

Dear Parents,

The weather has been beautiful and we have enjoyed a lot of education outside the classroom these past two weeks.

Our Humanities unit put us out in the community taking a driving tour with 85 year local resident, Harold Rose; we toured the Watch Case Museum of Riverside; and invited the Delran Historical Society's Vice President, Elaine McCabe, to present. Students are converting their research on local history into a project they designed and will present this week.

Students are reading "Adventures of Huckleberry Finn" and attended their first literature seminar. This week we will be considering chapters 12-21.

In Mathematics, students created short stories based on the PEMDAS order of operations method, which required them to apply math into their daily lives. Students also practice previously learned concepts, such as operations with fractions and whole numbers, as well as simple or one-step equations. Once these concepts are mastered, they will be introduced to two-step equations, inequalities, the coordinate plane and linear equations.

In Spanish, we continued to work with consonant blends with the letters C, Z, K, R, RR, Q, Qu, G, Gu and J. Our next step will be to learn Spanish grammar exceptions and to discriminate between the sounds of the mentioned letters.

Monday, October 6th will mark the beginning of our Science unit (The science of the Human Brain) for the first term. Students will learn about: 1. Parts of the Brain (Anatomy) 2. The Brain: What's going on in there? 3. Neurons, Brain Chemistry and Neurotransmission 4. Perception, Personality, Feelings 5. How drugs can change the way Neurons Communicate. This is sure to be a fascinating study.

Pictures from past two weeks follow on pages 2 and 3.

All the best!

Will and Erika



