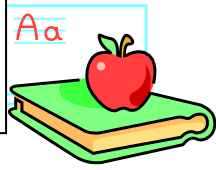


Feynman School Weekly News



Mrs. Gold and Ms. Struzzi's Class

A Peek at Our Week 10/10/11



Architecture Hunt



Designing a Park/Playground



Making Numbers Using Base Ten Materials

We love learning Spanish with Ms. Struzzi!

This week in Spanish we learned about las estaciones del año or "The seasons of the year." We learned a fun song that helped us remember the names and the order of the seasons:

La Primavera- Spring= Verde/Rosa
 El Verano- Summer= Anaranjado/Amarillo
 El Otoño- Fall= Café/Rojo
 El Invierno- Winter= Azul/Negro/Blanco

We then started associating colors to seasons in order to refresh our memories of some of the colors we may have previously learned. Keep a lookout in the classroom for our seasons and color displays we made!

Weekly Highlights

We started our week with an architecture scavenger hunt and lucky for us, Seneca Academy and the surrounding houses had examples of all the architectural features we were searching for - porch, doors, windows, steps, paths, benches, driveways, chimneys, dormers, gables ... We moved on to discussing parks and playgrounds: how they make us feel; what features they can have; why they are important and then had so much fun working in teams using various building materials to design unique parks and playgrounds of our own. We finished the week painting our cityscapes and drawing blueprints of our "dream" houses. Students were given a rubric (scoring guide) to follow explaining what they needed to include in the blueprint in order to earn the most points. So far, everyone is on their way to earning all 5 points - what conscientious students!

In math students continues exploring numbers. One group of students is working on creating large numbers using base ten materials and have been discussing how zero is used as a place holder when a particular place value has no digit greater than one in its place - 204. Other students have been working on combinations of ten using tens frames as well as counting on a hundreds chart for number recognition.

In language arts students are working on a variety of skills. Some students are working on making and revising predictions using illustrations and context clues as well as sequencing stories; others are working on mastering sight word recognition; some are working on letter-sound relationships.

In Writer's Workshop we have been editing our work to make it spicy with adjectives and are focusing on writing bold beginnings to capture the reader's attention.

Thank you Mr. Carey!

As a special treat this week for our students who stay for aftercare, Mr. Carey along with Ridge and Kitts treated us to a rocket launch in the field out back.



Construction Supplies Needed:

- empty cereal boxes or any empty cardboard box from a food product
- paper towel rolls
- toilet paper rolls
- tissue boxes
- shoe boxes

Anything else that may be interesting to build with.