

# Mrs. Otte's Weekly Update

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October 6-10

Curriculum Corner

## Constellation or Spacecraft Reports

STUDENTS WERE GIVEN THE REQUIREMENTS FOR THEIR SCIENCE PROJECTS AND PRESENTATIONS THIS WEEK DURING CLASS. THEY WILL HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO WORK ON SOME OF THE PROJECT DURING CLASS, SUCH AS THE RESEARCH AND WORKING ON THEIR PRESENTATIONS. THE VISUAL AIDS WILL NEED TO BE COMPLETED AT HOME. PROJECTS ARE DUE OCTOBER 21<sup>ST</sup>. WE WILL BE SHARING THEM IN CLASS THAT WEEK. REQUIREMENTS AND RUBRIC WERE HANDED OUT THIS WEEK, CHECK YOUR CHILD'S HOMEWORK FOLDER FOR MORE DETAILS.

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WRITING: STUDENTS ARE ENJOYING OUR PERSUASIVE UNIT IN WRITING. THIS WEEK WE BRAINSTORMED IDEAS TO WRITE ABOUT AND DISCUSSED THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN UNDISPUTABLE FACTS AND ARGUABLE CLAIMS. STUDENTS PICKED TWO TOPICS THEY WERE PASSIONATE ABOUT AND COME UP WITH A LIST OF REASONS FOR THE SPECIFIC ISSUE AND REASONS AGAINST THE ISSUE. THEN STUDENTS STARTED TO DRAFT TWO DIFFERENT PERSUASIVE ESSAYS. ON FRIDAY, THEY PICKED THEIR FAVORITE OUT OF THE TWO DRAFTS AND WILL BE USING THAT TOPIC THE REST OF THE MONTH TO WRITE A STRONG PERSUASIVE PIECE. ONCE WE ARE DONE WRITING OUR PIECES, WE WILL BE HOLDING A CLASSROOM DEBATE.

## Dates to Remember

OCT 15, 22	MAP TESTING — FIFTH GRADE WILL BE TESTING AFTER LUNCH
OCT. 13	NO SCHOOL
OCT. 17	MAGAZINE SALES TURN IN DAY
OCT. 21	PICTURE RETAKES SCIENCE PROJECTS DUE
OCT. 24	END OF FIRST QUARTER
OCT. 31	HALLOWEEN PARTY

RELIGION: STUDENTS STARTED LEARNING ABOUT THE SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION. IN GROUPS, STUDENTS BRAINSTORMED SYMBOLS OF CONFIRMATION TO MAKE MOSAICS TO HANG IN THE HALLWAY. STUDENTS WILL BE PREPARING A CONFIRMATION PLAY IN THE NEXT TWO WEEKS TO SHARE WITH OTHER CLASSROOMS.

SCIENCE: THIS WEEK WE DISCUSSED THE LUNAR ECLIPSE THAT WE WERE ABLE TO SEE IN THE SKY EARLY WEDNESDAY MORNING. STUDENTS WERE ALSO INTRODUCED TO THEIR PROJECTS AND BEGAN LOOKING UP INFORMATION. WE WATCHED A VIDEO ON CONSTELLATIONS AND READ OUT OF OUR SCIENCE BOOKS.

Ask your child the following questions:

1. WHAT ARE COMPATIBLE NUMBERS?
2. WHAT ARE SOME DIFFERENT CLIMATES AROUND THE WORLD?
3. WHAT IS A CONSTELLATION?
4. TELL ME ABOUT YOUR LITERATURE CIRCLE BOOK SO FAR!

SOCIAL STUDIES: STUDENTS WORKED IN PAIRS TO SEARCH THROUGH THEIR SOCIAL STUDIES BOOKS TO FILL OUT INFORMATION ON DIFFERENT WORLD CLIMATES. WE WILL BE USING THIS INFORMATION LATER IN THE MONTH TO LOOK AT HOW PEOPLE ADAPT TO DIFFERENT CLIMATES AROUND THE WESTERN HEMISPHERE.

LANGUAGE ARTS: STUDENTS ARE HOOKED ON OUR READ ALOUD BOOK THE CITY OF EMBER. ON THURSDAY STUDENTS HAD THEIR FIRST LITERATURE CIRCLE MEETINGS. THEY ARE WORKING ON TAKING TURNS SHARING AND LISTENING TO THEIR PEERS. THIS CAN BE A VERY DIFFICULT SKILL FOR FIFTH GRADE STUDENTS. STUDENTS HAD AN ASSIGNMENT THEY HAD TO BRING TO THEIR GROUP MEMBERS AND SHARE DURING THE GROUP MEETING TIME. CHECK OUT THE CONDOR BLOG FOR PICTURES.

MATH: STUDENTS FINISHED THEIR MULTIPLICATION UNIT AND WILL BE STARTING DIVISION NEXT WEEK.