

Ms. Dionysia's Classroom Connection

Here are some of the activities/projects the children were engaged in this week:

A Peek at the Week

- Chicago Skyscraper Mural-This week the students continued their skyscraper research and created working on their mural out of various materials.
- Dynamath-This week the student read an article titled Candle-Creating Kid. The students read about Asia Newson also known as Super Business Girl, sells several thousand candles per year. Asia Newson has run her own candle-making business since she was 5. After reading the article the students were engaged in an Hands-on Math measuring wicks investigation. The students were given a bag with different size wicks and had to use a ruler to accurately measure the length. After measuring the lengths of different wicks the students created a line plot to display the data along a number line.
- The Illinois Chronicles-Using the Timeline guide to the History of Illinois, the students were encouraged to create skits that correspond to certain times in Illinois History.

Mindset Mathematics-

- Tile It! -In this investigation, the students explored shapes made out of equilateral triangles, which are know as polyiamonds. The students investigated the following questions. How many different shapes can you make using a set number of equilateral triangles? Will the shapes you make tile a plane? To launch the activity the students were asked to draw and name different triangles and discussed characteristics of the different triangles.

The Matchstick Castle/Illinois Exploration

- The Matchstick Castle-In their book talk groups, the students revisited their character charts and added new characters and characteristics. In addition, the students answered comprehension, application and synthesis questions in their book talk group.
- Castle Design- The students continued working on engineering their own castle and/or room out of various materials.

News/Reminders

11/20 Parent Teacher Conferences 1/2 Day Dismissal 12:00 pm.

11/21-11/23 No School Thanksgiving Break

11/29 Apple Store Field-Parent Drivers/ Chaperones needed

11/30 Prairie Center for the Arts-The Nutcracker-Parent Drivers/Chaperones needed

