

Dear parents,

As we continue our theme of “Compare and Contrast”, this week children were able to compare and contrast stories with plots that are alike. They also enjoyed discovering and pointing out the differences as well.^[1] The children loved hearing stories and then talking about how the stories are alike and different. We noticed the characters, the settings, and what happens in the story. We talked about sequence of events (what happened first, next and last).

Books we read this week: The three little pigs, The three little fish and the big bad shark, The three little grasshoppers, Mary had a little lamb, Maria had a little llama

Letters we learned this week: Jj, Ll and Vv

We introduced these letters and listened to the sound that they make through different songs. We learned that all these letters are consonants. During circle time the students came up with words that start with these letters. We reinforced how to make the letters with stencils and traced them on dry erase sheets. We practiced tracing and coloring the letters and wrote words that start with these letters and drew pictures. The children also worked in their journals and drew about their favorite story.

We also introduced the concept of rhyming words. We learned that Rhyming words are two or more words that have the same or similar middle and ending sound (eg cat, bat, sat).

For math, the children carried on learning about shapes from last week and this week focused on 3D shapes. We identified and described real objects (three dimensional solids) around them. They compared and contrasted three dimensional solids and observed their features. They learned words like: cube, cone, cylinder, edge, and prism. You can also help reinforce these concepts in everyday activities and chores eg. Invite your child to help you put groceries away. As you take the items out of the bags, compare and talk about their 3-D shape attributes. Can you stack some of the items (boxes)? Can you roll some of the items (cans)? Ask: How can we place this can on the shelf so it will not roll around?

Vocabulary words: characters, compare, contrast, Lamb, Llama, setting

Word of the Week: Villain: A villain is a story character who does bad or hurtful things.

Use the Word of the Week at home. You might ask: When we read (name of story), was one of the characters a villain?

Student of the week:

Purple Door: Amaya Darche

Brown Door: Camilo Cuadra

Please bring a decorated poster next week (Monday 9/30) 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.

Reminders: Reminder that per our calendar, Thursday, October 3, 2024 is a MDCPS teacher planning day. Even though we will be open for a camp day, attendance is optional, and students will not be marked absent if they DO NOT attend school.

Things to do with your child: Take your child to story time at your local library. Check the schedule of children's events and attend those that interest your child. This is a great way to learn about new books and to take advantage of free resources in your community.

Quote of the week: "There is no friend as loyal as a book" - Ernest Hemingway

Have an amazing weekend,

Ms Nadia and Ms Carmen

Ms Ana and Ms Miriam