



Friday, April 1, 2016

Weekly Class News

From the third grade class of Ms. Revelli

Teacher's Note:

What an exciting way to end this long month, that yet again, seemed to fly right by! Monday we were very lucky to have been chosen as the third grade class for the district, to have been taught a math lesson by the woman who is one of the creators of the Bridges & Number Corner curriculum, Pia Hansen. The 3rd graders were a phenomenal model class, and worked very well under her instruction, along with 15 other teachers and administrators in observing as well! Pia was really impressed with how well the kids are taking to the program and the enjoyment math is bring to them as too. Wednesday we took the OLSAT, which was the kids first "bubble" type test! They seemed to really enjoy trying to solve the different number, word, and picture puzzles that they were presented with. Was quite exhausting though, and they were all pretty fried by the time it was over! Good practice/endurance for our state testing in May!! We also this week had a great time on our outing to Zellerbach where we saw the amazing dance performance by the Alvin Ailey Company, perform modern dance. We saw two sets, one, the Toccata, which was a series of really high kicks and fancy hand movements danced to fast music, depicting the tension and lifestyle of living in New York City, and the second, Revelations, which was beautifully danced to African American Spirituals. The kids watched for a lot of different movements during that set, that depicted many things, such as sorry, joy, escaping from hard situations, birds, angels and what not. They really enjoyed trying to see the story the dancers were trying to tell from their movements. That being said, we have 2 more field trips for the remainder of the year. I just wanted to remind those driving that it is against school policy to stop and get treats for your carpool while on a field trip. You are still on school time, not your own, and it causes a bunch of really upset students, who didn't get a chance to enjoy in a treat too! **Science Wizard:** Last week, Evie taught us about the forces of air pressure with the experiment "Egg in a Bottle." It was pretty surprising to see how heavy our actual air pressure is, for it to push the hard boiled egg deeper into a Snapple bottle. This week, Simon showed the class what happens when you mix hydrogen peroxide, dish soap, and yeast, which is a catalyst, creating elephant toothpaste! So much fun! **Upcoming:** Sign up if you can for our remaining 2 field trips and have a fantastic weekend!

Highlights

This week for **Reader's Workshop**, we looked specifically at secondary characters and how they support the main character, whether or not they are a sidekick (friend), challenger, OR an advisor. We also looked closely at pictures and how and why those are included sometimes in books. We did a fun assignment where the kids were to just look at pictures from a picture book, looking specifically at emotions and situations, and see if they could see challenges characters were experiencing just through the drawings. In terms of book clubs, we have made the executive decision that with so many absences lately, Friday has been a challenge. We are switching our Tuesday/Friday days to Monday/Thursday. Please help remind your 3rd grader to have all their materials with them for these days, as well as having the assignments completed so they can hold decent discussions. In **Math**, we made our own set of tangrams and started looking more closely at attributes of shapes, basically geometry proofs. They are becoming more comfortable with noticing these special attributes, but continue to have them practice with things they see around them in their everyday life. **CONTINUE having your 3rd graders commit their facts to memory!** For **Science**, we were introduced to one of our last projects for the year on adaptation in the library with Mrs Remer. We will be needing parent volunteers to help during library Tuesday April 5th from 12:45-1:45 with research. www.SignUpGenius.com/go/9040A4FAFAE2FA20-research We also had fun trying to figure out just how big our Solar System is by using a meter measurer to plot out how spread out our planets really are. We made some predictions to see if it could go across the whole playground. Some were leery, but were quite surprised that we made it from one fence on the Vista side of the yard, and all the way to the other fence on the Oakland Ave. side, and still had 2 more planets to place! They are creating their own scale on a strip of receipt paper to wrap up this unit!

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April 4	April 5	April 6	April 7	April 8 Gen's Science Wizard Mad. Min
April 11	April 12	April 13 SprING bREaK!!	April 14	April 15
April 18	April 19	April 20	April 21	April 22 Zea's Science Wizard Mad. Min
April 25	April 26	April 27	April 28	April 29 Henry's Science Wizard Mad. Min Spelling Test
May 2	May 3	May 4	May 5	May 6 Oli's Science Wizard Mad. Min