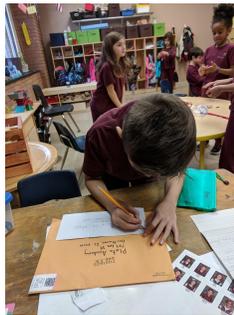


February 8, 2019

Dear Parents,

It was nice to finally have a full week back in school :) Please see below for a few highlights from the week.

- On Monday we announced a really exciting surprise! We found out that we have pen pals! Ms. Leslie (yes! Ms. Leslie from last year!) is now teaching in Wheaton. Her class picked names from our class and Ms. Bridget's class. Then they wrote us notes! They told us a little about themselves and asked questions too. Now we are working on writing back. This has been an excellent literacy activity already and I know the kids who haven't read/written back yet are SO excited for their turn! In addition to practice with formatting letters, we are also addressing envelopes. We're adding our own stamps too!



- On Tuesday we continued our buddy work with Ms. Bia's class. To build on our perimeter exploration, we completed challenge cards. Who could create the biggest perimeter with only 6 vertices or less? In addition to the problem solving strategies, we talked about the patterns we noticed in our perimeters and learned some new vocabulary too. After all of the cold weather we've had, we were also excited to get back to our Tuesday bank visits.



- On Wednesday we watched a short cartoon called, *The Clock Store*, this was the same cartoon that Hugo watched when he went to the movie theater with his new friends. Although this movie had no words, we could still follow the story of the store owner, the dancing clocks, and the fighting clocks. When we finished the movie, we drew a picture of our favorite scene and wrote about what was happening at that time in the movie.



- On Thursday we started the morning by celebrating our 100th day of school. We broke numbers into hundreds, tens, and ones; rolled a die to get to 100; and did 100 exercises! We then continued reading *Hugo*, but this time groups of students wrote questions to lead our class discussion about the chapter. This will continue into next week and the following chapters!



- This morning we had visitors from the Hellenic Museum. They helped us tell stories through pottery and acting. The stories we heard were about mythical creatures and monsters. The kids then painted their own pictures of monsters using the same colors as traditional Greek pottery-- orange, black, and white. We also gathered up the clothes from our clothing drive. What a huge success! Thank you for all of your support! We collected a total of 32 bags of clothes! Some of the kids used their indoor recess time to weight and then box the clothes. It came out to a total of 356 pounds! I am so proud of all of the work they did for the drive!



More fun from the week!

