Grevillea Class Term 2 Newsletter

We have kept a weekly diary of what we have been up to and hope that you enjoying reading about our term 2 learning journey.

Week 1
We have had a fantastic holiday, and are ready for a term of interesting things to learn and events to be entertained by.

Week 2
This term, our class text is ‘Who Sank the Boat?’ by Pamela Allen. We read this book together every morning in our literacy session. We had lots of fun working together making a display for our classroom. We drew all the characters from the book onto cardboard. We found a large box, for our boat, which we painted red. We glued the cardboard characters onto the boat and suspended it from our classroom ceiling. We are pleased with our hard work.

Week 3
We planted some potatoes in our garden as part of our unit of work in Geography – Caring for the Environment. We learnt about the needs of a potato plant and the features of an ideal growing environment. We all helped plant the potato. First, we had to decide on a sunny position to put the pot. Dylan thought under the window was a good place. Patrick and Nicholas scattered some soil on the bottom of the pot and Matt placed the potato in the soil. It was Taylor’s and Anthony’s job to cover the potato with soil and Beven was given the important task of giving our new plant some water.

Week 4
For our cooking session this week, we have been making breakfast items. We made porridge, toast, crumpets, and muffins. We had never eaten porridge before and we were a little unsure about whether to try it. But once we did, we thought it tasted delicious! Nicholas, however, couldn’t be swayed from his favourite, strawberry jam on toast.

Week 5
This term, our Mathematics program has focused on money concepts. We have created a classroom shop where we practice counting out money needed to buy items and working out the correct change. We look forward to the weekly ‘munchie basket’ program run by the Banskia class. We really enjoy purchasing something yummy for afternoon tea, and we can all independently select a snack item and pay for it. We also enjoy going on community access on Friday’s. We are responsible for carrying a wallet safely and looking after our own money. We have been paying for our own bus ticket and our lunch at McDonalds.
**Week 6**
This term, we began our unit of work on the water cycle. We worked together to create a diagram of the water cycle and labeled each stage of the cycle. We enjoyed the experiment of making a mini water-cycle. We were fascinated to discover the water from the bowl had risen and became drops of condensation on the ‘cling-wrap lid’. We learnt that these drops ran down to the weighted point on the ‘cling-wrap lid’ and collected into a smaller bowl.

**Week 7**
We have been learning about France and working hard on our classroom display for Multicultural day next term. We looked at and labeled a map of France, coloured the French flag and created artworks of France’s national animal, the rooster.

**Weeks 8 & 9**
This week, we have continued with work about France for our Multicultural Day displays. We learnt about France’s Olympic champions, the men’s handball team and we also drew the Eiffel tower using pieces of charcoal.
We all look forward to going on community access on Friday’s. We were lucky enough to try the new equipment at Koshigaya park, so many things to climb, swing, spin and slide from. It was lots of fun!
The Grevillea class would like to wish Patrick a happy 14th birthday! Hip, hip hooray!

Have a safe and happy holiday,
Freda, Mandy and Dot.