

Dear Parents,

Have you heard of The Twits? They are, well, a very “interesting” couple and the main characters in our most recent novel read-aloud. Mr. Twit is a hairy-faced man who has a very long (and dirty) beard. His beard is never washed, and has bits of food stuck to it...anything from dried-up scrambled eggs to minced chicken livers. Mrs. Twit doesn't have a beard, but has had so many ugly thoughts over the years that ugliness has grown upon her face. She also has a walking-stick, but not because walking is difficult for her, but because she uses it to hit things. She also has a glass eye that always looks in a different direction than her other eye. (We've already had so many character traits to add to our posters.) The Twits like to play pranks on each other...ask your kiddo to tell you the ones we've read about so far.

The Popcorn Fundraiser was a SUCCESS!! We are so appreciative of the generosity of our Plato community, and this activity gave us the opportunity to experience what it's like to run a business. We made posters to advertise, filled popcorn bags, counted them to take inventory, and signed-up for jobs. After the sale, which gave us the opportunity to practice our math skills by counting money and making change, we figured out that we sold 45 bags of popcorn. Along with Ms. Anna W.'s popcorn sales, we made over \$125 to put toward the bus cost for our Pen Pal field trip on Thursday. (See additional info about the field trip below.)

The kids have been working in partners to study a bird of their choice. This week, they presented their research by sharing 3 facts about that bird and showing us the realistic pictures he/she drew. We were so happy to be able to spend a bit of extra time at the park on Friday, because we spotted a cardinal in one of the trees.

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.

- Thursday, May 9, is our field trip to meet our Pen Pals. We have planned to spend the day outdoors, although (as of now) the weather shows that it may thunderstorm. If there is no thunder or lightening and just rain, we may still try to some of the activities outside. Since we are leaving right at 9am, please have your child wear his/her gym uniform and as much rain gear as they have to school. You may want to have your child wear snow pants for extra protection from the rain/mud. Also, please remember that lunches must be vegetarian (no meat or fish products) and a dairy/peanut free snack will be provided. If your child usually receives hot lunch, please send a lunch from home and your account will be credited.

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

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