

# Appalachian Trail



# Delaware River



## Biweekly Update #1



Dear Parents,

We have had an excellent start to our school year. The AT/River camp provided the right amount of challenge for our group to come together, succeed, and have fun. Back at campus we have been getting some orientation to our schedule and expectations for learning and contributing to the community.

In Humanities, students have been exploring the value of learning history and the big questions it presents. In addition to teacher directed key lessons, students are creating a course of study for themselves and choosing related projects. We are investigating our place here in South New Jersey and accessing the story of its development over time.

In Spanish, the students have learned how to introduce themselves and how to formulate basic questions to Spanish speakers. By now they are able to write simple words in Spanish when dictated to them. In the next few weeks I will introduce the verbs *ser vs. estar* in order to continue to master the Spanish language.

In Math, positive and negative number were introduced as a refresher to the students. I must say that I'm very pleased with the progress shown by the students. In the next few weeks they will be learning order of operations (PEMDAS), equalities and inequalities, which are important concepts they must understand before introducing other concepts to them.

In English/Language Arts we are learning the art of the seminar; how to ask factual, interpretive, and evaluative questions and explore their possibilities for revealing truths within texts. Students will be reading *The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn* by Mark Twain.

In PE we had a running game of soccer that lasted the whole week. Great effort by all and goals by Sarah, Nicholas, Isabela, and Christina!

**Reminder:** We will be meeting with the Delran Historical Society at the Delran Municipal Building on Tuesday, Sept. 16<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm. We encourage all those students who can attend to do so. I am looking forward to introducing our class to this local group that is willing to help us in our history study.

All the Best,  
Will and Erika

