

Dear Parents,

In addition to many other explorations and activities, we finished George's Marvelous Medicine this week. Mr. Killy Kranky, George's dad, had big plans for the Marvelous Medicine mixture, but since George didn't write down the ingredients or measurements, they just couldn't figure out how to replicate the recipe. In the end, George's grumpy grandma grabs a mug from his hand, thinking that it's a cup tea. Ask your kiddo what happened when grandma drank it!

The kids paired with partners to play a new math game that introduced the concept of area. Using graph paper, we made different shapes based on the dimensions determined by two dice. We will continue playing the game and participate in other activities that explore the concept of area over the next few weeks.

As a way to practice and reinforce our use of Base 10 Blocks to represent numbers, we played an "I have...Who has..." game. The kiddos liked it so much that we played three rounds! There are several different versions of this game, so we will definitely be playing it more!

Founder of Bring It! Home and children's author, Annmarie Chereso, visited our school on Thursday morning. We practiced mindful listening and discussed the challenge we sometimes face when we have to refocus our wandering minds. She also read us her book, *Little Seed's Journey*, and talked to us about "planting" seeds of intention. Next week we will continue discussing what we want to grow in our hearts as we plant class seeds. (Having Annmarie visit Plato was extra-special for me...she's my cousin!)

We met with Ms. Bia's class again this week to work on our Jackson Pollack paintings. Some of us need one more session to add a few final touches, but many of us feel as though our paintings are complete. There are a few more steps before the paintings will be ready for a gallery walk, but it'll be worth the wait!

Notes:

- Be sure to read the Parent Notes that you receive from the office. There are many important dates and exciting events coming up.
- The following link is the Spanish song "Hecho Con Tus Sueños" which the kids will be singing during the End of the Year Program. Please copy

and paste the link to have your child practice at home. <https://youtu.be/TCKMuBk8DTM>

- Our class will be singing "A Million Dreams" from (one of my favorite movies) The Greatest Showman. Please have your child practice this song for the End of the Program. (It can be found on YouTube.) Please also have your child practice his/her lines that were sent home this week.
- A Scholastic Book order form was sent home this week. I will submit orders on Monday, April 22.

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

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