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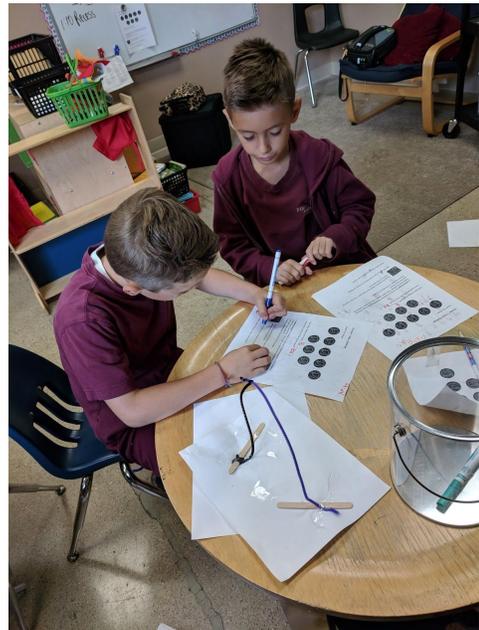
Hi Room 6 Parents!

Enjoy a few quick highlights below :)

- This week we continued our activities about *The Dot*. Students were given just one black dot and asked to turn it into whatever they wanted to! We saw Pokemon, kittens, sunshines, etc. The goal was for the kids to be inspired to write a new story. On Tuesday, we created dots with our buddies in Ms. Dionysia's class too! These dots were filled with similarities each buddy pair found with each other.
- We learned a new math card game called card dominoes! I'm sure your kids can teach you how to play. This game is a great way to build a positive team dynamic (the objective is a group goal). It is also an opportunity to continue to build number sense which is crucial when facing each new math challenge we encounter. We also analyzed and made our own bar graphs. On Wednesday the class was faced with a new STEM challenge -- create the tallest standing tower using only a specific list of classroom items. Some students chose to make a tent shape with their pipe cleaners, others rolled their paper, while others combined a variety of strategies! Again, this activity was a great way to build community and problem solving skills.
- After reading the story, *King Midas and the Golden Touch* by Charlotte Craft, we talked and journaled about what "magic touch" we would want! We also talked about what problems we might have like if everything we touched turned into puppies...there would probably be a lot to clean up after! Then we started our new novel!! *The Chocolate Touch* by Patrick Skene Catling. Today we made chocolate playdough and created lists of adjectives to describe our new main character, John Midas. We will continue to practice literacy skills and explore chocolate as we dive into the novel.

Classroom notes:

- Today we sent home the "Cards for a Cause" fundraiser form. Please see the Parent Notes email for details and feel free to reach out with any questions.
- There are TWO field trips coming up! On **October 18** we will go to the **Hellenic Museum**. We are looking for parent chaperones if you would like to join us! On **November 8** we will be going to the Metropolis Performing Art Centre to see **James and the Giant Peach!**



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