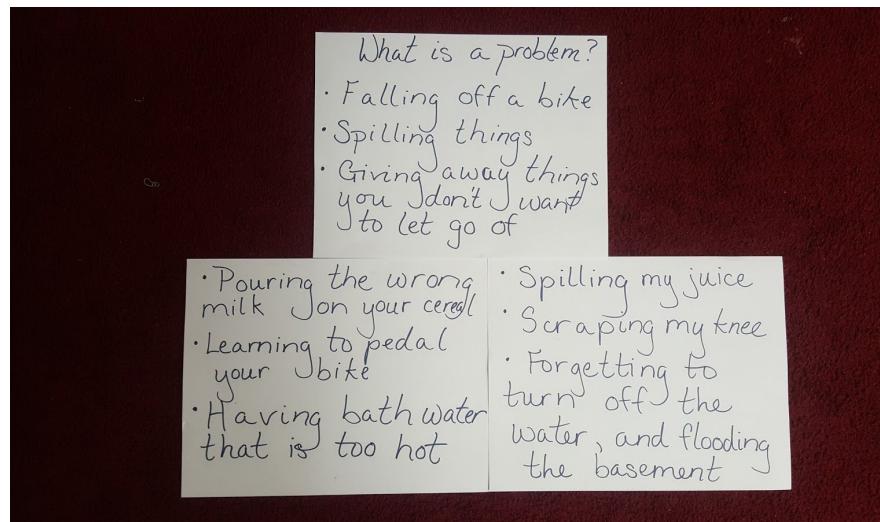


Navigators April Newsletter

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We are learning to solve problems



We have been reading Margaret and the Moon: How Margaret Hamilton Saved the First Lunar Landing and learning about outer space. We have also been talking about the problems that Margaret likes to solve in the story: problems like why don't girls play baseball, why don't more girls become scientists, how can you fly people to the moon, and how do you help a computer focus on one task? We have discussed everyday problems, too, and how we solve them in our lives. Next we will be reading I Am Jackie Robinson and learning about baseball, teamwork, being brave, helping others, and leading by example.

Science: We will start learning about the science behind different types of balls, including gravity, force, velocity, and density. We will experiment with sports balls and look at what is inside different balls and why some bounce, roll, and fly.

Math: We are doing addition and subtraction puzzles, and creating patterns using unifix cubes, beads, counters, and rhyming words. We are learning about unity and symmetry in our art, in the designs on the balls and sports fields we look at, and in nature as we explore on our walks.

Reading and Writing: We are answering comprehension questions about Margaret and the Moon and I am Jackie Robinson, focusing on retelling the story and thinking about how and why the characters do certain things, and how they overcome conflict and solve problems. We have been writing and drawing about the stories in our journals, and we continue to practice writing our names, letters, and sight words, through free-writing on chalkboards and paper, and on handwriting exercises.

Gross Motor: We have been incorporating yoga into our daily circle activities and work time, using books such as Good Morning Yoga, Good Night Yoga, and I Am Yoga. These exercises help with our balance, strength, and flexibility, as well as our self-regulation and self-awareness, allowing us to get up and move and to listen to our breathing, slow down, and check in with ourselves throughout the day.

Warm regards,

Catharine and Charlotte

Upcoming Events:

April 16: The Family Schools will be closed for Patriots Day