

Plato Academy: Room 9

Classroom Journal: **Busy Bees, Publishing, & Happy Holi!**

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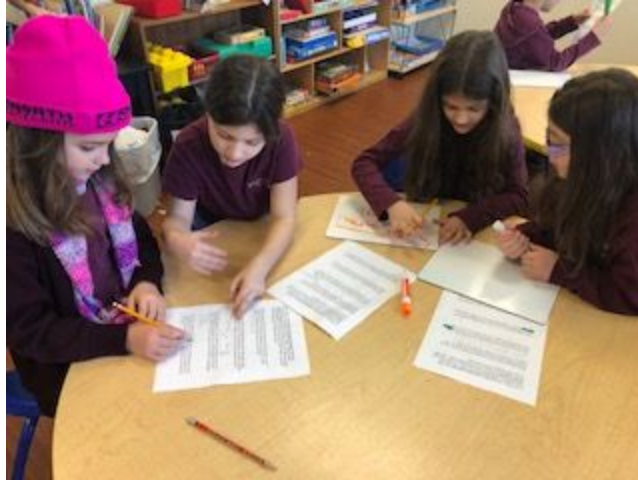
The children have been busy working on automatons and our “Hugo” mural! The automatons are starting to show completed torsos, some already with heads and arms. The legs have been quite tricky to attach because they have to hold the weight of the torso and head. The children talk a lot about how is it going to stand up? Does our torso need to be bigger or smaller? How can we get the arms to move? So far, they noticed that the most efficient material to attach the arms are fasteners. They indeed fasten the arm best and also allow for movement! The mural is coming a long great we have two of the art pieces done: the Prometheus painting and the moon from “A Trip to the Moon”. Our Paris mural lead into a deeper discovery of Georges Melies and with that the children naturally decided to incorporate scenes of the book with Paris landscape into the mural. Our Eiffel Tower is officially up!! The children noticed that the Eiffel Tower had “x” marks all the way up and that we should represent the truest form of the structure and add those too! Along with our “Hugo” project work come the children’s sketches, that they work on each day.





We are so proud of Room 9 in holding a place on the top 10 board for majority of the competition- WAY TO GO! We have the program until the end of the month (a part of the promotion) and so feel free to access with your child according to your household settings for “screen” time. The children continue to work on their math stories each day and this week they invited their buddies in Ms. Dionysia’s class to join them. Although matific is very different from our math stories, the children have used their skills practiced from math stories to directly apply them in a different format (more traditional). This week in chess the children started the final book in the “Story of Pawn” series. They played a collaborative chess game and used “pawn” as the basis of our Tuesday math story.





Ms. Alex's class has joined us in writing our own classroom book through Scholastic. We were able to choose any topic to write about and we decided to write "Acts of Kindness" since our collaborative "Wonder" study. Each student is writing their own short story with an "act of kindness" as the moral. They will be sent to Scholastic and bound like a real book! We will get one free classroom copy and the rest can be bought through them. They have been working hard this week (continuing into next week) to write their own original short story with a kindness theme. The children will illustrate a picture with their story and Ms. Alex's class will support in editing and formatting.







Happy Holi! Today in India (actually yesterday evening was the start), Holi is celebrated to mark the start of Spring. Together we read the myth of Holika; good always triumphs evil. Some children decided to make colored powder by grating chalk and creating our own color powder to spread color and happiness in honor of Holi! Happy Holi and Happy Spring!





Warmly,
Ms. Bia & Mr. Foti