

January 17, 2020

Dear Parents,

In Language Arts this week, our focus was on identifying story elements of a biography, as well as, identifying how one person can make a difference in the world. Students again practiced determining the author's point of view on a topic, as well as, the point of view from which a story is being told, based on story events and text evidence. Likewise, students practiced using synonyms and antonyms in the text to determine the meaning of unfamiliar words. In Grammar, we continued practicing the proper use of verb tenses and subject-verb agreement in writing. As a class, we also finished writing our class narrative sequel to Stephanie's Ponytail, entitled, Stephanie's Basketball Trouble.

In Math this week, we began our Eureka Module 4 Geometry Unit. Throughout the week, students practiced identifying, naming, and drawing points, rays, lines, line segments, and angles. Additionally, students spent time classifying angles as either right, acute, obtuse, or straight angles using a right angle template to measure. Lastly, students identified, named, and drew perpendicular lines using their right angle templates as a helpful tool.

In Science, we have continued our Plant and Animal Parts Unit. On Monday, a visitor from Biomes Aquarium visited the 4th grade at Orchard Farms. This knowledgeable presenter shared a variety of interesting live samples of local animals with our students. During this engaging and interactive presentation, each animal's physical and behavioral adaptations were explained and observed when possible. Throughout the week, students also continued participating in collaborative experiments and card sorting activities, which focused on examining how animals use various adaptations to survive in their environments.

In Social Studies, we have continued examining the three branches of the United States Government. A Quizlet practice link has been posted on my Google Classroom to help students prepare for the US Government quiz, which is scheduled for this upcoming Thursday, January, 23rd. A paper copy of the study guide for this quiz will also be sent home on Monday.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions or concerns at jalviano@cpsed.net.

Have a fabulous long weekend!
Mrs. Alviano