



Dragon Class Newsletter



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Week 37: 5/14/18-5/18/18



Weekly News...

In this week Kindergarten and first grade are both almost finished the last unit of Mandarin Matrix. On top of that we are reviewing all the basic vocabularies starting with colors, fruits, families, weather, animals... We are also playing games to encourage them to speak sentences and making sharing circle to practice conversations with friends in Mandarin. From this week we are focused on IB Learner Profile-Risk Taker. We talked about Risk Taker is trying something new and understanding making mistakes is the process of learning. If you can reinforce this at home with them through the next three weeks that would be super helpful. For example you can encourage them to try one new food every week. Please check out our weebly website for more pictures. For Kinder Math we started learning decompose and compose 2D and 3D shapes. For 1st Grade we finished last unit and start to review shapes. We keep practicing all the procedures and reinforce school wide expectations. If you have any questions, please contact us at jing@gala-prek8.org, john@gala-prek8.org or errin@gala-prek8.org.

Thank you for all your support! Have a wonderful weekend!

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Chinese Words

今天是星期几? What day is it today?

一年有几个月? How many months are there in one year?



ELA

Writing/Literature:

How some stories combine elements of fiction and nonfiction, and how to tell the different elements apart.

Comparing and contrasting different stories, ideas, and things. Thinking about stories and characters from different point of views and perspectives. The reasons for problems and conflicts in stories, and how characters deal with them.

Books we Read

Gotta Go, Gotta Go! By Same Swope and Sue Riddle: A smooth transition from nonfiction back to fiction, this book tells the story of a caterpillar participating in the annual migration of monarch butterflies from Canada to Mexico. In addition to facilitating discussion about the difference between fictional and nonfictional elements, this book let us talk about the importance of risk-taking, this month's Golden Turtle skill.

Where the Wild Things Are by Maurice Sendak: And all-time classic, this story helped facilitate discussion about character motivation, problem solving, and how we deal with our negative feelings.

The True Story of the Three Little Pigs by John Scieszeka and Lane Smith: A retelling of the classic story from the wolf's point of view, this book helped us think about how different characters have different perspectives and how one story can be told in different ways while still being

Reminders

- ❖ **ELLOPA** Test is on June 5th. Please mark your calendar.
- ❖ **The last field trip is on May 23rd to Rocky River Reservation. Please sign the permission slip and return by Monday May 21st.**
- ❖ **Please check your child's green folder daily.**
- ❖ **Please keep practicing MobyMax at home.**
- ❖ **This week's homework for Kindergarten and First Grade is sent home today and due on next Friday May 25.**
- ❖ **New pictures** on Dragon class website <http://galadragon.weebly.com/>
- ❖ You can search and join "GALAdragon" on **Quizlet.com** to find all the study sets at home. <https://quizlet.com/GALAdragon>