

привет!



It's been an exciting time this week. The children are enjoying all aspects of the winter, from observing snowflakes to playing in the snow (when it isn't too cold!) to making snowflakes out of paper. We've started looking at geometry in a more complex way than ever before. We are naming points and analyzing lines and shapes. We've explored maps current and old in the process of answering some of our questions, including "Who invented maps?" "When were maps invented" and "Why do these old maps look different than maps now?" I have been happy to observe students helping each other with little things like tying shoes as well as working together on projects during free time. I have been hearing a lot of compliments between students, commending each other on their work. We have compiled some short writing assignments into class books called *We Are Caring*, *We Are Thinkers*, and *We Are Ourselves*. We took pictures for the covers. I will try to get the pictures on the internet.

Shape Museum: Early in the new year we will be having a shape museum. Over break it would be great to start collecting 2D and 3D shapes or taking pictures of shapes found that can't be brought in. If your family does take some pictures you may send the files to me via email or the child may bring copies in. Boxes, party hats, cans, and pictures of buildings are some ideas.

Winter break: This is a great time to play, have fun with family and friends, and relax. It is also a great time for students to find time to practice what they know and explore what they would like to learn. Some things to do over the break: read Read READ! Practicing math is also very important and can be done in fun ways. Telling time and using money are good skills to practice as well as addition and subtraction. We have been talking about snowflakes and I would encourage you all to break out the magnifying glass and observe some as they fall. They really are amazing.

Thank you so much for your support. Let me know if there's anything I can do to help you.

Saludos cordiales,

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