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Dear Parents,

This week, our students learned about weather and vowels, Aa, Ee, Ii, Oo, Uu. Here are some facts we learned about weather. Weather is the state of the atmosphere in particular place during a certain period of time, for example the degree to which it is hot or cold, wet or dry, calm or stormy, clear or cloudy. The weather is more than just wind or rain, but also includes some stunning effects in the sky like rainbows, lightning, hurricanes, and tornadoes. We also talked about natural disasters and the devastating effects that they leave such as earthquakes and tsunamis. The weather can affect what we wear and what we decide to do such as going to the beach on a sunny day. A cloud is a large collection of very tiny droplets of water or ice crystals. The droplets are so small and light that they can float in the air.

#### Art and academic enrichment

Throughout the week the students practiced writing and recognizing the vowels and the sounds that those letter make. They also wrote words and sentences that start with A,E, I, O, U and drew a pictures with the corresponding word. They listened to the sounds of the letters through a song. The children each drew a picture of their favorite weather to make a class book. The children used do-a-dots or markers to make a rainbow. We did a little experiment: Rain in a jar. The children got to watch how rain falls from a cloud using shaving cream to simulate a cloud and blue food coloring as the rain. We made cloud patterns with white and blue paint on construction paper. They also drew a picture of their favorite weather in their journals.

This week on Thursday, February 2nd was Groundhog's Day. We watched a short video of the tradition of the groundhog making his prediction. The famous Punxsutawney Phil made his prediction around 7:20 a.m. in Pennsylvania. Organizers say he saw his shadow, meaning we're in for six more weeks of winter. The students did a craft making their own groundhog and we also read the book "Groundhog Gets a Say".

Books we read: What Will the Weather Be Today? What is Weather? Weather A Stormy Day A Windy Day, Groundhog Gets a Say.

Vocabulary words: While learning about the weather the students learned some big words such as: precipitation, condensation and evaporation. Some other words we learned were climate, fog, thermometer, season, water vapor, wind vane, rain gauge.

Graph: What is your favorite weather? Most of the children agreed they like it when it's sunny weather because they get to go to the beach or play in the park.

During our Science Lab this week with Ms. Davis, the children learned about light and reflection. The children also went to the garden to check on the tomatoes we had planted and to water them. They are growing beautifully!

This week we had fun doing different exercises on the playground and during soccer. We practiced using our balance by standing on one foot. We played our favorite games of Sharks and Minnows, Four Corners and What Time is it Mr. Wolf? In music class, Ms. Clarice brought the djembe and bongos for the children to play.

Student of the week

Brown door: Dylan Rodriguez

Purple door: Max Perez

Please bring a decorated poster on Monday (2/6/23) with family pictures, favorite places to go, food that they like, pets, or add anything that you think will make your child happy to share with classmates and teachers. Have them participate while you are putting it together with them. They will share it with the class during circle time.

Parenting Tip: Boost your child's self esteem

Praising accomplishments, however small, will make them feel proud; letting kids do things independently will make them feel capable and strong. By contrast, belittling comments or comparing a child unfavorably with another will make kids feel worthless.

Avoid making loaded statements or using words as weapons. Comments like "What a stupid thing to do!" or "You act more like a baby than your little brother!" cause damage just as physical blows do.

Choose your words carefully and be compassionate. Let your kids know that everyone makes mistakes and that you still love them, even when you don't love their behavior.

Reminders:

Monday February 6th is the 100th day of school. Students can decorate a shirt with 100 items to wear to school that day. The flyer was also sent on Brightwheel with details.

Tuesday February 14th: Valentine's Day card exchange and friendship fruit salad. We have 20 students in Brown Door and 16 students in Purple Door.

Monday February 20th: School closed for Presidents' Day

Quote of the week:

“Everyone has inside them a piece of good news. The good news is you don’t know how great you can be! How much you can love! What you can accomplish! And what your potential is.” —Anne Frank

Have a wonderful weekend,

Ms Ana and Ms Nadia

Ms Marta and Ms Laura