fun dance party! If any of you have an old karaoke machine that you would like to donate, we're looking!

Lastly, I know sometimes getting up in the morning and making it to school on time can be difficult (especially after an eventful weekend), but please keep in mind we do start at 8:45 promptly. We usually read our chapter right at morning meeting and we can't always wait until 9:15 or after to begin our day. Please try to be here on time and if your child is coming in late, no need to walk in with them-I promise you they are totally responsible and independent enough to put their things away and join us! Don't worry! If any of you have ANYTHING at all you'd like to discuss, feel free to email me whenever and we can find an appropriate time to chat, however, while the children are in the classroom is not the time to do so. Thank you for your understanding and see you tomorrow:)

Hello Room 5 Parents!

What another GREAT day! To start us off, we read chapter 15 of our book. The penguins and the Poppers got a chance to perform on stage today. Everybody loved it! The crowd clapped and cheered endlessly and they were offered a ten week deal for \$5,000 a week traveling to theaters all over the U.S.! Things are looking up for the Poppers and their penguins finally.

We talked a little bit more in depth about how penguins that are in colder climates such as Antarctica remain warm. I wrote the word "BLUBBER" on the board and first we brainstormed some adjectives to describe the texture. Then, we played a little literacy game where I change one of the letters in the word and we try to read it with the new letter. For example, change the B in blubber to an F. How do we read it now? Try this at home!

The highlight of our day was definitely making some "blubber" to experiment with. In the morning we mixed our gelatin with cold and hot water. Oh my goodness, NOBODY was a fan of THAT smell! We made our predictions and at exactly 10:00 a.m. we put it in the refrigerator. The class voted to check on it every hour and they remembered, woo! At the end of the day, we took it out and then added more words to describe it AFTER we touched it. I took out some droppers and colors for them to use with the gelatin, too! It was SOOOO much fun:) I forgot to take a picture of our board, but our words are still up-I will take one tomorrow and send it for you all to see!

Have a wonderful evening, stay warm, read those books, and see you tomorrow

Good afternoon Parents,

We experimented a little bit more with penguin blubber (aka Crisco)! I got some snow from outside and put it in the water table. We used Crisco to coat one of our fingers on one hand and left the other hand completely bare. We then placed one bare and one coated finger into the snow to see which would get colder faster. Prior to this, we wrote our predictions down and then afterwards recorded our results. Well, WHY do you think this happened? Do penguins experience cold like we do? Why do you think that? Our goal was to experience how an Emperor penguin stays warm and how their skin and feathers remain water-proof. And of course, to have fun doing it:)

We had a VHS player donated a few months back (thanks Jasiu!), but nobody ever really wanted to delve into it. This morning, I decided to give it a shot again and see if anyone wanted to "help" me take it apart. I ended up not even taking out one screw! They started by removing the screws, chips, part of the motherboard, and playing around with the cylinders and spindles. Afterwards, they drew a picture of how they interpreted and remembered the inside of the player. Stay tuned, we're not done with it yet!

Ask your child what happened with the Poppers today!

We have been REALLY in to Legos for quite some time (thank you Marie) and today I asked my friends if they could use their super architect skills and imagination to create a plan of a building before building it. I was quickly corrected and told, "Ms. Anna, I think you mean a blueprint." Some partnered up, others chose to work solo, but they all worked really hard in creating something totally unique. They were really proud of themselves for not only drawing a detailed picture, but then seeing it come to life!

We are so lucky, we have ANOTHER new math game! Thank you Robert for introducing us and teaching us all how to play Rummikub! No wonder this class wants to always play math games, we have all the best ones!

Have a wonderful night and don't forget to read those books!:)

-Ms. Anna

P.S. The last picture is from our blubber board yesterday.

Good evening Parents,

Highlights: Mr. Popper got into some trouble today! POLICE TROUBLE! The Poppers and his performing penguins went to the Regal Theatre instead of the Royal Theatre and got arrested for disturbing the peace when the penguins came face to face with Mr. Swenson's seals! We read one chapter in the morning and one in the afternoon and combined together for our illustrations in our books. We have one chapter left and then we plan on watching the movie next week:)

February is dental month so we had a little discussion about healthy oral hygiene and your child brought home a new toothbrush and mini toothpaste. Way to go parents, everyone said they make sure to brush their teeth morning and night! Kudos!

As far as tomorrow goes, we will keep you all posted as soon as a decision has been made about whether or not we will be open. Snow pants, hats, gloves, boots, etc. were all sent home today.

Stay warm and be safe!