



October 18, 2019

Dear Parents,

In Language Arts this week, our focus was on applying Close Reading strategies to various persuasive articles that described how young entrepreneurs and other business owners can help others. During whole class and small group activities this week, our main focus was on identifying the main ideas and details of a passage. Likewise, as a class, students practiced providing text evidence to support what they believed to be the author's opinion about a topic in the persuasive text. In Grammar, students practiced identifying and correcting run-on sentences. Working cooperatively with partners, students created grammatically correct simple, compound and complex sentences to revise run-on sentences. Writing a journal entry using 5 Spelling words, was also modeled in class. After brainstorming journal entry topics to use for this assignment, students began writing their rough drafts for this Spelling assignment. Final copies of this journal entry will be completed on Monday in class, and the Spelling test for this week's words will be given on Tuesday, October 22.

In Math, we began our Module 2 unit on Metric Units of Measurement. Our focus was on converting between large and small metric units of length and mass. Students were also required to apply this skill to the addition and subtraction of various mixed units of length and mass throughout the week. Additionally, students applied these skills to several real world situations while solving a variety of multi-step story problems this week.

In Social Studies, students practiced using map scales to calculate real-world distances on maps. We also began examining differences between various landforms found on Earth.

In Science, we reviewed how electric current flows through a closed circuit to power electric devices. Students also practiced explaining the effects of opening and closing a circuit with a switch. Likewise, students practiced explaining the causes of these effects.

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

Have a terrific weekend!  
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