



Mrs. Granato's Classroom Connections



Reminders:

- Scholastic Books Orders went home today in Friday Folders. These are due on Wednesday, Nov. 28. This will be the final order before Christmas.
- IXL Logs went home today. These are not due until Nov. 30.
- As the weather (and our classroom!) gets chillier, please be sure your child has an SJS uniform appropriate sweater they can utilize in the classroom if needed. Also, students without coats will not be allowed to go outside for recess with these cold temperatures.
- Due to the short week next week, there will not be a newsletter. Please see the upcoming dates on this newsletter.

What Did We Learn This Week?

Religion-In religion, we discussed the Advent season. This season is a time to prepare ourselves and our homes for the celebration in Jesus' birth. Being able to prepare our hearts and our homes helps us remember the true meaning of Christmas. Students were able to share their traditions of celebrating Advent. As the Advent season approaches, we remember to prepare, pray, and remember the birth of Jesus.

Reading- Students learned how authors use imagery and sensory details to evoke an emotional response from readers. We call these emotions felt by the reader as the story progresses the "mood" of a story. Students also had the opportunity to study the mystery genre using a book called The Mary Celeste: An Unsolved Mystery from History. The students had a great time discussing the evidence and clues in the story and drawing conclusions of their own as to what happened to the ship known as the *Mary Celeste*.

ELA- In English, students reviewed how to identify verbs (action words). Students engaged in several lessons where they learned how to accurately use verbs in the present tense.

Math- Students were eager to start our multiplication chapter. We learned that multiplication is similar to repeated addition. Students also were able to model multiplication by drawing multiplication sentences out. Example: 2×4 would be 2 groups of 4 objects in each group. Students also had their Simple Solutions quiz based on lessons 21-24. Let's keep working on those math facts!

Science- This week, students began their climate chapter in science class. Students were able to investigate how patterns can be analyzed to study temperature changes on a mountain. They discovered that as the elevation increases, the temperature decreases. Students also were able to compare and contrast characteristics of weather and climate. Students worked in small groups to read a text all about climates.

Social Studies- Students learned how early colonists adapted to the land. They also discovered that the Native Americans helped the Pilgrims in many ways, which allowed them to survive their first winter. In addition, students learned that Great Britain ruled its colonies in America for more than 150 years. Colonists sought independence and were granted it in 1776.

Upcoming Events:

Monday, Nov. 19

- Artist Awareness
- **Open Book Unit 2 Religion Test**
- Reading Log Due

Tuesday, Nov. 20

**THANKSGIVING BREAK
(11/21-11/23)**

Monday, Nov. 26

- Spirit Wear

Tuesday, Nov. 27

Wednesday, Nov. 28

- Second Step (Homelink Due)
- Scholastic Book Orders Due

Thursday, Nov. 29

- **Session 11 Open Book Religion Quiz**
- **Ch. 4 Math Test**

Friday, Nov. 30

- Mass
- IXL Log Due
- **Unit 10 Spelling Test**