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Dear Room 6 Parents,

What a fun week! Here are a few highlights:

-We changed things up a bit with our morning challenges and did some measuring. On Tuesday each student was given one piece of paper and asked to create the longest chain they could using only the one piece of paper and tape. The kids were excited to help each other make a longer chain! They shared their strategies like cutting thinner pieces of paper to make more chain links. This was a big hit! We started to combine chains with each other to make the LONGEST chain we could! There were many options of how to measure these chains: yardsticks, feet, people, etc. Measuring continued this morning when each student jumped as far as they could! Kids then measured to see how many INCHES they had jumped. A main focus was including units when talking about their jump. An added bonus was practicing writing fractions!

-We have continued meeting with Ms. Dionysia's class as our buddies. This time we practiced our math skills by playing Subtraction BINGO! I saw the buddies practicing a variety of great strategies for subtraction -- counting on fingers, drawing dots on paper, etc. Back in our classroom, we learned another new math game: Addition Go Fish! I encourage you to ask your kids to teach you this new game. One student even said they like this version better than "regular" Go Fish!

-As you might have seen in the Parent Notes, we started The Story of Pawn curriculum with Mr. Foti on Thursday. We learned how to set up the chessboard and started the book series too! Only two days in and this is already a favorite. When I announced that Mr. Foti would be coming back, there was a loud "Yay!" from everyone! We also had a special visit from Ms. Steph from the library. We danced with scarves and used clues to match different eggs to the correct birds like an ostrich or a mallard duck!

-We got our creative juices flowing this week! First, we drew with oil pastels as a new way to create art. Later, we read *The Beautiful Oops* and turned scribbles into masterpieces! The scribbles and ripped paper turned into pokemon, alligators, fields of flowers, etc. It is my hope that we keep our positive attitude and continue to turn our "oops" into masterpieces throughout the year!

-Cornflake made his official debut! We took him out of his tank and discovered he has an interesting square pattern on his underbelly! This experience helped us add more adjectives to our Cornflake poster and more questions to our "Want to know" poster. The kids were excited to use library books to conduct their own research and answer some of our lingering snake questions like: How does a rattlesnake make a rattle noise? Do all snakes eat mice? Are snakes born from eggs?

A few quick notes:

- Tomorrow I will submit the class Scholastic Book order. If there are any books you'd like to order, please make sure to use our class code so we can earn points! TNNZB
- Picture day is coming up! September 25th!
- I apologize that we were not able to start our bank visits this past week. We will this Tuesday! Just a reminder that weekly deposits can be any amount from a quarter up to \$10. A mix of coins and bills is encouraged for practice with money. If your child doesn't have an account, but would like one, there are details in the Parents Notes email and I'm happy to answer any questions you might have.





