



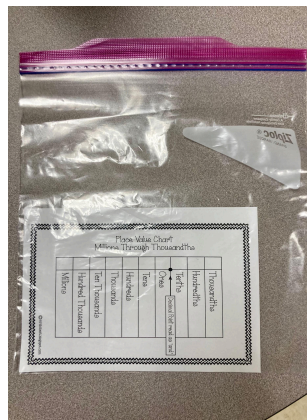
Dear Families,

Our 206 squad members continue to share their talents and interests with our community. During our morning meetings, Henry B. shared his Africa continent made from Perler Beads and Henry S. showed us the many amazing tricks he can do with his yo-yo.



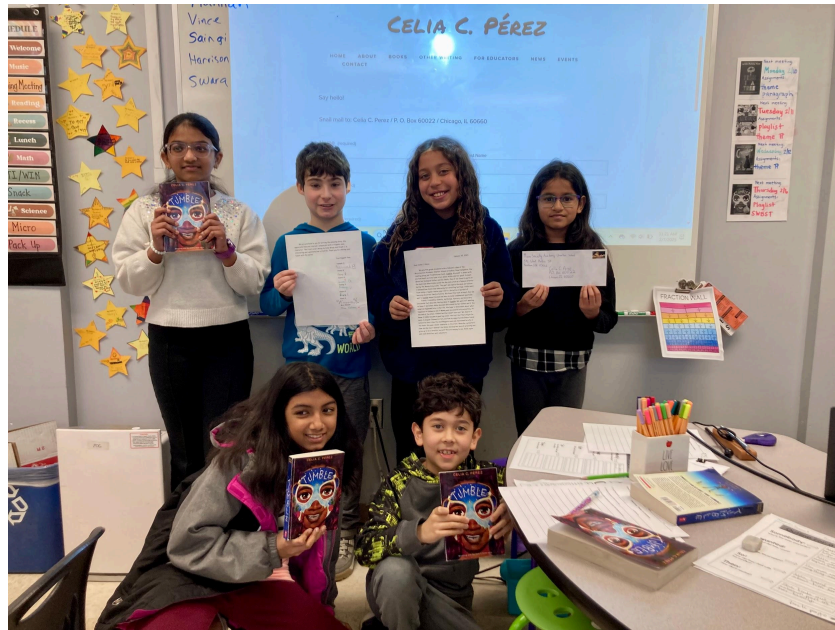
Math

We finished our unit on fractions and have begun exploring decimals. The children are learning about the relationship between fractions and decimals. They have practiced naming and identifying decimals in the tenths and hundredths places. We made decimal place value dry erase boards to provide a daily opportunity for guided practice.



Reading

We finished our first round of literature circles! The children wrote paragraphs explaining a major theme they encountered in the book and I was impressed by their work. They all did a great job. The group that read Tumble by Celia C. Pérez was so excited by the book that they collectively decided to write a persuasive letter to Celia in an attempt to persuade her to write a sequel to this story. We mailed the letter before vacation and are quite hopeful to receive a response!



Writing

The students have been very enthusiastic about their work with our artist in residence, Mr. Evans-Jones! During our lessons together, the children examined a variety of poems, learned about similes and metaphors, and practiced writing three of their own poems. They enjoyed lessons on how to revise and reorganize their writing to make it more interesting. The children delighted in the opportunity to write two poems about their jobs in our MicroCity Marketplace. Their final poems were about imaginary jobs they created. We look forward to our last lesson with Mr. Evans-Jones this week.



Social Studies

We have been utilizing the Visualizing and Verbalizing program schoolwide. Each month, the children examine an image. They write what they see, how the image makes them feel, and several other descriptive words and phrases that come to mind when looking at the picture. Then the students craft sentences that describe the image in great detail. This month we looked closely at this image in connection to our work on economics. Afterward, we watched a video on Discovery Education that showcased the development of the United States as an economic power. The video focused on the role of businessmen and inventors in establishing an Industrial Revolution in the US. The segment also highlighted the invention of the telegraph, cotton gin, and steel plow.



Micro

The MicroCity Bank proudly announces two employee promotions! Shane P. was promoted to the Director of Payroll and Zachary O. was promoted to Lead Teller! Congratulations, friends! We appreciate how hard you work each day and we are very proud of your accomplishments.



Friendship Day

We celebrated our friendships and our 206 community on February 14th. The children and I discussed ways to show kindness and we all emphasized unconditional love and acceptance of one another on this day. The children had the opportunity to decorate bags and share notes and tokens of their appreciation with one another.



Community Building

The 100th day of school happened in February. The students and I celebrated by dressing up as older versions of ourselves. We Are 100 Days Smarter!



Also, the students filled the reward jar and then voted on a prize. This is something they have been working towards since September. Many rewards were suggested, and the winning idea was a pajama/movie day. We watched *Inside Out 2*. There were many great lessons in this animated movie. Thank you, Henry B., for the delicious movie theater popcorn. It was a delightful treat!

