

Dear Parents,

Even though the Polar Vortex changed some of our plans this week, we had two days to create, explore, question, investigate, and HAVE FUN...

Matilda has recently learned that she has powers she wasn't aware of. She used the powers to trick Miss Trunchbull, and it seems as though she has plans to continue using them to get back at the mean and horrible Headmistress. Matilda told Miss Honey about this discovery, but nobody else knows about it. If your child is staring at a glass of water, he/she may just be trying to tip it over. ;o)

The kids wanted to see our volcano erupt again, so we continued to explore with vinegar and baking soda and acid/base reactions. This time we used graduated cylinders that had different circumferences, and we compared the results. Of course the kids wore safety goggles, which they call Thinking Goggles like Zoey does in the Zoey and Sassafras books we are reading!

To support our practice of place value, we played a domino place value game. Not only does this game help reinforce place value, but it also requires the kiddos to compare numbers using the greater than, less than, and equal to signs. We love playfully competitive math games! If you have dominoes and would like to play at home, please let me know and I'll send home a copy of the score sheet.

Did you ever play Flick Football when you were younger? Since the Super Bowl is this weekend, we made origami paper footballs. (Origami is a clever way to sneak in some fraction skill practice!) We also brainstormed ways to make goal posts and then put our plans into action...craft sticks, straws, tape, glue...we tried everything! I loved observing the problem solving, collaboration, and teamwork that occurred.

Thank you for helping your child with his/hwe homework assignments and returning them to school. I loved receiving texts with pictures, and seeing the projects that your kiddos were busy creating. The kids told me that they liked having homework, so I will occasionally be sending things home for them to complete and bring back. Nothing will ever take more than 10-15 minutes to finish, and I will always send you an email with the details.

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 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.
- The kids are DESPERATE to make slime. Please let me know if you'd be willing to donate a bottle of Tide detergent and/or two cans of shaving cream. (We have plenty of glue at school.)

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

Have a great weekend! Stay warm!

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