

THE DAILY APPLE

monthly newsletter



FEBRUARY 2023: VALENTINES, JAPAN, SOUTH AFRICA & PARK PLAY!



MONTHLY HIGHLIGHTS:

• WELCOME, TAITE!

This month we added a new friend to our morning sessions! Taite is sweet, friendly, and a big lover of Pokemon & puppies! We're excited to have her join our group!



• **VALENTINE'S DAY:** Our V-Day Party was a blast (even with the rain)! We made no-bake cookies, decorated boxes, exchanged cards, and learned about the history of St. Valentine!

• **JAPAN:** Ironically we studied Japan right after our friend, Kanoa, visited Japan (in real life!) with family! For our 'fieldtrip,' Kanoa shared a poster about his travels and we tried some kumquats and veggie sushi! Yum!

LANGUAGE ARTS:

STRONG TOPIC WRITING

Our big focus in February was **developing a strong topic** - identifying what this means and looks like (in both writing & reading) and also improving writing with **adjectives!** We practiced creating our own topics based on pictures or keywords, then adding detail to make our writing more interesting!



We've also been working on **contractions** and **possessives** - learning how an apostrophe works and what it represents (missing letters or possession "owning" of something).



READING & WRITING:

We've started working on a few bigger concepts when it comes to reading:

- **inferencing** which means drawing conclusions based on information from the text (similar to predicting but using more of our 'textual evidence' to support our reasoning).
- **purpose** which looks at three main areas: to **inform**, **entertain**, or **persuade** & learning the difference!



THIS WAS A TWO-'FIELDTRIP' MONTH!



MATH:

In math we are working on. . .

- **Place Value:** We're labeling numbers by their value (HTO - Hundreds, Tens, Ones) and creating pictures, coloring, and representing place value in multiple ways.
- **Base 10:** We're working with different manipulatives to recognize, count, and label numbers through the 900s!
- **Expanded Form:** We're continuing practice of recognizing numbers, their place value, and how they add up (Ex: $100 + 10 + 5 = 115$).
- **Money:** Counting by 5s, 10s, and trying to create rote memory for quarters (25-50-75-1 dollar!). We're also adding and subtracting \$ with realistic prices and budget problems!

OUR HIGH, LOW BUFFALO MOMENTS:

These are the High (best), Low (worst), and Buffalo (random) moments of the month:

- **HIGH: V-Day Party!** Although it rained, we had a blast decorating our boxes, exchanging gifts, and getting messy with the no-bake cookies!
- **LOW: Rain!** It's been a rainy winter! The weather postponed our park day, but when we got to go, it was even better because we'd been waiting so long!
- **BUFFALO: The Big Banana!** Kensie had a GIANT banana in her snack one day! We had a good laugh about it being a "super" banana like Landon's "super cheese" (video here).



STEM & SOCIAL STUDIES:

SOCIAL STUDIES

This month we finished our 'travels' to China and then headed to **Japan!** It was fun to compare/contrast the two countries, as well as get some hands-on experience from Kanoa's real-life travels! We sampled some food, made our own **bento boxes** & made **Koinobori (鯉のぼり) flags**. Then we headed to **South Africa** and learned about different art, customs, animals... and we tried some authentic **melkert & malva pudding!**

STEM/SCIENCE

We focused on the differences between **vertebrates & invertebrates** this month, as well as understanding what **species** means and how animals are classified. We also talked about **traits**, how they're passed down... and we even invented our own pets!



making a Koinobori flag!

we tried kumquats - these were sour!

SPOTLIGHT STUDENTS: SIENNA & KINGSTON

This month we're highlighting TWO students who have consistently displayed hard work, great attitudes, and helpful hearts all February!

Sienna is the go-to for her classmates, she quickly jumps in to assist without being asked, and is a great participant in class! **Kingston** is an incredibly hard worker, asks thoughtful questions and is always making sure that everyone is included. **Thank you both - you rock!**

