

Happy last Friday of February Parents-

It was a little bit shorter of a week, but still super fun as usual!

Highlights:

As you may remember, I've been trying something new for the past couple of months with the kids where I always seek their help with writing the weekly newsletter. When I asked them what their favorite part or highlight of the week was, they all began shouting out different answers. Scholastic News article and activities, weather channel brainstorming, experiments, making our posters, etc. But, as soon as someone said, "HOT-AIR BALLOON!" they immediately all began cheering and shouting, "YEAAAAA!" In one of our chapters earlier this week, Dorothy and her friends had discovered who Oz really is and where he is from. Since he didn't really have any powers, Dorothy and him began sewing together a hot-air balloon in hopes of flying over the desert to get back to Kansas (ask them WHY Oz suggested a hot-air balloon). After reading our chapter, the class wanted to make hot-air balloons so we could fly them on the next windy day! We're still adding some finishing touches, but I was really excited to see them use that prior knowledge from our transportation exploration to assist them! "Ms. Anna, I'm going to first draw a blue-print to help me!" "I don't think this will work because we need helium for it to stay up."



"But we're not really putting fire in this are we?" were some of their responses.

My highlight of the week however was listening to them have a discussion about the Ruby Bridges story we read and watched a clip about from our Scholastic News. You are all raising some very compassionate kids Parents! Ruby Bridges was an African- American girl that was sent to an all white school in 1960 when a judge overturned the law that previously stated schools must be segregated. She was placed in a class all alone and had guards sent from the president to protect her from angry parents. We also wrote a mini reflection piece about how this made us feel and if we were around back then, what would we do? Ask your child all about this!

Lastly, it's so simple, but was SO FUN. We went on a "weather walk" today in class and couldn't stop laughing! Much like our past bear hunts, we pretended we were in different kinds of weather and then suddenly someone would shout, "TORNADO!" so we had to act as if we were in tornado weather! So silly..so fun:) P.S. we now have a list of items the kids decided we need for our weather channel and a name they voted on! We plan to have our first forecast ready by next Friday!

Announcements and Reminders:

- Next Thursday is our field trip to Seussical the Musical and if your child has a favorite Dr. Seuss book they would like to bring in and share with the class for Show & Tell,

please do so starting Monday! However, to avoid any confusion with our library books, please refrain from sending any books checked out from a library.

- Don't forget about our Animal House Animal Shelter donation drive!
<https://www.animalhouseshelter.com/wish-list/> Did you see our poster in the foyer?
We have a few more up around the school, too!

Have a fantastic weekend!

-Ms. Anna