

KM News

Week of Jan. 19-23

What an exciting week at Schofield! Everyone had the chance to watch the Inauguration in various spots in the school. All the Kindergartners watched in KH and then had lunch together- what a special time! As we watched this special ceremony, we talked to the kids about what was happening and why, and who they were seeing on the screen. The kids clapped after Obama took his oath and officially became the 44th President.

On Tuesday, we also talked about the responsibilities of the President and read a great story called Just Like Abraham Lincoln. The kids passed around a hat with a mystery item to feel, and later discovered that it was a Quarter. We talked about the coin and then the kids made a quarter with their own profile on it. They also wrote what they would do if they were president. There were some very interesting ideas! Later in the day, the stay day kids looked at pennies and then did a coin toss activity. They tallied how many times a penny landed on heads and tails.



This week we continued our water and winter unit. We read a familiar favorite called The Mitten by Jan Brett. The kids loved this story because of its funny illustrations. After the story, we played a mitten riddle game. I gave the kids 3 clues about an animal that I had hidden in a mitten, and they needed to guess what it was. The kids then made their own patterned mitten designs and "hid" an animal inside. We helped them write 3 clues about their animal and then the class tried to guess what was hiding in the mitten. Later in the week, we read another version of The Mitten called The Old Man's Mitten and compared it with Jan Brett's story. The kids helped me fill in a venn- diagram to show what was the same and different.

The kids spent time measuring this week. During Stay Days, they measured items in the room with a ten cube tall measuring stick. They collected things that were longer, shorter and the same length as their stick. Next week they will measure the length of our names in KM.

Water Unit Experiments: This week the kids tested items to see if they would sink or float, tested items for absorbency, and did an interesting experiment with pepper (ask your child what happened). During the experiments, they made predictions, talked about their observations and recorded results. They were all very curious scientists. Encourage your child to experiment with water at home!

Questions of The Week:

- ❖ What animal did you hide in your mitten?
- ❖ What happened to the celery stalks that were in regular water and red water?
- ❖ What was your favorite water experiment?
- ❖ What was the same or different about the two versions of The Mitten?
- ❖ What sound does the vowel e make? Can you think of an e word?