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Weekly Memo 1/14

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Dear Jaguar Families,

I am always so impressed by the flexibility of this class. We've been talking about the importance of being flexible and when I sometimes do a "switcheroo" with the plan of the day they are demonstrating their ability to go with the flow.



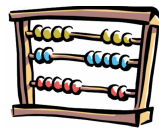
Love, Victoria and Paola

Language Arts



In Language Arts we are continuing to stretch our vowels, practice writing letters correctly on lines and tapping and blending to decode unknown words. The small reading groups are also working on fluency and comprehension as they read. Ask your child to tap and blend a CVC (consonant, vowel, consonant) word for you. This week we read a Geodes decodable book called "The First Car To Go That Far". Ask your child to tell you about story. And see if they can tell you who Alice Ramsey, the first woman to drive across the country!

Math



In math we are learning beginning addition. We began with adding one more to a group and moved on to adding and recording dots on a domino. We're using the plus sign to combine amounts and the equal sign to tell how many in all as we practice writing equations. If you have dominoes at home, have your child show you what they're learning.

Science



In Science we continue to talk about trees and wood. We shared what the class brought in for homework and created a wood museum. We did some close looking and sketched some of the items on display. Soon we will explore how to change the shape of wood and what tool we would use.

Community Time



As we prepared for Martin Luther King's Birthday on Monday we talked about being courageous. What does it mean to have courage and to speak up even when it seems hard. We shared some powerful words that Dr. Martin Luther King shared and drew portraits in honor of him. We shared ways we have shown courage and have been brave in our own lives. As a class we learned about the courage tool and the saying that goes with it "I have the courage to do the right thing." We also read a book about Julia Butterfly Hill named Luna and Me. This was a perfect way to combine our study of trees with our discussion of courage. This is a true story of a courageous girl who lived in a tree for 738 days to save a forest. Ask your child about both change makers and their stories and what struggles they went through to stand up for what was right.

Reminders/Updates:



- No school Monday, January 17th-Martin Luther King Jr. Day
- We sent home books that were brought in at the beginning of the year! Please feel free to share new books with our class for our loft library!