

Dear Parents,

When I'm reading the novel the kids are usually silent, wide-eyed, and listening intently, but even I had a hard time keeping a straight face as I read a chapter called "Frobscottle and Whizzpoppers". Sophie was very thirsty, and all The BFG had to offer her was frobscottle...a sweet, bubbly, pale green drink that tasted of vanilla and cream, with a hint of raspberries. The thing is, drinking frobscottle makes you whizzpop. (If you can't guess what a whizzpop is, ask your kiddo.) In Giant Country, whizzpopping is a sign of happiness! (Check out our classroom page to see pictures of us making our own frobscottle!)

In order to prepare for this week's field trip to see Seussical the Musical, we read several Dr. Seuss books so we would be familiar with the stories and the characters. We've also been listening to the soundtrack, and we were dancing in our seats as we watched the show. After we returned from the field trip, the kids suggested that we compare the books to the musical by using a Venn Diagram. They also made an observation, noticing that Roald Dahl and Dr. Suess both used silly made-up words in their stories. I love that they are making connections like this on their own.

We used the Ten Frames that we made last week to see how many ways we could "Make 10". Each kiddo has a Ten Frames Kit that includes the Ten Frames he/she made and 20 counters, 10 of one color and 10 of another. We will use them for games and activities that develop and support number sense. A strong number sense is vital for future understanding of more complex math topics.

The kids requested that I play spy music and turn off the lights as they pretended to be detectives searching around the room for the Base 10 cards I hid. A different numeral was represented on each card using Base 10 Block images. The kids had to find the clues and fill out a form with the numeral and the expanded form. The kids kept saying, "This is so fun!! I love this game!!" Those are words every teacher loves to hear. Who knew math could be fun??!! Well, I did. ;o)

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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