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Kindergarten News

Science



We have been learning about Greece. I have talked about the Greek Flag and we all made Greek Crosses out of tissue paper. They are hanging outside of our room on our bulletin board. We learned that the Greek Flag has a white cross which symbolized the Greek Orthodox Faith. In Greece, the majority of the people are Greek Orthodox. We learned the blue color on the flag symbolizes the sea, and the white symbolizes the foams of the waves. Next week, I will talk more about the Greek word for freedom.

We are learning about Greek pottery. The Greeks painted stories on their pots because the pottery lasted longer than pictures. Our children colored their own pots and they, too, are displayed on our bulletin board outside the room.

Reading



We are starting our next level of Bob Books next week. I have noticed a huge improvement with these books and the main thing is the children love them! I will see about purchasing more advance levels, too.

We are working on using a period, question mark, and exclamation point in writing our journals. We play games where we say a sentence and our friends have to answer if the sentence: asked a question, stated something, or is excited about something. Please play this at home.

I hope you all can join us for our Field Trip to the Wildlife World Zoo and Aquarium. It is a fabulous zoo and we get a great price for admissions. Please contact me for further questions. I need payment by March 25.

Math



We have had so much fun learning about the different ways to measure items! We are continuing our paper clip unit and have now found out that it takes about 20 paper clips to measure Red Bear!

We have started working on estimating, too. This is a little more involved, so we will continue this unit next week. Have your child talk to you about how to estimate. They can give you examples at home with different items. We did this in class and laughed and learned lots!

General



Greek Independence Day is March 25th. Please come and attend our Chapel service. Afterwards, we will begin our program. We will be having our own version of the Greek Olympic games and also performing a traditional Greek dance to the theme of Zorba. I have been working very hard with the children on this dance. They are so proud and excited to perform for you. Hope you all can make it.

I am so thankful for all the children in my classroom. I look forward to coming to work every day and getting my hugs from all of them. Thank you for sharing your children with me. I love them so much!