

Happy Friday Parents!

Please see last week's newsletter on our class page.

**Highlights:**

We have been having a fabulous week experimenting with cool chemical reactions, learning much more about weather, making another barometer to measure air pressure, and continuing our meteorological reports everyday. We focused more on hurricanes and tornadoes early in the week and then begun researching blizzards later in the week just ahead of this weekend's storm! We started to have a lot of questions about hurricanes and tornadoes so after finding out some cool and interesting facts in our books, we created a venn diagram to help us answer those questions. For example, both need lots of air, they both spin/twist, create force, one begins in the sky, the other begins in the ocean, one can happen in Illinois, one cannot, etc. were just a few points they came up with.

The kids are having a BLAST putting on their plays! In case you haven't heard, we have been using our "mini-journals" your child wrote in over break to put on plays for the class. They are learning how to direct, produce, and act, granted on a smaller scale, but nonetheless, and having so much fun doing it:)

In other news..

We have finished our book, we are beginning The Wonderful Wizard of Oz on Tuesday (ask them about today's morning challenge-we wanted to figure out how many years ago it was published!), and we started working on our tornado and hurricane models. We also had Ms. Stephanie visit from the library this week and continued adding to our KWL each day! If anybody has any 2 liter bottles, we would love to take them out of your recycling bin please!

Reminders:

- Book orders for this month were sent home today. Please place orders by next Friday, January 25.
- Don't forget to catch the total lunar eclipse/super blood wolf moon this Sunday night with your child(ren)! It will be the only one for 2019 and will definitely be very cool for them to witness live and discuss with their classmates on Tuesday.
- Don't forget about bank Fridays!
- No school Monday

I hope you all have a safe, warm, and fun weekend! See you all Tuesday.

-Ms. Anna