

Dear Parents,

Our journey with James and the crew has come to an end with the Mayor of New York welcoming them to the city. We celebrated with a ticker tape parade down Fifth Avenue, recreating Chapter 38 from the book. (We even rode in limo and threw shredded paper!) We also organized our Chapter Check-Ins, added a cover page, a title page, and a dedication page, making our own versions of the book. We concluded the unit by watching the James and the Giant Peach movie and completing a Venn diagram to compare similarities and differences between the two.

We experimented with an art technique called **Suminagashi** (墨流し).

Suminagashi means "floating ink" and is the process of marbling plain paper with water and ink to transform it into something vibrant and colorful. Suminagashi originated in Japan as early as the 12th century.

Our field trip to the National Hellenic Museum gave us the opportunity to be archaeologists for the day. We recorded and shared our observations about objects and studied several artifacts. We learned how the Ancient Greeks lived, and what they did for fun. We also made clay pull-toys and danced on the museum roof! Wow...what a beautiful skyline! (We also imagined that a giant peach was perched on top of the Sears Tower. Or, for some, the Willis Tower.)

We put the finishing touches on our classroom The Starry Night mosaic mural. It's hanging in our room...stop by to check it out if you get a chance to!

Notes:

- Be sure to read the Parent Notes that you receive from the office. There are many important dates coming up.
- Please have your child practice the songs for our Holiday Program. ("Shake it Up" by Train https://youtu.be/n_esVrTTwcg and "Christmas Time" by Bryan Adams <https://youtu.be/57H66U9v8LU>) These links include the lyrics and can be cut/copied.
- Information regarding your child's Art to Remember project was sent home this week. Orders are online only and are due by 10/24/18.

- Remember to periodically check out our Classroom Page on the Plato website to see pictures of our most recent shenanigans. ;o)
- Scholastic Book orders are due by 10/29/18.

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

Have a great weekend!

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