

Happy Friday Parents!

We've been having an amazing past few days here in room 1! All week, we have been experimenting with our boats, writing poetry, building some pretty amazing ramps and pathways to race cars, painting pumpkins (thank you Konstantino!), and molding clay cars, airplanes, boats, and even UFOS!

Our boat experiment was a huge success and SO. MUCH. FUN. Some floated on their own, some could hold their predicted coins, some sank, and then we used what we learned to make improvements on a new boat! This then lead into different math activities that had us using our balance buckets, gram weights, and some pretty advanced math skills! We actually ran out of real coins and someone had the idea to use our pretend coins, but then we ran out of those, too! We weighed our coins and then added how many gram weights were equal to the weight of the coins on our boats that didn't sink ($100 + 100 + 20 + 20$ etc.). Others chose to add all their coins individually ("I had two pennies, one nickel, and one dime so I had four coins") while some totaled the amount ("I had 50 cents floating!").

As some of you may know, I was in Arizona last weekend and while there, came across some interesting children's books about the Native American culture and different folklore. One book by Byrd Baylor, [The Desert Is Theirs](#), is a poem about the Papagos tribe and how they share mother earth with all living and non-living things around them. "They never say, 'This is my land to do with as I please.' They say, 'We share...we only share.'" Afterwards, the class started discussing amongst themselves how they share which gave me an idea that I can't wait for you all to read. We wrote our own poems about how we share what we find in our communities with others, not just people. They're BEAUTIFUL! Ask your child how they share the earth with squirrels, or the trees, flowers, dirt, etc.

Last, but certainly not least, we finished our book! The class is eager to begin a new chapter book already, but I think it will be hard to follow in the shadow of Ralph and Keith! Ralph saved the day by finding an aspirin for Keith and Keith gave the motorcycle to Ralph to keep. Before leaving the hotel though, Keith asked Ralph if he would come live with him back in Ohio, which was a pretty tempting offer for Ralph, however he declined and chose to remain close to his family...and now the ground floor:)

Reminders:

- If you would like to place a book order (yay!), please create an account, if you haven't already done so, at clubs.scholastic.com. From there, choose the parent option and it will ask you for a class code or my name. Our class code is MRX4Z and Plato Academy should pop up! Don't have the catalogues anymore? No worries! Your child and you can search through their online lists that are broken down by grade. A few favorites are the I Can Read books, Elephant and Piggie series, Pete the Cat series, National Geographic for kids, Pigeon series, etc. You can directly place your order

from home and your child's books will be delivered to the school. Let me know if you have any questions!

- With the weather getting colder, please remember we will continue to go outside for our entire recess time unless the feels like drops to 10 degrees or below. Please ensure your child has appropriate clothing and winter weather gear (gloves, hat, scarf, coat, etc.) everyday. For more information, see winter weather guidelines on our school website.
- Please remember no candy and frosted items are allowed. We want to promote healthy eating habits:~)

Thank you and I hope you all have a WARM, cozy, and fun-filled weekend!

-Ms. Anna

