

Good evening Parents,

We had such a busy, but fun week here in Room 1! I'm going to go ahead and say with confidence our class's highlight of the week was definitely the reptile show on Tuesday. Did you check out the pictures on Plato's Facebook page?

Our exploration of simple machines is in full swing. Who remembers Bill Nye the Science Guy?! We watched an interesting clip about simple machines and the kids were excited to find out just how many simple machines they actually use on a daily basis! We added some finishing touches to our catapults earlier this week, too and then we tested them! We launched erasers, caps, coins, and a few more things we found around the room. It was pretty cool to see just how far some objects would go in contrast to heavier items! We measured the distances traveled and discussed why some things didn't go as far as others, what we could do differently, and how our results would change. We also experimented more with levers, fulcrums, and force using various items for fulcrums and beams we found in the class such as blocks, rulers, binder clips, and a paper towel roll!

We had a few coding morning challenges this week, but it seemed as though the "Sum It Up" challenge was their favorite. A message is hidden in some math problems and each answer equals a letter. Then, you must write the letters above the blanks that correspond to each answer to find the secret message! Ask your child what the secret message was and maybe you guys can try this at home!

Lastly, we have some great surprises planned for you during conference that we finished up for you this week! I know the kids are just as excited as I am to show you how hard we've been working and tell you all about their future plans:)

Reminders:

- PLEDGE! This was our first week saying the pledge and we will be saying it next Monday and Tuesday, as well as the following week. Parents, PLEASE MAKE SURE YOUR CHILD IS ON TIME! I feel terrible when they come in excited to say it, but find out they're too late:(
- Book orders were sent home yesterday and there are some AWESOME choices in there. Lots of Ready-To-Read and Early Reader books, too I know some of you were looking for! Are you reading at least 10 minutes a night with your child? Hope so! These orders will be due by NEXT FRIDAY (November 23). Let me know if you need help placing your online order:)
- Writing out our deposit slips every week is one of our favorite activities to do. Your child is not only practicing reading and writing their address, working on their handwriting (hello limited space!) and using their math skills to count and add-up their coins and dollar bills (if you can, try to send different coins and bills!), but there is the social component as well between the class and sometimes an impromptu math problem! Of course feel free to do this at home with your child for a different deposit,

however, this is a class activity that needs to be done at school and we really shouldn't have any students coming with an already filled out deposit slip to school. Thank you!

- Lastly, please make sure your child's name is on their uniforms-clearly labeled with a permanent marker either on the inside collar and/or the inside tag!

Have an awesome weekend everybody! Don't forget, less screen time-more reading and play time:)

-Ms. Anna