

Risso Review

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Joey, Forest, and Gibson put their stick and straw houses to the test against the "Big Bad Blow Dryer!" Will their designs withstand the wind? Hands-on STEM engineering fun inspired by *The Three Little Pigs!*

Important Dates

April 14th - Culminating Event at 2:05/2:35 in Risso
April 17th - Mother Son Dance
April 18th - Daddy Daughter Dance
April 23rd - 24th - No School (CSR's)

Learning Focus This Month

Science, Social Studies & the Arts.

- April Showers Bring May Flowers! We'll begin a weather unit learning about clouds, inclement weather, the science of rainbows and what plants need to grow and thrive

Math

- We will continue graphing the weather each day to see which type of weather we have the most for each month.
- We will begin a unit on studying the hundred chart and learning how to represent, find and count on from any two-digit number!
- Continuing work on skip counting with 5's and 2's to challenge ourselves

Literacy

- In literacy, we are wrapping up our re-telling unit on fairy tales. Next we will begin a study on learning from informational texts
- Handwriting Practice: writing sentences and beginning to spell popcorn words with accuracy
- Reviewing strategies to read emergent level 'pattern books -Vowel Owl (know the 5 vowel sounds by heart) Flippy the Dolphin (flip the vowel sound to its long or short sound), Hoppy the Frog (hop along and say each letter sound) & Tryin' Lion (don't give up and guess, use all the strategies you know)
- Continuing our work on persuasive/opinion pieces-to writing for more causes to make the world a better place & beginning to write informative texts
- Focusing on reading and spelling short vowel words (consonant vowel consonant *CVC* such as mat, wig, pot, net, mug)

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Authentic reading at its core! During March is Reading Month, we challenged ourselves to read 100 read-alouds—and we surpassed our goal with 102! Way to go, Risso Readers!

Work Ethic & Optimism

Work Ethic and Optimism are two of the six Smart Character Choices we are focusing on through our folk and fairy tale read-alouds. Optimism means expecting good things today and in the future, while Work Ethic means working hard, staying focused, and feeling proud of a job well done. To bring these ideas to life, we read *The Tortoise and the Hare*, *The Three Little Pigs*, and *The Three Billy Goats Gruff*. In each story, characters face challenges and learn that staying positive and putting in effort helps them reach their goals. For example, in *The Three Little Pigs*, the third pig shows strong work ethic by building a sturdy brick house. Because of his effort, he is able to keep himself—and his brothers—safe from the wolf. We had great discussions about how we can show optimism and strong work ethic each day, both at school and at home. You might ask your child what these traits mean to them or see if they can make connections to books you read together at home.



James, Everleigh, and Gus build teen numbers using the Teens Frame, combining a group of ten with extra ones.

This hands-on Montessori-inspired work helps make place value meaningful and visible for our young mathematicians!



Once Upon a Time in Kindergarten: Our Spring Culminating Event

On Tuesday, April 14th, we will celebrate our Fairy Tale Culminating Event! This special afternoon is an opportunity for you to see the literacy skills your child has been building and to watch them bring familiar fairy tales to life through artwork, engineered crafts, and puppetry.

Students will be sharing their learning by retelling a fairy tale and showcasing their projects. This is an important part of their development, as retelling strengthens comprehension, builds confidence in speaking, and helps children organize their thinking in a meaningful way.

We will offer two time slots: 2:05 and 2:35. We will be returning from the library just before this time and will need a few minutes to get set up. When you arrive, please wait in the hallway and take a moment to look over the prepared brochure. We will begin welcoming families in shortly after 2:05.

After your child shares their work, you are welcome to enjoy royal milk and cookies together and visit the Scholastic Book Fair in the gallery.

A SignUpGenius for the 2:05 or 2:35 time slot will be sent out soon.

We look forward to sharing this special event with you!