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Last Week's Highlights

It was so nice to hear of all the fun things that our Room 12 friends did together with their families over the long weekend☺ The school year is going way too fast now☺

We enjoyed playing with our little chicks and watching them eat out of our hands! It will be hard to say 'good-bye' to them this week.

We had a great time with our Grade 8 Math Buddies this week creating "characters" for our stories using Tangrams! It is incredible how many different figures can be made using these 7 basic 2D shapes! We will put our finished story together this week using a format of our choice including iMovie, Google Slides, PicCollage or Educreations.



Language Arts

We have been enjoying listening to this year's *Forest of Reading* selections and critiquing them based on what we believe makes a good story. We have been looking at qualities such as 'good characters', 'good messages', 'good illustrations' and 'good twists', to name a few. We only have 3 more books to complete this week and voting will take place late next week on our favourites! The Province-wide results will be released late in the Spring!

We have also been practising responding to comprehension questions about the texts we read by focusing more closely on the 'Point, Proof, Comment' model. After reading our responses to some questions to the class, we gave each other 'stars' and 'wishes' to help us improve on how we answer questions.



Mathematics

We have been focused on identifying and describing 2D shapes and 3D figures using a variety of attributes. We have been using math words like 'vertices', 'parallel sides' and 'right angles' to help us describe 2D shapes. We also discovered that prisms have two bases and rectangle faces while pyramids have one base and triangle faces that all come to a point.

Science

We learned that forces can be direct, like a push or a pull, or indirect, like magnetic forces, static electricity and buoyancy. We also discovered that forces like compression, torsion, impact and tension can change the shape of an object, slow a moving object down or send an object moving in the opposite direction. Students used their knowledge of forces to design a toy that can move using forces other than just muscular force. We can't wait to see the finished products!



Notes and Reminders

"Josh, the Doorman" - assembly tomorrow

P.D. Day - Fri., April 14; no school for students

Class Photos - Thurs., April 19th; wear your smile



Just a little reminder that we exchange Home Reading books daily and Library Books only on Day 3s.