

# Ms. Dionysia's Classroom Connection

## A Peek at the Week

Here are some of the activities/projects the children were engaged in the past two weeks:

- DynaMath- The students read a nonfiction article titled Runways Gone Wild. The article reinforced classifying lines and angles, multiplication, division and problems solving skills. They read and learned about how Scientists work to prevent planes from colliding with wildlife. After reading the article, the students worked together to answer word problems using a protractor and classified lines/angles. The students read another article titled Tainted Treats. This article reinforced equations, multiplication, addition and solving multistep- problems. They read about three art students from Twain that created ice pops from polluted water to inspire people to take care of Earth's waterways.
- Happy National Grilled Cheese Day! On Thursday the class celebrated National Grilled Cheese Day by researching the history of the grilled cheese sandwich. The students learned about the history, who invented sliced bread and sliced cheese. In addition, the students had the opportunity to make and eat a grilled cheese sandwich! Please make sure to ask your child about their findings.
- Letter Writing-This week the students had the opportunity to write a letter or email to their favorite author. The students reviewed parts of a letter and followed the letter writing process. Next week the class will take a quick trip to the post office to mail their letters too! Hopefully some authors will write back!
- Happy Birthday Thomas Jefferson! - This week the students honored Thomas Jefferson's birthday by reading biography books on Thomas Jefferson. The students worked together with their buddies from Ms. Bia's class and created a short skit explaining the importance of Thomas Jefferson.

## A Wrinkle in Time-

- Common Nouns and Proper Nouns- This week the students went on a noun hunt in their novel. They were encouraged to locate common and proper nouns in certain chapters of the novel.
- Quotations-Quotes are used throughout A Wrinkle in Time and the quotes are also a good way to introduce other writers that the students may not have heard of before. This week the students were encouraged to pick their favorite quote from the book. Using craft paper, markers, tissue paper, colored pencils etc. they wrote their favorite quotes. Favorite quotations are on display on our classroom door.
- Book Talks - The students discussed chapters, vocabulary words and analyzed the characters with their book talk groups. Also, practiced their vocabulary words by playing vocabulary charades.
- Culminating Project-A planet just for you! -This week the students started a planet project. Each student made up their own planet in another galaxy. Some of the project requirements are to describe the setting and creatures that live there, what is life like on the imaginary world and creating a model of their own planet. The children are super excited about this culminating project. Please make sure to ask your child about their planet!

“Believing take practice.”

-Madeleine L’Engle, A Wrinkle in Time

