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Kindergarten: Parent Letter November 29-December 3, 2021

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Dear Families,

What a wonderful first week back to school! We hope you all had a restful break filled with tons of time spent with your family!

In Language Arts this week students began using our amazing reading program called Lexia. This program does a great job differentiating based on each student's reading level. Whether that is doing beginning sound work, digraphs, or CVC blending! In reading centers, some students played blending games specifically working on the vowel u, and tapping to sound out CVC words that have the vowel u in it. Other students became sight word detectives and found the word 'the' in magazines. Lauren worked with the listening center helping the students stretch and write their answer to the comprehension question. We are beginning to learn how to edit our work and practice this with my morning message, adding proper capitalization and punctuation. At the teacher's station, Elizabeth read our Geodes book of the week and worked on tapping to blend, reading with fluency, identifying sight words, and what to do if we get to a word we don't know!

In math, students talked about a variety of new vocabulary words. They discussed what greater than, less than, and equal to meant and played a few games to practice. During grab and compare, they reach into a bag, grab a handful of two different colored cubes, sort and organize the cubes, count them, and compare whether one group of cubes is greater than the other or equal to each other. They also played an alligator game, where they rolled a die, wrote the number they got, rolled the die again, and wrote the second number and had to fill the missing <, >, or = sign!

In Science, we have been learning about the parts of a tree. We went on a nature hunt and created trees out of our collections. We had to have a ground line, roots, trunk, branches and leaves. A photograph was taken of the beautiful compositions and stories will be written about the trees. Next week we will transition into how much a tree provides to us by exploring wood and going on a wood hunt!

This week we read a beautiful story called **The Sandwich Swap** by Queen Rania Al Abdullah and Kelly DiPucchio. It's a story about two young girls who are the best friends! But they don't like each other's sandwiches, one is a peanut butter and jelly sandwich and one a hummus sandwich! Before break we talked about what it means to try something new. To embrace what others might like and to not "yuck someone's yum!" We reflected on earlier conversations of how we are alike in many ways and different in others and the importance of respecting each other's differences.

██████████'s father ██████ came in to talk about how they celebrate Hanukkah as a family. Many Moonlight Hummingbirds also celebrate this, many also celebrate both Hanukkah and Christmas in their homes. After having the kids pretend to be the candles of the Menorah, they learned to play the dreidel game and then we all got to learn a celebratory dance outside. So fun! We captured part of it in a video which I'll add.

Enjoy your weekend and enjoy the photos!

Elizabeth and Lauren