

Dear Parents,

In Room 4, we know that boys AND girls are capable of doing amazing things to change the world. We are learning that it is important to respectfully speak up when we feel like something isn't fair, and that our opinions matter. So, we were surprised to learn that, over 70 years ago, women weren't allowed to fly planes in the military until a group called Women Airforce Service Pilots (or WASP) was formed. We learned what a Veteran is. We learned about the 5 branches of the Armed Forces and the jobs they do. We learned that, although they are separate, they often work together as a team. Thank you, Veterans!

Snakes, tortoises, and alligators...OH MY! This week we had a few visitors...a super nice guy named J.G. and some of his reptile friends for us to see too. We met a 19 lb. Black Throated Monitor named Manny, a Ball Python named Kaner, a 15 ft. Burmese Python named Shadow, a Sulcata Tortoise named Boulder, and a 4 month old alligator named Drago. We are so lucky that we were able to touch, hold, and pet animals that most people only in see behind glass in a zoo exhibit!

The boy (the nameless main character and narrator of our novel) was caught by the witches and was turned into a mouse. But, have no fear!! He doesn't mind being a mouse, and he has a plan to get back at them. Ask your kiddo for the details!

We were SO EXCITED when it started to snow on Thursday. One of the kids even looked out of our classroom window and said that it looked like a painting. Even though it didn't last long, we still had time to catch a few snowflakes on our tongues when we walked back from the library! (Check out the picture on the Plato website!)

Notes:

- Last week your child brought a colored folder with his/her name on it home. Please take the papers out and keep those, but return the folder to school.
- Be sure to read the Parent Notes that you receive from the office. There are many important dates and exciting events coming up.
- Please have your child practice the songs for our Holiday Program. ("Shake it Up" by Train https://youtu.be/n_esVrTTwgcg and "Christmas Time" by Bryan Adams <https://youtu.be/57H66U9v8LU>. The Spanish

song, Es Navidad, can be found here https://youtu.be/EFh8kml_0yc.) These links include the lyrics and can be cut/copied.

- Parent/Teacher Conferences are next Monday and Tuesday. They should really be called Parent/Child/Teacher Conferences...we'd love for your child to join us. Please check-in with the office to sign up.
- Please be sure your child brings weather-appropriate outerwear to school. (If your child wears boots to school, please also send a pair of gym shoes.) Also, please make sure everything is labeled with his/her initials or name.

As always, please feel free to call, email, or text me with any questions or concerns.

Have a great weekend!

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