



Dear Parents,

Friday Binders containing papers from the past week were again sent home this Friday. Please sign and return your child's binder to school on Monday containing all of these papers. All papers are to remain in this binder until the end of the first trimester.

In Language Arts this week, we continued establishing a routine for our "Wonders: ELA (Reading) program. Our focus was on applying Close Reading strategies to a fairy tale entitled, "The Princess and the Pizza" and a fable entitled, "The Dragon Problem". While reading and discussing these fictional passages, students examined the sequence of events and made, as well as confirmed, predictions. Additionally, students practiced identifying literary elements of fairy tales as they read various texts throughout the week. Likewise, students practiced identifying and using context clues in the form of synonyms to help determine the meaning of unfamiliar words. In Grammar, students practiced identifying and writing the 4 kinds of sentences with proper capitalization and punctuation.

In Math, students used place value charts to increase or decrease a number by 1,000, 10,000, or 100,000. Additionally, students created vertical number lines with endpoints and midpoints to round multi-digit numbers to the nearest 1,000, 10,000, and 100,000. Throughout the week, students also applied these strategies to estimate sums and differences while solving various real-world story problems.

In Social Studies, students continued practicing map skills throughout the week.

In Science, we began reading and discussing a Stemscopedia article on energy transfer. As we read and discussed this article, students continued identifying forms of energy and energy transfers they observe in their daily lives.

Just a few reminders...

- *Open House is scheduled for this upcoming Tuesday, September 24 at 6:00pm for grades 3-5 and 7:00pm for grades K-2.
- *Orchard Farms 4th Grade Fun Run is scheduled for 9:00am Tuesday, September 24

Please feel free to contact me throughout the year with any questions or concerns you may have at <u>jalviano@cpsed.net</u>.

Have a wonderful weekend! Mrs. Alviano

^{*}Student Planners and Reading Logs must be signed by an adult on a nightly basis.