This week in Team 8

Thank you for sending apples in for our applesauce! We (well, most of us) enjoyed a delicious treat on Tuesday. While some students didn’t care for our homemade applesauce, others said it was “out of this world!” In phonics we learned two new letters—A and T. We learned the phonics dance chants as well as the proper formation of each. We learned that A is a very special letter because it is one of the vowels. That means it has two sounds instead of one! During Reader’s Workshop, students generated ideas about what they can read (aside from books). They thought about signs (restaurants, stores), words on cakes, writing on clothing, and writing on trucks, among others. Students learned about what good readers do. They look, think, then read! We went on a classroom scavenger hunt to look for environmental print. Students also practiced reading with a buddy EEKK style (elbow to elbow, knee to knee)! This week in Writer’s Workshop students continued to work on their first pieces. As a group we discussed what we do when we think we are done writing. Students learned that “When we think we’re done, we have just begun!” Students know that when they think they are done a piece, they should check to make sure they’ve added a picture with color and tried to add words or labels. If they have completed both of the tasks they can always start a new piece! In math we continued developing our knowledge of numbers to 10. We practiced counting accurately (and discussed ways to be sure we are carefully counting), reviewed proper number formation, and learned how to represent numbers in many ways. We enjoyed doing some whole class activities with JJI, too! Most importantly, we spent a great deal of time this week discussing what it means to be a kind kid and to fill someone’s bucket. Students thought about specific things they can do to fill a bucket. We are working hard to be sure that we are bucket fillers, not dippers!

Some of our shares this week included...

Eve shared that her nana and poppy are coming down on Friday. She is planning to go with them to the store. She isn’t sure which store, but she wants to get a toy. Cameron went apple picking and had a pool party on the same day. It was dark when he swam—probably like 8 or 9. The pool lights were on and it was so warm. When he was apple picking, he picked from the McIntosh tree. He was sitting on Daddy’s shoulders to pick the high ones. Gino says that the day before yesterday he went apple picking. He picked Honeycrisp apples. He went with his best buddy Lucas. Jackson went to the Topsfield Fair. He ate snacks at the fair. There were rides too. Jonathan went apple picking. It was far away. He doesn’t remember the name of the place, though. He went with his mommy, daddy, brother, and sister. Ayomipo said that his mom bought him something that he could sit on and bounce. It is red and has Avengers on it. He uses it to fight Ayo too. Rose said that when she was getting dressed she saw a butterfly outside. She saw that there were colors on it—purple, pink, and red. It had water on it. Lacey shared that she stayed home and played with her Barbie house. The barbies went in the car and went to the park. She has a brand new house for them. Olivia shared that when her mom went to a fair she stayed home and played and watched TV and did lots of fun stuff. She used the white board and wrote stuff on it and raced with cool erasers. She says it is not like normal, it’s like different and they have a bucket of markers. She likes the red color best because it had a little dry out and turned pink. TJ went to a racetrack and rode on with his bike with his dad. His bike is a hotwheel bike so it has pretend Fire to go really fast. He says the racetrack was next to a park. Daniel has a costume with Spiderman and he has silly string so he can hide behind trashcans and shoot it. The silly string is white string just like Spiderman has. Mila went to Canobie Lake. She went on the Caterpillar and said that it wasn’t scary in the dark. She went on the Sky Ride too. She went on all the rides. Samuel shared that his mom said he could go to the store and get some clothes and then go to get some ice cream. He got chocolate ice cream with rainbow sprinkles. He doesn’t remember the store but the ice cream store was Red Barn. Garrett wants a Treasure X for Christmas and a Power Rangers Zord thing. A zord is used to beat bad guys. He wants Pokemon cards too. Payton was catching fireflies in a jar. They light up at midnight. She saw them at the park.

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