

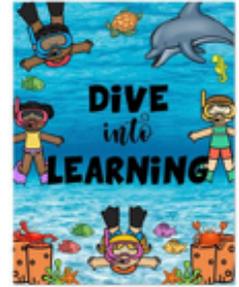
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Dear Room 5 Parents,

We had another awesome week “diving” in room 5, I hope you had a great week too! ☺

Community Building!

We continue to work as a team! We are all pitching in to keep our room neat & tidy. We are learning new games and how to be good friends during those games.



We had another successful week of trips to the library & bank! Again, in both places, students received compliments on their manners from other adults and they were very excited about it! I am so proud of their manners!

Literacy!

This week’s short story favorite would have to be “Wiggle Like an Octopus”! After reading it the first time, we used our ocean animal motions to walk in the hallway. It was fun! We read another Mr. Panda book that discusses the importance of using the word, “Please”. Be sure to ask your child about it! We continued with our classroom novel called, “Nim’s Island”. Students have continued to draw pictures that represent something happening in the book while I am reading. Then at the end, (depending how much time we have left) they share their pictures with each other and take them home. It has been great hearing them summarize what we’ve read through their drawings.

This week we had a very special visit from a children’s book author named Annmarie Chereso, who happens to be Ms. Bridget’s cousin. She did some very neat “mindfulness” of our body activities & read her new book, “Little Seeds Journey” to us. She then left our class with a heart shaped packet of seeds. Each child picked something they wanted to plant and grow in their heart. On their own, the kids came up with planting seeds of love, helpfulness, trust, respect & kindness. We wrote them down and watered the seeds today. I will plant them tomorrow & each day we will continue to water our class plant and talk about the seeds in our hearts too.

Math & Science!

I hope you were able to see the morning question bar graphs this week! They were sent home with a note on Tuesday night. They are truly getting the hang of it! We just started making tally marks to represent the data. Each day they have grown tremendously in their ability to count and tally the results from the morning question and graph it as a bar graph. I will continue to send those home every two weeks so you can see their continued growth and ask your child about it. This week we did math buddies with Ms. Anna’s room. Her class taught our class how to play the card game “War”. Some kids knew how to play but they did a great job playing and being kind to their buddies. This was a great way for them to practice identifying and comparing numbers and have fun with math!

We also talked about measurement as the kids wondered about how tall they were. Last week we measured their heights with a piece of yarn. This week, I talked to each child about what an estimate was and feet/inches. They then looked at their piece of yarn and the measurements on the wall under their yarn and estimated their height. Then, they stood against the wall to measure their actual height to see how close they were to their estimate. The yarn is posted on the wall outside of our room & when all students are finished I will post their estimates and heights out there too.

We had another successful bank trip, and sang our money chants. We started talking about the different coins. How each one looks and how much they are worth. We will continue exploring money next week.

The students continue to have opportunities each day to build with blocks and play board games to enhance their engineering, numeracy and strategic thinking skills!

Music!

In music, we have continued to practice our classroom's end of the year song. It's, "Upside Down" by Jack Johnson, from the Curious George soundtrack. I have attached a copy of the lyrics to this email to practice with your child. We will of course be singing our song a little each day in the classroom. ☺ Here is a link to the music video:

Video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dqUdI4AIDF0>

With lyrics: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CrSNT9B7ZA8>

The end of the year song they are singing in Spanish is "Hecho con tus sueños".

Here is a link to this music video:

<https://youtu.be/TCKMuBk8DTM>

Quick Reminders for Room 5!

Tuesdays: Library day

Wednesdays: Bank day

We are still collecting box tops so send those any time!

Please do not send toys from home with your child. We have plenty to play with in our classroom!

Thanks for a wonderful week! Another special thank you goes out to Tommy's Grandma Sandy! She had a lot of ocean resources we've been able to utilize in our classroom & she got us some classroom pets I will be introducing to the kiddos on Monday!

I hope everyone has a wonderful long weekend and if you celebrate a very Happy Easter! Enjoy some pictures from our week below!

Love, Ms. Katlyn

