

Dear Parents,

As we approach the end of the BFG, a major plan has been put in place to capture the 9 not-so-friendly giants from Giant Country. We are not sure what the Queen of England intends on doing with them once they are caught...we are being kept in suspense!! We have made a few predictions, and we are anxious to read the last few chapters to see how this adventure ends.

We are already familiar with the basic structure of books...front and back covers, title pages, and dedication pages...so we have begun to take a closer look at other "parts" of a book such as the table of contents, glossary and index. We have found these particularly useful when trying to find the page number that a specific chapter starts on, when we need the definition of a word that appears in the book we're reading, while researching artists, and when looking for information about specific works of art.

We are collaborating with Ms. Bia's class, researching the life and art of Jackson Pollack. Jackson Pollack was nicknamed "Jack the Dripper" since he is known for his "action" or drip/splatter paintings that were done on large canvases on the floor or ground. This also gives us an opportunity to explore abstract art and how it differs from the art we have studied this year.

To celebrate Pi Day on Thursday, we created cityscape skylines by graphing some of the numbers in Pi. Pi is the ratio of the circumference of a circle to the diameter. As the kids noticed immediately, it is also our school's logo!

The Greek Independence Day program was a time to celebrate freedom by singing, dancing, reciting poems, and performing/watching skits...it was an interactive history lesson! Although a couple of kids seemed a bit nervous at first, they all shined on stage. I'm always impressed with their bravery, self-confidence, and willingness to take risks.

Notes:

- Be sure to read the Parent Notes that you receive from the office. There are many important dates and exciting events coming up.
- **Parent/Teacher Conferences are next week. If you haven't done so already, please sign-up using the link in Parent Notes. Your child plays an important role during these conferences, so please plan on having her/him attend as well.**

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

Have a great weekend!

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