



The Weekly Comet Watch

Looking back on the week of February 15-19...

Thanks again for another great week in the Kindergarten class!

On Monday, to increase cultural awareness, we celebrated Chinese New Year, complete with a discussion of the holiday and the reasons why it is celebrated in a certain way. And, of course, we had to make our own dragons, so we made dragon puppets. The kids did a great job on these and you should have seen this come home. We worked on greater than/less than/equal to in math this day, and we did some silly Mad Libs to introduce the parts of speech (nouns, verbs, adjectives, etc.)

Tuesday we discussed how it feels when we are left out of something or excluded. We did a role playing activity and read two books: "Crow Boy", and "Jamaica Tag-Along". Both books addressed the topic of feeling left out or left behind. We continued our celebration of Chinese New Year by writing the words "Gung Hay Fat Choy" as best we could in Chinese lettering. Gung Hay Fat Choy means simply, "Happy New Year".

Wednesday we talked more about working together as a group, and did an art project where each child had one marker and a piece of paper, and they got to draw for 30 seconds and then had to pass their paper to the next person and got to draw for 30 seconds, and so on and so forth until all 10 kids had drawn on everyone else's paper and they had gotten their paper back. The kids liked this project!

Thursday we discussed how we grow and change and develop from babies to children to adults. The discussion centered on things we could not do as babies but can do now, as big kids, and then things they will be able to do as teenagers and then as adults. The children were brought to the realization that they have grown and changed and are learning new things every day. We read "Love You Forever" and "The Very Hungry Caterpillar" as examples of changes in our lives. We also worked hard on telling time to the hour. This week will be the last week on telling time

to the hour, next week we will be working on telling time to the half hour!

Looking forward...

March

12th - (Friday) Weather permitting, walking field trip to look at sculptures and murals in the downtown area.

14th - Daylight Savings Time

17th - (Wednesday) St. Patrick's Day

26th - (Friday) Landon's birthday

29th to April 2nd - (Mon-Fri) Spring break for public schools, we also take a bit of a break from academic focus and go on lots of walking field trips to parks to fly kites, to art destinations to study art, to the library to get new books for the classroom, and more!

30th - (Tuesday) Teacher Susan's birthday

As my birthday is at the end of March, I will be taking a few days off sometime between the last week of March and the 2nd week of April. I'll let you know dates when I finalize plans.

April

16th - (Friday) Walking trip to the library

22nd - (Thursday) Disney Nature "Oceans" movie at City Center 12 Cinemas in celebration of Earth Day (parent helpers needed!)

May

9th - (Sunday) Mother's Day

11th - (Tuesday) Possible field trip to the zoo

31st - (Monday) Memorial Day - school CLOSED

June

16th - (Wednesday) Graduation Ceremony? Any

ideas for or objections to a short, informal ceremony that night?

18th - (Friday) Last day of school - class party at 3:15 to celebrate a year's worth of hard work and learning.

20th (Sunday) Father's Day

21st & 22nd - (Mon & Tues) Public schools last days - early release

23rd - (Wednesday) Summer camp at HiH begins!



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Thanks,
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