

November 9, 2018

Dear Room 6 Parents,

It's hard to believe we started the week like this...



And ended like this!

We had a very exciting week here. One student even decided our room was almost becoming a petting zoo! Please take a look below for a few highlights:

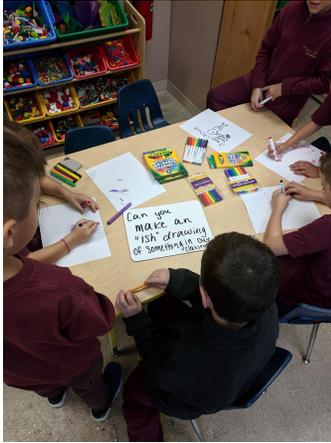
- On Monday, we learned how to measure **perimeters**. Each partner chose a different material to measure other items around the room. This could be anything from popsicle sticks to rubix cubes! Students chose to measure things like books, blocks, people, and even Cornflake's cage! As we have collected various measurements throughout this year, I always ask the students what unit of measure they are using. This activity was a great reminder of **WHY** we include units when measuring.



- On Tuesday, we had a new challenge! Students were asked to find a way to put both of their feet inside a single notecard. After a full day of struggles mixed with both failures and successes, we reviewed one strategy that involved folding and cutting. The kids thought the cutting pattern looked like a snake! They were surprised by the end result! We also had a special visitor on Tuesday for Hawk's birthday. The kids were so excited to hold Mosey the ferret and build him a maze! They noticed that Mosey was able to climb the walls of the maze more than Simone did last year... so it was back to the planning phase before they rebuilt and put him back in. What excellent problem solvers!



- On Wednesday, each student was given the opportunity to hold Cornflake! They were so gentle when holding him and he has been more active since :) I think he really enjoyed the extra attention!
- Thursday was our field trip to see the musical, *James and The Giant Peach*. I know I really enjoyed that the musical was performed entirely by kids! I think our class appreciated the chance they had to ask questions after the performance. They learned that the actors had started participating in plays and musicals when they were about the same age! What a great experience going to the theater!
- Today we started our new unit, an author study of Peter H. Reynolds. Our class is so excited to be partnering with Mr. Chris's class! I am impressed with how our class stepped up to the new challenge of being the older buddies. We started the unit by reading *Ish* and rereading *The Dot*. Both of these books highlight the importance of being brave to try new things and to encourage both yourself and others. If you walked into the school at the end of the day today, you might have seen their encouraging posters! The buddy pairs created posters with positive messages like "You are strong," "We love you," and "You are awesome." These were hung throughout the school to bring a smile to anyone who may be in need of a smile :)



A few quick notes:

- Thank you to those of you who were able to attend Curriculum Night! It was great to check in and put a face to the name. I am also really looking forward to conferences with you and your kids! Thank you all for signing up for your times. As noted last week, feel free to reach out if there is something you would specifically like to address.
- This week, I introduced a new show-and-tell structure. Students are welcome to bring in a show-and-tell item after filling out a paper explaining the significance on their item. This is a great opportunity for students to practice writing, reading, and presentation skills! Please do not feel that your child is required to bring something in. Please let me know if you have any questions or concerns.