

Happy Friday Parents,

We have had an awesome week back from break and are already having so much fun with our new exploration of COMMUNITY!

### Highlights:

We had LOTS of class discussions this week about how to be a good citizen, what does community mean to each of us, how many different communities we belong to, and putting ourselves in some sticky situations, then brainstorming solutions. For example, if you see someone litter on the ground at a park, what can you do? When you leave an empty room, what are some things you should check? We have been fortunate enough to also be able to borrow a trunk from the Holocaust Museum about community that is full of books, maps, activities, DVDs, CDs, and so much more from all over the world. We also started our community models this week so stay tuned because I will need your help in the next couple weeks with something!

Our Scholastic News article this week was all about Earth Day (April 22) and got us talking about different ways we can help keep our planet clean, which is the bigger community we all belong to:) We talked about what it means to REDUCE, REUSE, RECYCLE and what we can do everyday to better our planet. You may find your children bringing back zip-lock bags if you still use them, or using every bit of that scrap paper, recycling all of their cardboard they don't need anymore, etc. We then started writing down as a class different things that we already do everyday that helps such as using a reusable water bottle, reducing paper bag waste by using the same lunchbox everyday, using both sides of a paper, and more. Ask your child what other ways they, and you, can help better our planet!

We also started a super fun new book this week. Who remembers Rosie Revere, Iggy Peck, and Ada Twist? Well, they're back for some adventures all together in Rosie Revere and The Raucous Riveters! Ask your child what "the questioners" are up to and how they plan on using Rosie's engineering skills, Ada's science skills, and Iggy's architecture skills.

Please make sure your child is on time EVERYDAY! We start our day right at 8:45 and it can be very uncomfortable for your child walking in late when we have already begun our day, as well as a distraction for the rest of the class.

This is an excellent article that talks about how drawing strengthens memory and why we do this almost everyday. It is something you can do with your child(ren) at home, too!

<https://www.edutopia.org/article/science-drawing-and-memory>

Here is the link to the Spanish song your children will be singing for the end of the year program if you would like to play/practice it at home.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TCKMuBk8DTM&feature=youtu.be>

Have a GREAT {warm} weekend and don't forget to read every night with your child!

