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Dear Parents,

First trimester report cards were posted on ASPEN on Friday. Moving forward, our focus will incorporate strengthening independent and collaborative work habits, applying learned skills and strategies, and writing clear explanatory responses using single and multi- paragraph structure. Narrative writing will also be introduced in the second trimester.

In Language Arts this week, our focus was on analyzing poetry. We spent the beginning of the week identifying the form and point of view of various lyric and haiku poems. Later in the week, students examined the use of figurative language, such as, similes and metaphors in poems. In grammar, students practiced combining sentences by combining subject and predicate nouns.

In Math, our focus continued to be on applying division concepts and strategies. After reviewing as a class, students again worked with partners and independently to divide 2digit dividends by 1digit divisors using place value disks and the standard (long division) algorithm. Students also continued to practice solving real world story problems that required the use of division to solve.

In Social Studies, we began examining the northeast environment, starting by identifying the location of the northeast states. Students also continued typing their city research paragraphs in google docs.

In Science, students worked together to explore the relationship between energy and speed by experimenting with a ramp, tennis ball, and bell. After working together in small groups to test, observe, and record data, we worked together as class to analyze the data and draw conclusions. Students successfully concluded that the more energy an object contains, the more energy that will be transferred, and the faster the object will move.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions or concerns at [jalviano@cpsed.net](mailto:jalviano@cpsed.net).

Have a wonderful weekend!  
Mrs. Alviano

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