

Dear Parents,

Why did the snowman want to hang out with the students in Room 4?  
Because he wanted to play with a bunch of COOL kids!! (Get it?!?!)

So, Tuesday went a bit like this...

"When can we play in the snow? When can we play in the snow?" I will be introducing the basics of a clock and telling time next week. ;o)

We continue to collaborate with Ms. Bia's class to work on our Van Gogh dioramas. Most of the kids are adding final details such as coat hooks and picture frames. Once they are complete, they will be on display in our room. Of course, I'll take picture of them also.

We finished reading *The Witches* this week. The ending left of us in suspense (vocabulary word), and some of the kids said that they wish Roald Dahl had written a sequel. I added that to our plans for next week...Grandmama and The Boy will continue to go on amazing adventures!

Yesterday we watched *The Witches* movie, and on Monday we will compare it to the novel. One thing is for sure, the character of the Grand High Witch is exactly as she is described in the book...EVIL!

During our visit to the library on Thursday, we learned about the Monarch Award reading program. We will be reading all 20 nominated books, providing feedback for each story, and voting for our favorite. When a book is given the honor of receiving the 2019 Monarch Children's Choice Award, we will be given a copy for our classroom library. Since we love reading and we love books, we are excited to participate.

Speaking of our love for books and reading...

Room 4's enthusiasm for reading books, listening to books being read aloud, and writing/illustrating books of their own is something that I am so grateful for. However, we know that some kids aren't as fortunate as we are and don't have books to read at home. Our kind-hearted and thoughtful students came up with the idea of collecting books and donating them as a way of sharing our love of reading with other kids. I reached out to Bernie's Book Bank and

have arranged for us to hold a book drive from December 3<sup>rd</sup> -19<sup>th</sup>. We visited the other classrooms to announce our project and made posters to hang in the halls. Your kiddo can tell you the details, but I've also put them in the notes below.

#### Notes:

- 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](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](https://youtu.be/EFh8kml_0yc).) These links include the lyrics and can be cut/copied.
- 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.
- Room 4 is hosting a book drive from December 3<sup>rd</sup>-19<sup>th</sup> and collecting children's books for Bernie's Book Bank. The books can be new or gently used, and appropriate for kids from birth – 6<sup>th</sup> grade. Donation boxes will be placed in the lobby and around the school, and our goal is to reach at least 500 books (5-6 books per Plato student). Thank you in advance for your help.

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

Have a great weekend!

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