

November 8, 2019

Mr. Dahlquist's Room

Classroom News!



Math– Investigations 3-Adding and Subtracting Fractions-Next week students will: Use a clock face to represent fractions as [arts of a rotation around a circle. They find equivalent fractions and add fractions using this model.; Solve problems involving addition of fractions using clock and rectangular representations.; Use their knowledge of fraction equivalents and relationships to label a linear model for fractions; and Discuss patterns they see on the Fraction Tracks.

Science– *Life of Animals*-How Do Organisms Depend on Their Environments for Food? Students will: Compare how animals food in various environments; Describe what they find during an owl pellet dissection; Identify omnivore, carnivores, and herbivores, and how they relate to each other in the food chain; and Explain the effects of the prey-predator relationships in an ecosystem.

Social Studies-This week students worked on murals depicting one of four American Indian groups: The Makahs, Taos, The lowas, or the Senecas. Students conducted research to create murals depicting a scene demonstrating what life was like for each of the tribes. They will share their learning next week and take the Unit 3 assessment.

Writing/Spelling/Grammar-In writing we started our next unit, Opinion Writing. Students examined a mentor text, learned about the structure of a persuasive letter, and wrote an on demand opinion letter. This on demand piece is a formative assessment so that I know what they need to learn about this genre of writing. We continued our work with sentences by reviewing subject and predicate. Students worked on adding coordinating conjunctions to combine two sentences. In spelling, students explored inflected endings. Inflectional endings are word endings such as –ed, -s, -ing, -er, and –est. Inflectional endings such as –ed or –s can change the meaning of a word by changing the tense of the verb or by making a noun plural.

Reading– Our Treasures theme this lesson is: The Caribbean Islands. We will focus on how a Story Map helps you summarize information about problems and solutions that the characters encounter.