This week in Team 8

We were very busy this week in Team 8! We spent a great deal of time talking about self-management. We enjoyed the books *Miles Got Mad*, *Cool Down and Work Through Anger*, *Listening to My Body*, and *It's Hard to Be Five*. Students learned about “listening” to the sensations in their bodies, ways we can calm our bodies, and things that we can and cannot control. We discussed the fact that every emotion we have is okay, but that not all of the reactions we have to them are appropriate, so we have to use self-control to deal with our feelings in positive and effective ways. We also discussed things that we should say (that help us or make others feel good) and things that should stay in our heads (when something we say would hurt another person).

We focused on numbers in both math and handwriting. Students learned to properly form the numbers 1-5 using wooden pieces, and practiced them using wet-dry-try chalkboards. We practiced carefully counting sets, placing felt apples on our apple tree, "q-tip painting" baskets of apples, and, after reading the story *Ten Apples Up On Top*, creating our own "apples up on top" pictures.

In phonics, we focused on the alphabet as a whole. We read several ABC books, including *Zoo Babies*, *LMNO Peas*, and *The Letters Are Lost*. Students participated in their first literacy centers, which included time on Raz-Kids, finding letters on "apples" within a bin of "apple tree bark", hole punching letters, reading in the classroom library, and using "dobber paints" to match letters.

We sang several apple songs and read many apple stories, including *Apple Trouble*, *Apple Cider Making Days*, and *Our Apple Tree*. We enjoyed making "stained glass" apples, as well as representations of apple trees throughout the seasons.

Some of our shares this week included...

Eve shared that she likes going to Canobie Lake Park because she likes going on the caterpillar. She saw the fireworks when she went there, too! Cameron shared that his cousins came over last week on Sunday to watch the Patriots game. He had his helmet and his Brady jersey. He also went to a birthday party at the Workout Club. Gino said that it was his brother's birthday yesterday. He got Stick Bots. One was T-Rex. Stella shared that she will be going to Disney World. She will go on rides with Mommy, Daddy, and Anthony. Jackson likes to play with his Daddy when he goes home. He will play a video game. Johnny says that he likes to play with his cousins. He plays video games with them. Plants vs. Zombies is his favorite. Dakoda likes to play with his sister. They play fun games. They play hide and seek and then they jump so they don't get tagged. Ayomipo says that he waited too long at home and his brother said “it's late” so his mom and dad drove him to school. He saw a teacher when he got there. He isn't sure of her name, but she was Ayo's size. Rose says that every single day when she goes to Grammy's she gets to do dress up. Her favorite thing is her princess costume, but she has every single costume there is! Lacey says that she went to Mimi's house for a couple of days. Her favorite thing while she was there was going to a concert. It was outside. Olivia went to the playground while her mom was at the fair. It was the school playground. She went on the slides. TJ said that he went to a park after he went home from school. It wasn't a water park, but he got to play games and go on some rides. Daniel shared that he went to his cousin Carter's birthday party. They played basketball because it was a basketball party. Mila likes to play outside when she gets home. She likes to ride her bike and play basketball. Samuel says that he went to his cousin's birthday over the weekend. His cousin is named Owen, and he is a baby. There was a piñata and Sam got to hit it. Now he has a whole bag of candy! Garret says that he likes dinosaurs. He has a picture of dinosaur bones and watches dinosaur shows. T-Rex is his Favorite. Payton likes going to Canobie Lake Park. She went on the Sky Ride and the Log Ride.

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