

Dear Parents,

James and the gang are flying high over the Atlantic Ocean in a giant peach that is tied to 502 seagulls. Ask your child to tell you about the plan James came up with, and the very important roles that each one of the characters played to make it successful. Teamwork makes the dream work, just like in our classroom.

In our novel, the insects are fictional characters that sing, dance, wear boots and glasses, and have many other silly traits. This week the children were given the task of collaborating with a partner to complete a Guided Research chart by using non-fiction books about insects as resources to collect facts and information. The partners were also given the opportunity to share their knowledge by presenting their research to the class.

Our peach pits (endocarps) and peach seeds spent several weeks stored in the freezer in stratification, mimicking what would happen to them in nature. We planted them in separate pots, and we will observe and document what (hopefully) happens in the upcoming months.

We welcomed a new addition to our classroom this week...a Delta Tail Betta fish. After a somewhat intense literacy and math activity that involved voting for a name, "Taco" was added to the Room 4 roster. He seems to be very happy in his new home, especially when we read to him.

Notes:

- Please save Box Tops for Education and send them in with your child. (Ask family and neighbors to collect for us too!) It is a simple way to earn money for our school!
- Please be sure to label all sweaters and sweatshirts (especially uniforms) with your child's name or initials.
- Be sure to periodically check out our Classroom Page on the Plato website to see pictures of our most recent shenanigans. ;o)

Wish List:

- We still have two items on our Wish List that coincide with our Art History curriculum. (You can cut and paste the links below.) Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions regarding my plans for classroom use, or if you're willing to purchase one for our classroom.

<https://www.letsticktogether.com/collections/masterpiece-collection/products/mona-lisa>

<https://www.letsticktogether.com/collections/masterpiece-collection/products/starry-night-small-format>

As always, please feel free to call, email, or text me with any questions or concerns.

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