

February 16, 2019

Dear Parents,

I hope you had a great Valentine's Day week ♥! I know we did :) Please see below for some highlights:

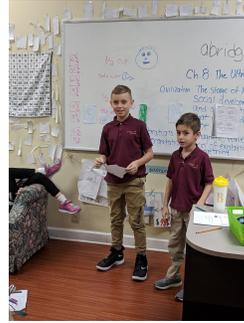
- On Monday we led our own book discussion groups. Students used the questions they had written the week before to lead smaller groups in a conversation about the last chapter we had read in *Hugo*. It was tough, but they did a great job! We stayed away from "yes/no" questions and we asked follow up questions of our classmates too. There were great conversations about what we thought might happen next or why a character did something. We will continue to practice leading and participating in book discussions.



- On Tuesday we took on a new challenge! We shared ideas and strategies about how to solve a Valentine's day math question. Your kids were able to explain their ideas, listen to others, and question each other! It was so impressive the way they way they were honest about any errors they had made and were open to hear others' thoughts.



- On Tuesday and Thursday, we met with our buddies to wrap up our perimeter unit. Buddies presented about one of the shapes they made with the biggest perimeter. Each shape presented had to also meet a certain constraint -- either only using half of the geoboard, have only up to six vertices, have only right angles, OR not have any acute angles. We even had shapes that met all four challenges!



- Thursday was a fun pajama day! We created Valentine's Day Monster Glyphs to collect class data. We also watched *Safety Last*. This is the same silent film that Hugo watches in the book. I think this was a great opportunity to connect with the character! We also laughed at the extreme facial expressions that communicated important emotions or reactions without using words.
- Throughout the week, we worked on writing letters back to our pen pals. On Friday we walked with Ms. Bridget's class to the post office to mail our letters. We cannot wait to hear back! Also on Friday we finished Part I of *The Invention of Hugo Cabret*. We saw detailed sketches of what the automaton drew and were surprised to find we recognized the picture from the first silent film we watched! We were inspired and starting creating our own automatons (thank you for sending in supplies!!). We are very excited to continue building next week!





More fun from the week!

