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Dear Parents,

It was wonderful to see so many of you at Open House this week. Thank you for attending. Also, a Scholastic book order was sent home on Friday. Orders are due next Friday, October 4th. Orders may be placed on-line at scholastic.com or by filling out the order form on the back page of the scholastic flyer. Lastly, please be aware there will be no school this upcoming Monday as we celebrate Yom Kippur.

In Language Arts this week our primary focus was on identifying story elements and text features of realistic fiction stories. Additionally, students spent some time examining figurative language this week. Students successfully identified and explained the meaning of a variety of idioms in text throughout the week. In Grammar, students examined the difference between writing sentences containing compound subjects and predicates and writing compound sentences. In Spelling, students were introduced to Spelling Pyramids, Fancy Fonts, and Word Card activities.

In Math, we continued working on place value concepts. At the beginning of the week, students again used vertical number lines with endpoints and midpoints to round numbers to different units (places). Students also practiced estimating sums by rounding addends to specified units before adding the numbers. At the end of the week, students also used tape diagrams, standard algorithms, and place value charts with disks to solve various addition story problems.

In Science, we continued investigating energy and electric current concepts. After reading and discussing the main ideas highlighted in the Stemsopedia Article entitled "Energy Transfer and Electric Current", note-taking skills were modeled and practiced. On Friday, students worked in collaborative groups to brainstorm ideas for how to connect a battery, two wires, and a lightbulb to create a complete closed circuit that would light the lightbulb. On Tuesday, students will test their theories using these materials and draw conclusions based on their results.

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

Have a fabulous long weekend!
Mrs. Alviano

