

# Ms. Dionysia's Classroom Connection

## A Peek at the Week

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

- DynaMath- The students read a nonfiction article titled Science on the Edge. The article reinforced measurement and data analysis. They read and learned about how a scientist traveled to Alaska to follow the world's largest, most mysterious falcon. The students learned that the Gyrfalcons are the world's largest falcon and they're cunning hunters. Gyrfalcons lay their eggs on steep cliffs. Next week, the children will build a bird's nest using various materials. Their challenge is to build a bird's nest that is strong enough to hold 3 eggs (3 marbles into each plastic egg).
- William Shakespeare-This week the students explored William Shakespeare. They learned about his life and some plays he wrote. Ask your child to tell you at least 3 interesting facts about William Shakespeare!
- Midsummer Night's Dream-Our trip to the American Irish Heritage Theater to view Midsummer Night Dream was awesome!! The students really enjoyed the play. Prior to attending the play, I read a Midsummer Night's Dream book as a read aloud to the students. They had the opportunity to actively listen to a retold version of Midsummer Night's Dream. After attending the play, the students worked in cooperative groups to compare/contrast the book to the play. In addition, the students worked on some fun puzzle activities that connected to the play.
- Cinco de Mayo-What is Cinco de Mayo? Make sure to ask your child! The children learned about this annual celebration held on May 5<sup>th</sup>. The celebration of the Mexican victory over French forces at the Battle of Puebla, on May 5, 1862. We celebrated Cinco de Mayo by making quesadillas and Maracas with our buddies from Ms. Leslie's and Ms. Bia's class!
- The Miracle of Metamorphosis-The students continued to observe our larvae grow and change. The students can't wait to check them out every morning!

They are keeping a daily journal and recording the changes by observing and measuring the ladybug larvae's growth and behavior.

- **A Wrinkle in Time Culminating Project-A planet just for you!** -This week the students presented their Planet project to the rest of class. Each child prepared a speech and note cards. Some very imaginative and creative planets!

End of the Year Program: Our class is singing and dancing to songs from Hercules! I am requesting that the children wear all **white** clothing (dress, shorts, pants and shirts). We will be making Grecian accessories at school. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to ask!