

Happy Friday Parents!

We had such an awesome week! Thank you to Mrs. Saam and Mr. Adamopoulos for joining us on our field trip yesterday and for some great pictures!

Highlights:

These kids LOVE their math and incorporating it into their daily lives! When one of us had a question about how many kids and teachers are at Plato Academy, it started a week long activity. On Monday, a couple students went around to each classroom and recorded how many kids are in each class and how many teachers. Afterwards, we wrote a chart on the board with all the classroom teachers and students before adding them with two different methods. We had to go back and add our specials teachers and staff! This got us intrigued the rest of the week with different items in our classroom and school. Ask your child what the total was and try this at home, too! You could have a scavenger hunt to find different categories of books, various utensils, pillows in different rooms, etc.

Earlier this week, we began our new chapter book and the kids love it! The Ghost Ship Mystery is about the boxcar children (Jessie, Henry, Violet, and Benny) and we find them staying with their grandfather at an inn near a bay. Our story centers around a mystery about a ship, the Flying Cloud, that sank years ago. We already have a lot of interesting theories as to what exactly happened to the Flying Cloud and can't wait to find out! What does your child think *really* happened to the Flying Cloud?

While at the Hellenic Museum, we had the opportunity to explore many different artifacts from ancient Greece and see if we could figure out what it is, what it was used for, who used it, and what is it made out of. We learned that artifacts are anything man-made, not nature-made, and if a museum had an exhibit all about us, what artifacts would we want them to include?! We also got to make our own pinch pots and brought them back to school to paint today!

Finally, we started working on our spooky stories this week! We are still in need of some dress up clothes to put on our plays next week so if you have any gently used ones you want to get rid of, we'll take them!

Reminders:

- Please try your best for your child to be on time. We do begin our day promptly at 8:45 and not only is it a distraction for the rest of the class when someone comes in late, but it is an uncomfortable feeling your child, too. Imagine yourselves walking into a work meeting after everyone has begun! Yikes:!
- Did you check out your child's Art To Remember? All the information is on their order forms that were sent out earlier this week!
- Make sure to double check snacks/lunch for any nut products, sugary treats, and also, if a label says MAY CONTAIN nuts, it is not allowed. Any labels stating MADE IN A

FACILITY with nuts is OKAY:~) We have quite a few kids with severe allergies and don't want to risk it!

Thank you and have a fantastic weekend!

-Ms. Anna