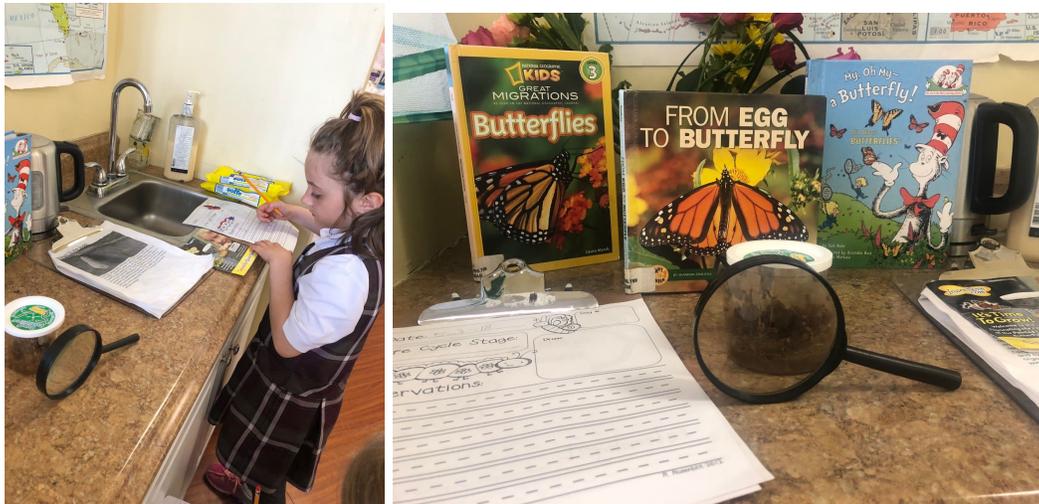


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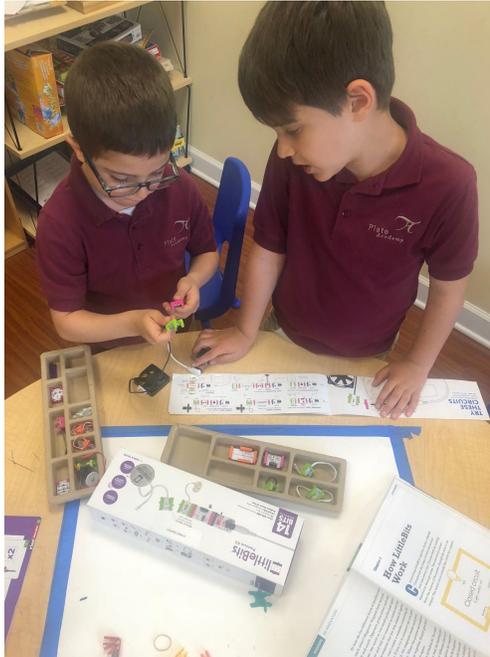
Classroom Journal: Butterflies, Little Bits, and Countdown to 100!

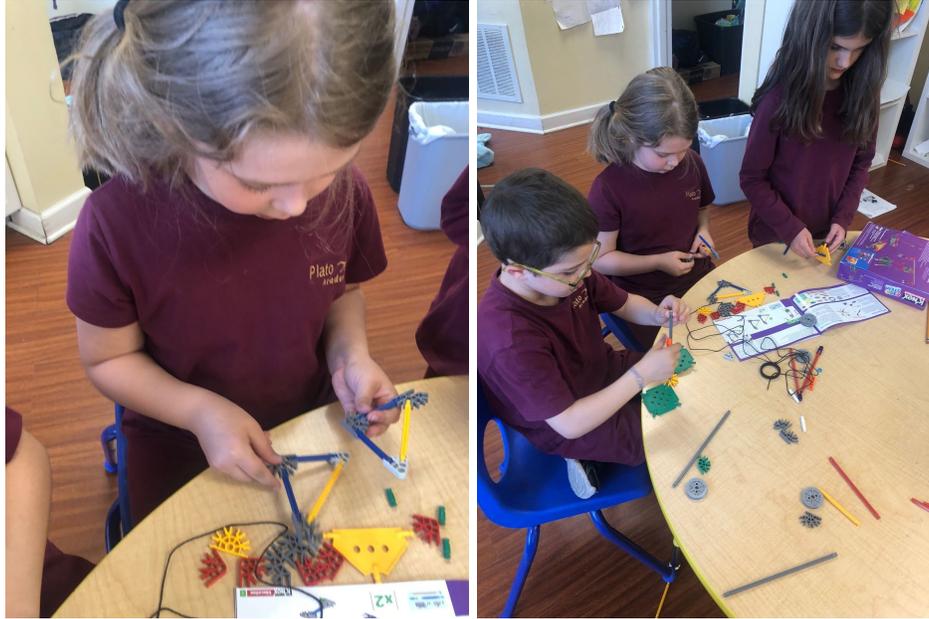
Our caterpillars have officially formed into their chrysalis. Through some research we discovered that caterpillars are always hungry that they even eat their own skin they shed! Eeeeeek. The children have an opportunity to go over and record/draw their observations and share at group time at the end of the day.



What are LittleBits? LittleBits are circuits that connect on a more challenging level than circuit boards and bring our circuit study in the beginning of the year to full circuit- I mean circle! There are basic/similar projects to the snap-circuit board (fan, light, etc) as an introduction to the kit before the extensions are introduced. The kit came with a book that we have been reading

each day! So far, we have connected the “input” and “output” parts of a circuit! The students are also working on a new k’nex kit (levers and pulleys).





We have finished reading “Arabian Nights” and our final journal prompt: Think about the story “Arabian Nights” as a whole. Would you recommend this to a friend? Why/why not? This prompt encouraged a lot of moments in recalling the book as a whole and remembering each chapter (story). In this, we ended our book comparing it with the two Disney productions: *Aladdin* and *Jafar Returns* (forty thieves). Also in literacy, our recent trip to the library was to choose a book for a student “book discussion” on Wednesday morning. Some prompts: What was the genre of your book? Who was the author? What was the title? Would you recommend your book to a friend? Why or why not? Incorporating some of our literary terms we learned throughout the year as a way of revisiting and applying meaning to a child lead project. Poster creations have already begun! Wednesday we will check out new books, and continue until the last week of school.

Two new math games because popular this week in Room 9, “countdown to 100” and 2 digit (+ or x) war. Countdown to 100 is starting at 100 and drawing cards until the first person gets to zero. Remember to right which number you draw and then the score you leave off at, so your opponent can double check your work in case you skipped a number or two!! 2 digit war requires a 4 card draw and rearranging the cards so that the highest sum of the four cards takes all. These are great family games as well and I encourage you to play with your children!



Side exploration: the children were interested in the water cycle from the farmer visit last week and so we continued a water exploration this week and we will continue it until the end of the school year as a side exploration and discovery. This week's experiment: 1. Cut out a piece of craft paper that is 5 cm in length and width. 2. Use pipette to fill cup 20 ml. 3. Turn the cup over a bowl, what happens? What happened when you flipped the cup over? Why do you think it happened?



Happy weekend to all!

MAY THE 4th BE WITH YOU (for my Star Wars friends) :)

Warmly,
Ms. Bia and Mr. Foti

