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Dear Parents,

During this week we were able to stick to our daily routine much better as we got acquainted with our daily schedule.

Our Kindness 101 trait this week was about Reciprocity which we used as giving back to others or passing it on :) The students watched a short video of a Law Harvard student who decided to recognize the personnel who serve them at the university. You can watch this video in your parents' portal at KidsforKids Academy - Kindness 101. The students wrote about how they have reciprocated others' kind actions and they were encouraged to practice reciprocity during the week.

For Language Arts, we covered reading strategies such as finding a topic and looking for details to support it. We also use the strategy of visualization and asking questions while reading. For grammar, we covered plurals and the present and past tenses. We also reviewed capitalization and punctuation. Some stories read were "The New Kid," "Little Flap Learns to Fly," and "Help." We also practiced adding details to a draft and writing a fantasy story.

During Science, we continued to learn about plants, the students observed how their red kidney beans germinated in a Ziploc bag; they wrote their observations in their Science journals. We continued to read and discuss what we covered in class. The students should know the main four parts of a plant and their functions, how seeds are scattered, the two groups of plants, and examples of those.

Chapter 1 for math ended, we started a review on Friday and we will continue on Monday. The students will be tested on their knowledge of arrays, rows, or groups and repeated addition. You can help at home by encouraging your child to practice making equal rows or groups of toys or crayons... then ask them to write a repeated addition for each array.

We began our Social Studies with different kinds of maps: physical, political, thematic, and global. We discussed the differences among each map. We will continue with this chapter about "Our World" next week.

The weather has not allowed Mrs. Jackie to do P.E. outdoors as much as she would like; yet, she has kept the students moving and playing fun indoor games.

As for music...the children are loving Mrs. Laura's class. They learned about the guitar and its parts and how our vocal cords serve as an instrument as well.

Mrs. Luz keeps the children engaged and participating during Spanish class at all times. They have short conversations with her and they sing songs related to the task at hand.

COMING UP...

- ✓ Math test next Tuesday
- ✓ Science test next Thursday
- ✓ Comprehension test on Thursday
- ✓ Spelling/H.F/Voc. Test on Friday

A NOTE FROM THE TEACHER

As soon as I grade your child's test (s) I will share it with you by writing the grade in their agendas. If your child gets a grade below C, I will take a picture of the test and I will send it to you via Brightwheel.

During these first weeks, I am getting to know the students and where they are academically; in a few more weeks I will start working in small groups. I will let you know if your child needs extra help in any area and I will be able to share my observations as needed.

Thank you for having your child at school every day and on time! Have a lovely weekend!

Love,

Mrs. Audrey 