

Dear Parents,

Next time your child asks for a snack, ask if he/she wants a Snozzcumber! ;o)

As we continued to read the novel this week, we noticed that Sophie and The BFG are starting to form an unexpected bond as they get to know each other. He is concerned about her safety, and she is careful not to say anything that might hurt his feelings. The BFG is the perfect example of a gentle giant.

We started brainstorming character traits for Sophie and The BFG. First, we discussed the difference between personality traits (what is in the inside) and physical traits (what we see). We will continue to add to the character trait charts as we read.

The kids were introduced to a Ten Frame this week. Ten Frames are beneficial for building number sense, gaining mental math fluency, subitizing, and composing and decomposing numbers. The kids were then given a STEAM challenge to create their own Ten Frame using craft sticks. We will use these Ten Frames for activities over the next several weeks.

We also explored with 2-D and 3-D shapes by using Polydron Frameworks. We created complex structures including an octopus and The BFG's cave. What a fun way to investigate and experiment with shapes, angles, and vertices.

Since we really enjoyed Addition Connect Four last week, we played Subtraction Connect Four this week. It is great to have so many different options for Math Games.

Ms. Steph from the Des Plaines Public Library visited us this week and read us a silly and interactive story about monsters and dinosaurs eating their friends. Although we pretended to be monsters and dinosaurs, we promised that we wouldn't eat our friends!

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.

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

Have a great weekend!

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