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Hi Room 6 Parents,

It was another excellent week! Here are just a few highlights:

- We started the week with an exciting change in Cornflake! He **shed his skin!** Was this what your family predicted after last weekend's research?! We pulled out our journals to write about what had happened and made scientific drawings of Cornflake! We also used our classroom microscopes and magnifying glasses to get a closer look. I'm sure there will be more fun explorations to come! I loved hearing the kids come into the room and happily discover their research had been correct. I heard many students proudly say "I **knew** that was going to happen!" I can tell they were happy to share this learning with their families.
- This week we were very busy completing our Snake and Lizard chapter summary books. The students agreed books should include a title page which needs important information like the title, author, and illustrator. Creating their own book helps students with important summary and storytelling competencies. The sense of pride when they have their own name on the cover and can share their story with others is amazing! One student even happily said, "I think this is the best book I've ever made!" It is my belief that the time and efforts put into completing a project like this one are valuable beyond the literacy skills as they also build self esteem.
- We really tapped into our creativity with various projects throughout the week. We read and discussed *The Dot* by Peter H. Reynolds. Each student created their own dots and started creating buddy dots as well. Buddy dots required students to cut out their dots and find a way to cut them exactly in half. I saw students try a variety of strategies to find the halfway mark on their dot using rulers, folding, etc.! We finished our Art To Remember projects this week! (*More details to come about how you can order your student's artwork!) Leading up to our final project we experimented with oil pastels, different paints, markers, crayons, etc. Students were encouraged to choose the art style that they liked best!
- Comparing and contrasting stories is an excellent way to break down the details of stories and build strong literary analysis skills. This week, we compared *Oobleck* and *Cloudy with a Chance of Meatballs*. Then we compared the book *Cloudy with a Chance of Meatballs* to the movie too! We will continue to use these comparisons for mathematical data and literary conversations.

Just one quick reminder that our **bank visits** are on Tuesdays!



