

Ah! Good morning Parents and happy start to a new week. As I turned my computer on this morning, I noticed I never sent out our weekly newsletter on Friday before I left! Oops:/ My apologies!

Good afternoon Room 1 Parents and TGIF!

Highlights:

We had so much fun this week! It started with us reading the book James and The Giant Peach by Roald Dahl Monday morning. Our goal was to read as much of the book as possible before going on our field trip to watch the play yesterday. And we did it! We kept on reading all the way until we got off the bus! Afterwards, we began our follow-up activity of comparing and contrasting the play to the book before including the movie we watched today. The majority of the class preferred the book to both the play and the movie because "it had more detail", "it was way funnier", and "there were more characters" were just a few of their answers.

To continue our super fun exploration of simple machines, we learned a little about the lever this week and discussed the roles of the fulcrum and the beam. Little did they know we use some form of a lever everyday to make our lives easier such as scissors and even our elbows! How do levers make our work easier? Where else can we find a lever? How is a catapult a type of lever? Our goal is to test out our catapults by measuring the distance traveled of an object via the catapult versus just throwing it. We plan on using our ramps and pathways time next week to do this!

We had our very own election in class on Tuesday for our jobs and they had so much fun standing up in front of everyone (sometimes running against an opponent or two!) and telling us why we should vote for them! We talked about the importance of voting and having your voice heard, about local, state, and national leaders, and how our vote makes an impact. Here are a couple of their responses:

Librarian-"I think I should be the librarian because I love everything about books."

Teacher assistant-"I really like to help people, and really love Ms. Anna, and my friends, and love helping them when they need something."

Marker checker-" Because I check my markers at my house."

Reminders:

- Remember to sign-up for conferences if you haven't already and if the slot you previously signed up for needs to be changed, please do so by Monday! Don't forget, you're child WILL be in conferences with us!
- Welcome back winter - __ - Please make sure your child has appropriate winter weather gear! We will continue to go outside EVERYDAY for recess unless the feels like drops below 10 degrees! Hats, waterproof mittens or gloves, boots, snow-pants, etc. should be worn everyday! Feel free to tell your child to leave a pair of gloves, a hat, etc. at school. Also, they do need to have boots on snowy days please.

- Our class be saying the pledge for the next three weeks so PLEASE BE ON TIME!
Feel free to send your child with a joke or interesting fact they can share with the school:)

I hope everyone has a great weekend! Don't forget to read for the record and play some fun games-off the screens!

-Ms. Anna

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"Everyone is a genius. But if you judge a fish by its ability to climb a tree, it will live its whole life believing that it is stupid."- Albert Einstein