

4th Grade News

Highlights of the Week

Math

Students have continued this week reviewing rounding and adding with larger numbers. Next week they will be given a math menu to follow during the week after the regular instruction where they will choose what to work on. There will be “Have to do” throughout the week and “Can do” throughout the week. Students are excited to start this.

Science

This week we have been learning about our eyes and how they work. They were able to build models and test them out in the classroom. There are a couple of pictures below.

ELA

This week, we practiced the elements of our Literacy Menu, which will provide students with time for independent skills practice as well as create time for small group work. Each day after our class lessons, students will choose between independent reading, typing practice, and reading practice with Freckle on the computer.

Global Studies

We’ve jumped into our United States Geography Study! We began the week looking at some aerial videos of the landscape of the United States, making observations about the natural and human-made features we saw. We discussed a bunch of vocabulary to describe where we are: continent, country, state, town, and students practiced their map reading skills. We ended the week by describing and looking at examples of 9 common landforms in the US.

Conversation Starters

- How do you round numbers?
- What are some different strategies for adding numbers? (number lines, place value, base ten blocks)
- Write a 6 digit number and tell me what digit is in each place?
- Tell me about the pupil in our eye? (Is actually a hole)
- What is a cornea lens? (The protective cover)
- What is the retina? (The screen in the back of the eye)
- What do blind people see? (Shadows and blurriness, depending on the degree of blindness)
- What is a noun? What is an adjective? Can you give me an example of each?
- How many of the 9 landforms you studied can you remember? Can you teach me the motions you came up with to remember them? (mountain, hill, valley, river, lake, peninsula, island, forest, plains)
- What are the 7 continents? Which continent are we on?
- Which perspective in *Voices in the Park* did you like the most?
- What are your options for Literacy Menu?

Photos

