

Good afternoon Room 1 Parents!

It's been another awesome and busy week here. We have officially wrapped up our crazy exploration of airplanes, boats, cars, motion, forces, and mechanics and moving forward with robotics and simple machines!

### Highlights:

Earlier this week, marked our monthly day for our tree "visit"! We made our predictions and everyone was very accurate, but this posed a few questions. "Why did the leaves change colors? What makes the seasons change (sometimes pretty drastically!)? Why don't all the leaves change and how come they fall? Is that why it's called fall?" So we went to the library to do a little research and found some of our answers! This time around, we used wet chalk to draw our illustrations because "the chalk is like the leaves and the leaves get wet so chalk is just like that..like the leaves on our tree!"

Our first stories we have been working SO hard on are done! We spent some time reading them to our friends, making some changes, and coming up with costume/setting ideas to get ready for our plays! Ask your child what their story is about and how they plan to bring it to life!

If you haven't heard yet, decoding has become quite popular in our class. We're beginning our day with a morning challenge to decode a "secret message" from me and we've partnered up with Ms. Bia's class to teach them how to decode, too! While we just started working on our own personal messages to the class, our buddies are teaching us every Thursday about pentaminoes and we're really excited! Take a look at the link to get a little bit better of an idea on what pentaminoes are and ask your child what their first challenge was using them this week! <https://www.universalclass.com/articles/math/geometry/what-are-pentominoes.htm>

We're almost done with our chapter book and things are getting pretty intense! This week, we followed the Alden children as they try to figure out what exactly they found on that whale watching tour with Captain Bob, who robbed the sailor's museum, and where in the world in Ms. Coffin? Stay tuned as we crack the ghost ship mystery next week!

### Reminders:

- Conference sign-up is up! Visit <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e0f49aaa928a5fe3-fall> to sign you and your child up for conferences as this year your child will also be participating in conferences with us.
- Please make sure your child has appropriate winter weather gear! Hats and gloves are needed some days and I don't always have extras:/
- Don't forget to read parent notes!

Have a great weekend with your babies reading, playing games, and hopefully getting outside!

-Ms. Anna