

Plato Academy: Room 9
Classroom Journal: August 24, 2018

Welcome Back From Summer Vacation!
Beginning our *Chocolate Touch* Unit!
Daily Math and Language Starters!
Summer Window Wall and Show and Tell!
Introduction to Glow-In-The-Dark-City: Crazy8s Math

Welcome back to Room 9, 2nd and 3rd graders and parents! We hope you all had a lovely summer!

Just a quick recap of our short, three day week. We began by exploring our new room: the new layout, our new carpet and cushions, our new couch arrangement. The students all seem very happy with our redesigned classroom!



This week we began going over our summer reading book - *The Chocolate Touch* - by exploring the myth of King Midas: the mythological figure on whom the novel is based. During group time we read "King Midas and the Golden Touch," a short story as told by Charlotte and K.Y. Craft. In both discussions and in our journals, we talked and wrote about similarities and differences

between the two stories. For example: how are John and Midas similar? How are they different? Is it a good thing to always get everything you want? These are just some of the questions we explored.

In addition, we started a new morning activity: Daily Starters! These math and language questions, which we write down every morning in our journals, challenge students by introducing math and literacy stories that include interesting historical tidbits. Today, for example, our language daily starter included facts about Lewis and Clark's transcontinental journey across the United States!

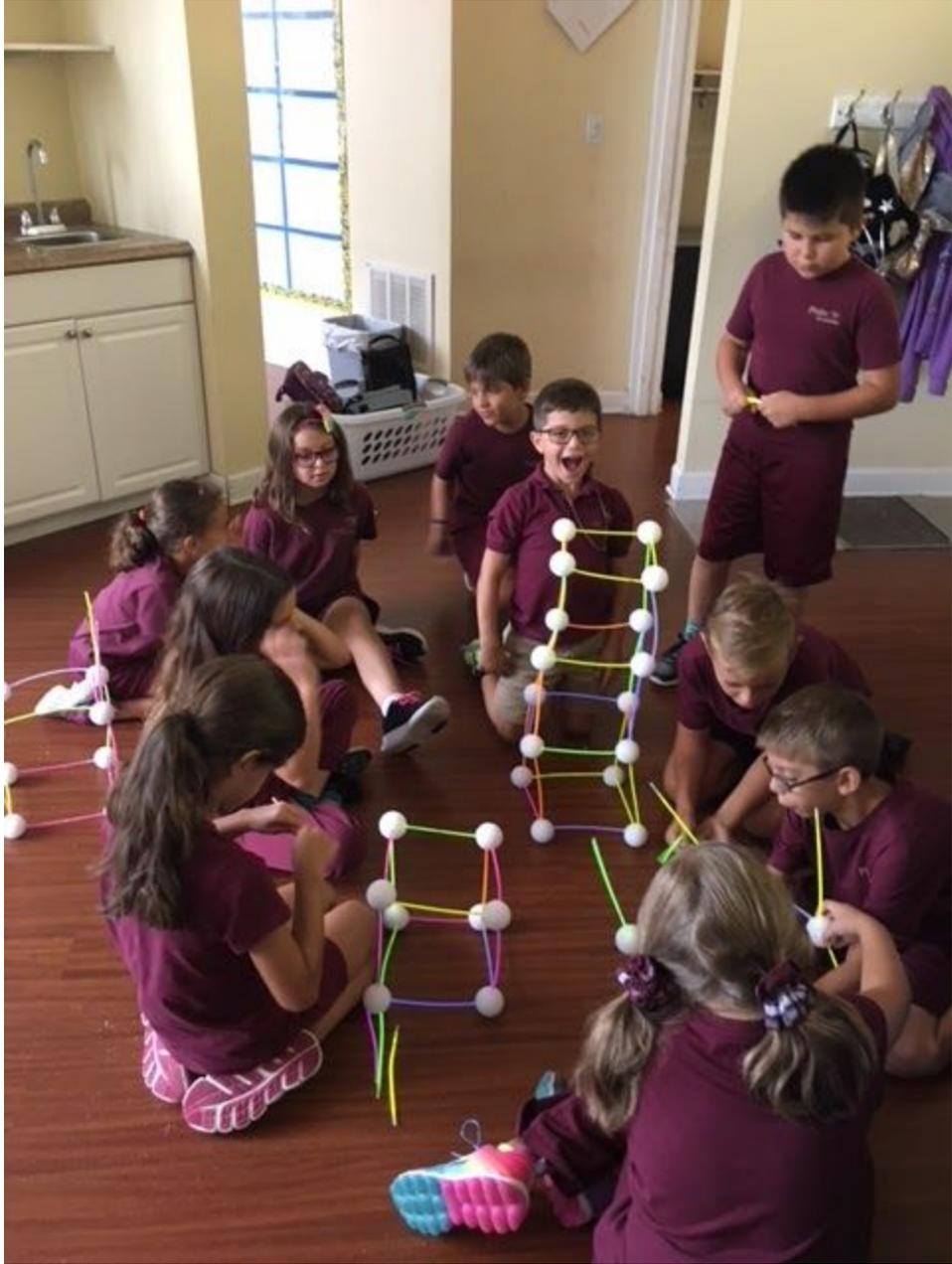


We also started (and have almost finished) our summer window wall! We all brought in items from our summer breaks, and are making collages, artwork, and pictures to put in the window wall.





Lastly, we did the introduction for our first Crazy8s math activity of the year: Glow-in-the-Dark City! This project involves building 3-D shapes with glow sticks and styrofoam balls. Come next week, we will make a giant skyscraper out of glow stick cubes! Through this activity, we will explore flat shapes with straight sides (polygons) and 3-dimensional shapes (polyhedrons).







We look forward to a great week next week!
Happy Friday! Enjoy your weekend!

-Warmly,
Mr Foti and Ms Bia