

Happy Friday Parents and Happy National Tradesmen Day!

This week, we turned our focus towards FORCES! What forces cause an airplane to turn? What about what forces cause a car to gain speed or to slow down? A boat to float? We read a super interesting article (that we actually borrowed from our middle school buddies!) about speed racing and learned about the 3 Ds: drag, downforce, and drafting. Ask your child about them! On Monday, we will be presenting our findings that we wrote on our poster board to Ms. Alexandra's class and they will then present their findings from another article out of Scholastic's Science World. Hopefully all this talk of forces will be of some use when we build our boats to float next week!

We also concluded our land, sea, and air transportation chart that everyone collaborated on. Sometimes it's easy to forget just how many forms of transportation there are so what started as a simple discussion lead into a week long activity where everyday somebody had something new to add! I totally forgot about skateboards and roller-skates on land, or submarines and *new word alert* catamarans in the sea, or what about jets and rockets? Ask your child about this and see if they can think of some more we haven't added!

Ralph keeps getting into trouble with Keith and that motorcycle! We're a little over halfway into our book and the kids have made some awesome and hilarious predictions about what will happen next.

1. "Ralph is never going to get room service again!"
2. "I don't think Keith will stay mad at him because he's his friend and he loves him."
3. "I think Keith will find his motorcycle, but he won't trust Ralph with it again because it's his favorite toy."
4. "I'm sad because Keith will have to leave the hotel."
5. "I think Ralph will get a car next!"
6. "The maid will find Ralph and throw him."
7. "Oh my gosh! Ralph is going to get caught if he keeps riding the motorcycle in the daytime!"
8. "Ms. Anna, is this book a dream? Kids can't talk to mice."

Whoa!

Lastly, I'm happy to let you all know that some of us found a broken piece of pavement at the park today and insisted on bringing it back to school as....our class pet. Yes, we are now the proud caretakers of Rocky. "That's his name because he's young and when he gets old we have to call him Mr. Rocky." They also made him a little blanket (from a paper towel) and are considering bringing it home on the weekends to take care of it. Just a heads up everybody not to toss Rocky out if you find him in your child's backpack!

Reminders:

- If you haven't already done so, please send your child's picture day form by Monday. They're past due and picture day is Tuesday!

- Book orders due TONIGHT!

I hope you all have a fabulous weekend and don't forget to spend some time reading with your child(ren) every night:)

-Ms. Anna

