

1/14/22

Hello Parents of Gold Door,

Reminder: There is no school on Monday 1/17 and Friday 1/21.

This week we focused on the essential question, "How do living things change as they grow?" To explore the question, we read *A Grand Old Tree*, where students were able to learn about different parts of a tree. We also read, *The Pine Tree*, a tale about a small pine tree that wanted to grow into an enormous pine tree so that he can be made into different things. This week we learned about the vowel Ee. We reviewed the sound of the letter, blended words with the short /e/ sound in the middle. The sight word introduced was are. Throughout the week, the students read and produced sentences with the word are as well as previously learned sight words. For writing, students learned about opinion sentences about a story they read at home or at school.

This week for math, the students began with Chapter 7. This chapter is all about the numbers 11-19. This week they learned about numbers 11-14. They learned about the words plus how to show the numbers on a ten frame. They learned 10 plus however many more make the number. They practiced making the number using PlayDoh. We will continue with Chapter 7 next week.

In science, we started Lesson 2 in Unit 2. It was all about matter. The students learned that matter has three states, solid, liquid, and gas. They learned that solid never changes its shape, liquid takes the shape of the container it is in, and gas has no shape. This has to do with the particles in matter. We also did fun experiments. One of them is making our own liquid pops. We used liquid fruit juices to put in a cup and freeze for two days to see it become a solid. We left a solid popsicle out in the sun to see how heat can turn a solid back to a liquid. We also blew up a balloon using baking soda and vinegar to show how those two things can make gas.

We hope you have a lovely and safe long weekend,

Ms. Adriana and Mrs. Wanda