

# Calhoun Energy Express/Save the Children Newsletter

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*Homeplace Week*

**Issue 4**

## Jared's Room

This week, we worked through the theme of Homeplace. Our take home book this week was *Ribsy* by Beverly Cleary, but we focused almost every day on the book, *My Side of the Mountain*. The children thoroughly enjoyed this novel and we plan to read as much as we can. We also worked on our Homemade Homes as an art project.



## Kaitlin's Room

This week at Energy Express, our theme was Homeplace. This week we read books that had a focus on home. We read books like *A House for Hermit Crab*, *Bringing the Rain to Kapiti Plain*, and our take home book, *The Big Orange Splot*. We have made 3-D houses and are now making playdough this week. So far this has been a great summer!

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## Kelsey's Room

Even with extremely low numbers, we have had a great week celebrating Homeplace. With Jared's class, we read the take home book, *Ribsy*, and made a model home with found objects. We also read *Sarah Plain and Tall*, and made our own night lights. We have begun preparations for the Open House next week, which we invite all families to attend. We have enjoyed Energy Express thus far and look forward to the next two weeks.



## Makayla's Room

In my class this week, we read books supporting our theme, Homeplace. As we read our books this week, we thought about our play. We are choosing *The Big Orange Splot* for our play. We are currently in the progress of making the props. We are really excited to perform our play for the rest of the people at Energy Express!

## Michelle's Room

For Homeplace week, we have focused on readings and writings based on home. We have read books like *The Big Orange Splot*, *A Home for Nathan*, and *Minions: Who's the Boss?*. We have enjoyed painting and drawing our dream home and creating a sign for our bedroom door. This week, we also had a birthday! We made Collin birthday cards and we had homemade cookies. We are looking forward to next week, Community Week!





## Sarah's Room

This week in Energy Express, we have been working on “Home Place” related activities. We have read the books, *Goldilocks and Three Bears* by James Marshall, *No Jumping on the Bed* By Tedd Arnold, and *Too Many Toys* by David Shannon, along with this weeks take home book, *The Big Orange Splot* by Daniel Manus Pinkwater. We made home place collages, painted house pictures, and made different types of houses out of playdoh we made earlier in the week. Just a reminder that tomorrow is our trip to Cedar Creek. We will have regular morning class and leave for our trip after lunch.

## Guest Readers of the Week!

We had three guest readers this week! Our first guest reader was on Tuesday. Mr. Rick Fitzwater (right) came and read to all of the classes. Our second guest reader, Ms. Veronica May (bottom left) came on Wednesday and read. Our third guest reader, Ms. Cheryl Carpenter (bottom right), came on Thursday. All three guest readers work for Calhoun Banks. Thank you Rick, Veronica, and Cheryl!



## Stewart's Volunteers

This week we were down in numbers, however, the volunteers that were here were a huge help! We greatly appreciate all of their time and effort! The volunteers that helped out this week include Samantha Fulks, Dominick Fowler, Taylor Sears, Maggie Dooley, Katey Bever, and Rebekah Francis.



## **\*Important Notes\***

Energy Express will be hosting an **Open House next Friday, July 24th**. Open House will be from **9:30am-12:00pm**. We encourage all families to come out and enjoy a morning full of skits and entertainment provided by your children and their mentors.

## **Save The Children**

The children had a blast this week during the afternoon Save The Children program! The children continued reading books and playing reading games during the Accelerated Reader/GIRP sessions. They also enjoyed various math games and enrichment/nutrition activities. During the STEM science sessions, the children were challenged with engineering tasks to build balloon-powered cars and boats and also construct spaghetti towers.

## **Special Thanks**

We would like to extend a huge thanks to Ms. Jenna Jett for providing an awesome Thursday afternoon full of water games and fun! Gary Knight also came out and interviewed some of the children for the Calhoun Comments section in the Chronicle and photographed our Thursday Fun Day. We would also like to once again thank Ms. Melanie Arthur for all that she does to help and support all of us here at Energy Express.