

Dear Parents,

We started our week with “Move Your Muscles Monday”. The kids picked a card (or two, or three) from a deck, checked a list of exercises, and completed the exercise that corresponded with that card. The kiddos in Room 4 are in great shape!

Mr. Twit has been very sneaky lately. Ask your kiddo how he made Mrs. Twit think that she was shrinking. Then, he convinced Mrs. Twit that she needed to be stretched...he (of course) had a plan for that too. We also learned that The Twits don't like other people very much. They don't want any visitors, so their house doesn't have any windows, and they intentionally grow spikey thistles and stinging nettles in their garden. To one side of the yard is “The Big Dead Tree” and a cage with four monkeys inside. We don't know anything else about the monkeys (yet!)...I guess Roald Dahl likes to keep the kids in suspense just like I do!

The Scholastic News edition that we read last week inspired us to try an experiment with carnations and food coloring. We tried the experiment a few different ways so that we could compare and make observations. The kids pointed out that it was similar to the activity we did earlier in the year with paper towels and colored water, and they even recognized that both experiments used capillary action.

The kids are fascinated by the transformation our caterpillars have made. When we first received them last week, they were really small and not moving much. Now, we have 6 chrysalides. We have been documenting the changes in our journals, have added several words to the Word Wall, and are amazed by metamorphosis!

This week the kids added finishing touches to a very special project, but I'm not going to go into details about it. Now YOU'RE being kept in suspense. ;o)

Meeting our Pen Pals was such a wonderful way to culminate the activity. (It was also great to see Ms. Leslie again!) After introducing themselves to each other, the kids searched through the woods for scavenger hunt items...one group even found animal bones! We made stick bread, collected worms, learned about maple tree tapping, went hiking, jumped across a creek, saw geese, ate lunch al fresco, roasted marshmallows, and (as you know) got MUDDY! I'm so grateful that we had the opportunity to join Ms. Leslie's class for a day of outdoor fun.

Speaking of being grateful, thank you all for making Teacher Appreciation Week so special. Thank you for the kind words, the generous gifts, and the opportunity to spend my days your incredible kids.

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 have your child practice his/her lines that were sent home.
- I have the t-shirts that the kids will be wearing for End of the Year Program, and I will bring them to The Bridge that morning. (The kids can just slip it on over an undershirt or tank top.) Please remember that your child needs to wear blue jeans, blue jean shorts, or a blue jean skirt.

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

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