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Room 224 News

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Take a Peek at our Week

Fractions continued to be a heavy focus this week in math. We reviewed what we learned last week and introduced new topics such as finding parts of a fraction and simplifying fractions. We might spend another week or two on fractions before concluding this unit. In literacy, we finally finished our narrative unit that we have been working on since we got back from winter break. We will be starting new book groups and working on a little preparation for the Illinois Assessment of Readiness (IAR) that is replacing PARCC coming up in April. Next week we will also be finishing our science unit on forces so we can move to our final social studies unit for the year.

Learning to Come:

- Continuing Chapter 14 on Fractions
- Publishing our narrative pieces
- Concluding our imagery unit and moving on to synthesizing
- Starting new book groups
- Finishing our forces unit and moving into our next social studies unit

Coming Up:

Monday, March 4th
There is school

Wednesday, March 6th
Field Trip to the Museum of
Science and Industry

Wednesday, March 13th
Science Fair

Help From Home:

As a class this week, we spent a lot of time discussing how we are working together as a class. We talked about the importance of compromise and owning your behavior. The older we get, the more important these topics have been to discuss and practice. We also talked about how being able to compromise and taking ownership of your behavior are both character traits we would want in our friends, so it's important that we try to have these skills too. Please continue to have conversations with your children about these two topics at home. It is important for them to be able to see that they are life skills they can practice everywhere. Thanks for your support!

This Week's Learning:

Math:

- Continued learning about fractions: found parts of a fraction, wrote fractions in simplest form, put fractions on a number line
- Played a lot of games in centers to help reinforce what we learned

Reading

- Completed assessments for theme
- Picked new books for book groups
- Watched a video to observe what good book group members say and do

Writing

- Edited our narratives and conferenced with teachers

Science

- Learned about magnetic fields and poles
- Tested the strength of magnets
- Watched a video on magnets
- Began our problem solving activity using magnets