

Newsletter 11

Happy Friday,

Math~

This week the students took their halloween spirit to a whole new level! The students studied the *Creepy Carvings* of pumpkins across the United States. The students tasks where to use graphs, charts and the infographic to answer questions using the statistics. During this reading the students also have to convert percents into decimals. The students did more work with percents when we read the article Saving the Devil. The students had to find the percent of a number, understand ratios and proportional relationships, & use those percentages to calculate the Tasmanian devil populations. The article focused on the decrease in the Tasmanian devils population due to a deadly disease.

Halloween~

On Tuesday, the students at Plato Academy came dressed up in their Halloween costumes ready to show off their gear. The students had a great time sharing treats with one another and watching "The Young Frankenstein" which none had seen before. This was an interesting experience and one that I believe they all enjoyed since the film was created in 1974, it was in black and white and the horror/ humor was something the students were not used too.

Mona Lisa~

As a class we have decided to recreate the *Mona Lisa* that we hope to display in the hallways of Plato Academy. The *Mona Lisa* is a portrait painting by the Italian Renaissance artist Leonardo da Vinci that has been described as "the best known, the most visited, the most written about, the most sung about, the most parodied work of art in the world". The students separated the painting into equal parts and each are drawing a section of the painting. At the end the students plan on connecting each of their parts to have a full painting. This is something we are working on and hopefully turns out just as they imagined.

Crispin~

We are flowing through the second Crispin novel smoothly. The students have given the opportunity to read at home, in class, and with an audio book. We have been taking notes at the end of each chapter

GeoBee Practice~

Each year our school joins the National Geographic Bee, this is a fun time for the students to show their knowledge. The Geo Bee is run just as any other spelling or geography bee would take place but we do it with Mrs. Dionysia's class. We have been practicing and the winner from our school will later compete with students from other schools. This is a fun activity as well as a great learning experience for all of our students.

Test prep~

Each Friday we will be having a test prep session. This will help the students gain some experience taking standardized test as well as give them the comfort and confidence they will need to be the most successful they can be while taking their future tests.

Officer Visit~

On Thursday we were lucky enough to have a Des Plaines Police Officer come and visit each of our classrooms. The students had a great time asking questions as well as hearing stories about young adults such as themselves who are new driver's, high school attendance, and keeping a clean record to have an easy path for their future careers.



Reminders:

- ~ Please sign up for conferences if you have not already!
- ~ Khan Academy each night for at least 20 minutes

Hope you have great weekend,
Ms. Alexandra

“Inside the museum infinity goes up on trial. Voices echo, 'This is what salvation must be like after a while.' But Mona Lisa must have had the highway blues; you can tell by the way she smiles.”

~Bob Dylan