

Happy Friday Parents!

We had so much fun yesterday at Seussical the Musical! I'm proud to let you all know just how fantastic of an audience your children were during the entire show and were on their best behavior the entire time we were on the school bus. What was your child's favorite character or part of the musical?

### Highlights:

It seems as of lately that our days aren't long enough for all of the exploring we have been doing! We were on a bit of a time crunch this week with all things Dr. Seuss, Oz, beginning to wrap up our weather exploration, learning about pseudonyms, and so much more!

We kicked off this week with some Dr. Seuss show and tell books we brought from home and reading a mini Scholastic article about Dr. Seuss, fiction and non-fiction books, comics, and mysteries. We then went to the library to check out some classics like, The Foot Book, There's a Wocket in My Pocket, Ice is Nice, and a few others. The kids were pretty excited to learn about pseudonyms and some are even considering creating their own for their book we are going to publish!

I don't know what was more exciting for our class this week: finishing another book and hearing about how much they loved it or watching the original movie and finding LOTS to compare/contrast to the book. What does your child prefer? I am so happy the kids loved the book and had so much fun with it. We answered a couple tough questions this week in our journals like, "why do you think Dorothy was so eager to return to Kansas even though it's dark and gloomy whereas Oz is bright and colorful? If you were in her position, would you be just as determined? Why or why not." We also talked a lot about how there are many different countries in the Land of Oz and how that compares to our world. The class then wrote a short story about their own made up countries that are really cool! Ask your child what the name of their country is and what happens there:) Your child may also have brought home their "china" figurines today we made after reading the chapter where Dorothy and her friends briefly visited a country that was entirely made up of tiny china dolls and figures! \*BONUS\* we did a couple math problems to figure out how old the book and movie are, but also the difference between the two-see if your child can show you! Things began to get crazy with division after that!

Lastly, thanks to Ms. Anna W.'s class for teaching us a bit about automatons during our visit and Ms. Bia's class for partnering with us today to make our marti bracelets!

Reminders:

- Unfortunately, we still have not received any donations for our Animal House Animal Shelter service project and we're a week away from our deadline:( Please consider donating those gently used bed-sheets or towels, and so many other things!  
<https://www.animalhouseshelter.com/wish-list/>

- Make sure to check out the Fannie May fundraising catalog sent home today.
- Don't forget to sign-up for conferences!  
<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e0f49aaa928a5fe3-conferences3>
- The Matific competition is only happening for another two days! Has your child played? HUGE congratulations to those students that have ranked nationally-that's amazing!
- St. Baldricks is NEXT WEEK! It's not too late to sign-up!
- Please make sure your child has appropriate winter weather gear. This includes boots, hats, and gloves.

That's all for this busy week Parents! Have a WARM and fun weekend! Don't forget to read with your child a little every night:)

-Ms. Anna