

Good afternoon Parents and Happy Thursday!

Room 1 has had a fantastic week learning more about different communities, experimenting with plants and stems, reading all about Frog and Toad, and talking about our wishes after today's author visit.

Highlights:

This week, everyone received a copy of Frog and Toad Are Friends to read together as a class. Every morning, we have been taking turns reading-both the kids and myself-and following up with an activity related to that day's reading. So far, it's safe to say everyone is a fan of the Frog and Toad series! Feel free to send in any of your copies if you have them from your childhood!

We have had some tough morning challenges this week! Morning challenges are such a great way to get your child ready for the day and get those brain juices flowing! I promised them I would give you all one that they did this past week so make sure you take a look inside your kiddo's backpack and see if they can help you. Best of luck:)

We continued a bit on endangered animals this week from last week and came up with a lot of ways we can help them. Ask your child what they can do. Our Scholastic News article for this week was a really fun read about rainbow plants. We learned about the different parts of plants and what each of their roles are, why some can be rainbow colored, the differences between fruits and vegetables, and so much more. To get a better understanding of this, we did a fun experiment this morning with carnations, water, and food coloring. I had the class write their predictions, draw a picture of what they think will happen, and record what the carnations looked like before the experiment took place. At the end of the day, we drew a picture and wrote about our observations of the carnations from 5 hours later, talked about the significance of the stem, and if we would have the same outcome with other flowers.

Lastly, we began working on another community project this week about ourselves and those around us. Please remind your child over the weekend that if they remember someone else for their community poster, to write their name down and bring it to class on Monday!

Reminders:

- Please remember we begin our day promptly at 8:45! Often students are reading the day's chapter out loud or we are having a class discussion. PLEASE make sure your child is on time everyone! It's a huge disruption to the student reading, the rest of us trying to listen, and of course the child coming in late and feeling uncomfortable. Thank you.
- No school tomorrow!
- Monday is Earth Day! I gave your children a challenge to try and not bring anything made out of plastic that is disposable or not reusable for their lunches on Monday.

Please remind them when they're helping you pack their lunch! We will be out and about helping Planet Earth if the weather permits..cross your fingers:)

- Please remember show and tell must be something related to our current exploration.
- Screen-free week is coming up! Don't forget to sign-up to go screen-free and take a look at some of the activities under their resources page here <https://www.screenfree.org/> and another article published yesterday <https://globalnews.ca/news/5179442/study-preschool-screen-time-behavioural-issues/>
See if your child can help you come up with some new ways to spend their time rather than in front of a screen or how we can use screens in a safe and effective way:)

Wishing you a great Easter weekend if you celebrate this week!

-Ms. Anna