



Panda Room Newsletter

5/12-5/16

Hey Panda families,

I hope all is well with everyone as we are rounding out the year. This is going to most likely be the final newsletter I send out for the year. I want to start by thanking every single family this year! It has truly been a wonderful year, and the Pandas have been one of the most amazing classes ever! Your support, from bringing in snacks to chauffeuring on our field trip, has meant the world and the Pandas couldn't have had the great year they had without you. This leads me to my first announcement, which is that Parent Volunteer breakfast is this Friday, May 17th, and will go from 7:30-8:30. I told the front office to invite all the parents of the classroom because I can't think of a single family that didn't help out in some way this year. The second announcement is that the big Borton musical performance will be this Wednesday. The Pandas will be on at 12, right after our lunchtime. Lastly, Thursday will be our final Celebration of Learning. The Pandas have been working on a readers theater project, and they can't wait to show their performances. It will start at 8:45 (Right after morning meeting) and we will meet in the MPR to watch the Pandas put on a show. After the performances, we will go back to the Panda Room where all the learners can show you some of their project work. If you have any questions or concerns, please let me know.

Sincerely,

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Reading

The Pandas will be doing a lot of rehearsing for their upcoming performances. We are learning stage and audience etiquette and getting used to talking into a microphone. We will also be reading books about characters and challenges they face. I will also be pulling kids to read 1-on-1 to do NSGRAs (reading records) to see where each Panda is at with their reading before they leave 2nd grade.

Math

This week in math we have started a new unit. We are now working with arrays and repeated addition! This is the foundation of multiplication and division. The Pandas have shown a real understanding of fractions and shapes, and I can't wait to see what they do with more advanced math. The Pandas have been incredible mathematicians this year and always have astute and thoughtful observations about the math that we learn.

Writing

In writing this week we will be doing a handful of assignments. We will be writing thank you letters to Mr. Alejandro (the playwright of "Hopscotch to Infinity") for all the wisdom and insight he has provided the students to help them become phenomenal readers and actors! We will also be doing some updated mental models of a play. Finally, we will be starting to write and draw about what we learned this year. We will then create new self-portraits and then paste that visualization of learning onto the back of the art.