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Hi again Room 6 parents!

Three days in and we're already up and running.

On Thursday we practiced our literacy skills and showed our appreciation by writing thank you notes for Cornflake to the family who kindly donated him to our classroom. Cornflake has been quickly welcomed into our Plato family. In Room 6, it is not uncommon to hear "Look! Cornflake is moving!" or "You guys! Cornflake is near the water!" I recommend you ask your kids to show you their best snake dance moves. They are excellent!

Today we completed our second number talk with a more complicated math problem of the day. I was, again, impressed with the variety of strategies to solve one problem! After talking through each strategy, the students used their math journals to write or draw out their thought process. While journaling, your kids were eager to help their peers! Number talks are a great way to combine mathematical skills with literacy practice.

Our current favorite game is Would You Rather. We've had some funny questions like: "Would you rather wear a clown nose all the time or a hairnet all the time?" and some creative questions like "Would you rather have xray vision or be able to fly?" The questions have brought up new vocabulary and provided excellent opportunities to practice conversation skills. We have even found journaling inspiration from some of these questions!

Lastly, many thanks to Barry and his family for donating pillows to our reading corner! The kids were so excited for the new addition. The class decided to add Magna-Tiles to the wish list as well.

Next week, we will continue our book, *Cam Jansen Scary Snake Mystery* and will build on our exploration of Cornflake and his family members.

I hope you have a great weekend! I look forward to week two in Room 6!





