



February 14, 2020

Dear Parents,

Thank you so much for the sweet Valentine treats and surprises. They truly brightened my Valentine's Day! :)

In Language Arts this week, our focus was on identifying cause and effect relationships in narrative nonfiction selections. Students also practiced determining the author's point of view on a topic based on story events and text evidence. Additionally, students practiced using text evidence to support the main idea of a written response. In Grammar, students practiced using appropriate pronouns to replace given antecedents in writing.

In Math, we began our Module 5 Fractions Unit this week. Students practiced constructing tape diagrams and number bonds to represent fractions less than one whole and greater than one whole. Additionally, students worked collaboratively and independently to represent fractions as sums of unit fractions and sums of non-unit fractions. We will continue to explore a variety of fraction concepts throughout the upcoming weeks.

In Science, students continued researching and taking notes on their assigned animal to organize information for the 10 Things I Know books they will be creating in class. I also began conferencing with students who are ready to move on to the next phase of this project.

In Social Studies, students continued examining the northeast environment and identified how the sea is a resource for this region. Likewise, students worked collaboratively in small groups to explore how the unique autumn leaves of broadleaf trees in the northeast affect its economy. There will be a northeast states and capitals map quiz given on Friday, February 28. For this quiz, students will need to label the northeast states on a map and be able to sort the New England and Middle Atlantic states and capitals into two separate lists. Students will be given a word bank to use for this quiz. Study materials for this quiz should be taken home for nightly practice throughout the week of February 24.

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

Have a wonderful vacation week!  
Mrs. Alviano



