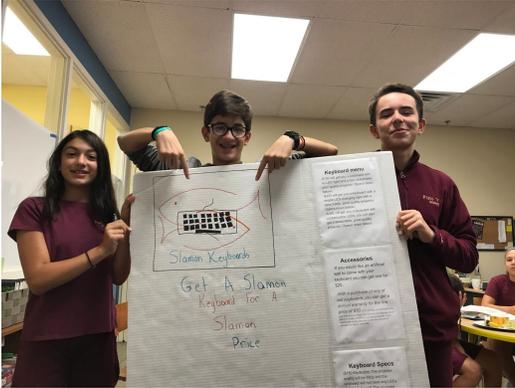


**Newsletter #3**  
**September 8, 2017**



**Math:**

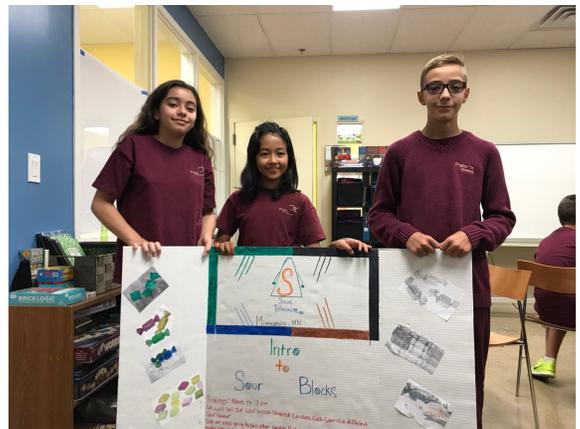
Throughout the week the students have been reviewing math concepts and are working together to recover information they may have lost over their summer vacations! I am very impressed by the way the students encourage one another and are willing to guide each other to reach an understanding. Though we are three grades in one class the students will and are being challenge at the highest level. Starting next week we will be incorporating the Scholastic Math curriculum that introduces math concepts with current events and facts from around the world.

**Crispin:**

This week the students and I started our discussion of our summer reading novel. The students took a short assessment of the novel and will be diving into discussions of theme as well as time period as we move forward with our study of the renaissance,

**Brew HaHa:**

Starting next Friday our weekly coffee shop will be opening! In the upcoming week the students will prepare their final version of the price list that will be displayed outside their cart as well as finalizing signs, promotions, and further ideas for the shop. Over the weekend the students should be looking into fun facts that will be displayed on the cups as well as appropriate jokes. The students are each creating a logo that we will then vote on to display on our cart. We are very excited and have been working very hard to prepare for next week's grand opening.



**Business Project:**

The students have finished and presented their business plans to the class. On Friday, the students were able to share their business plans with their peers. They were able to show all the hard work they have put into creating such a detailed plan and expressed their understanding of what it takes to open a successful business.

**Science:**

~Vsauce is a YouTube channel created by internet personality Michael Stevens. The channel features videos relating to various scientific, psychological, mathematical, and philosophical

topics, as well as gaming, technology, culture, and other topics of general interest. I believe this an interesting way to keep the students interested in such topics. Most of the students have already watched some of the videos on their own, this can be an interesting way for your student to use youtube in a positive way.

#### **~Circuit board:**



Each day the students are encouraged to play games in our class, this week the students choose to take apart our circuit boards. The students are able to build projects such as AM radios, burglar alarms, doorbells and much more the parts are mounted on plastic modules that snap together easily. The circuit board works with AA batteries and includes instructions that the student follow to build a successful snapboard. The students love this board because they are able to build over 300 projects with just 30 parts.

#### **Buddy Time:**

This week during our buddy time the students lead Ms. Anna's class in creating origami. By doing a hands on activity as such the students were able to see and observe the development of a young child and their motor skills. Most of the students were shocked to see that young students at the age of 4 & 5 still have difficulty cutting paper and cutting on a line. Because of the struggle our students chose to draw lines and give the younger students a basic outline to follow. I think sharing this 30 minute buddy time with the younger students allows the middle schoolers the opportunity to lead and guide the younger generation in a positive way.



#### **Reminders:**

**~Picture Day : Tuesday (9/ 12)**

**~Daily Khan Academy**

**Hope you have a great weekend,  
Ms. Alexandra**

**“Risk more than others think is safe. Dream more than others think is practical.”**

**- Howard Schultz, CEO of Starbucks.**

