

Newsletter 6

Below is an image of a book talk diorama for the novel
"Inside Out & Back Again" :

Happy Friday~

Science~

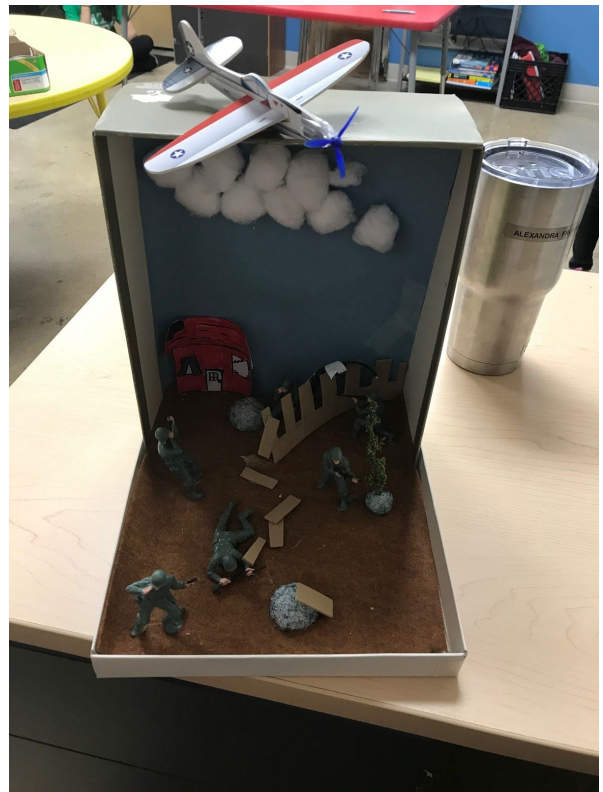
This week in our Science World, the students focused on the anatomy of animals and the precious interactions between humans and animals. The students read the article "Wild Patient", this article visits a veterinary hospital that cares exclusively for bearded dragons, sugar gliders, and other unusual pets. The essential question we looked at while reading was, should people be able to keep wild animals as pets? This question led us to look deeper into what it takes to care for these animals, questions such as how might an animal's biology make it susceptible to particular health problems and if that will affect the decision of allowing them to become house pets.

Math~

Scholastic Math showed us "100 Colors", the architect Emmanuelle Moureaux creates sculptures using a rainbow of paper and fabrics. We chose to look into this article this week since we have been studying and looking at sculptures such as David by Michelangelo during the period of the Renaissance which was made of marble. The students were able to relate that structure to the structures built of basic materials such as the paper and fabrics used in the article. In the article the students had to multiply fractions and mixed numbers to learn the 100 colors installations done by Emmanuelle.

Novel/ Renaissance~

This week the students focused on the Rise of the New Monarchs. The New Monarch was these rulers consolidated power to themselves by reducing the power of the nobility and clergy as well as creating efficient bureaucracies. They did not, however, achieve absolutism. The students were able to research and understand the in-depth family tree of the monarchy during this time period and try to understand the War of the Roses. The students took the time to understand the development of city-states and how it caused feudalism slowly diminished as capitalism took over. The students used this time to incorporate their root words by explaining that the demographics were changing and people were leaving the rural lifestyle and moving to the urban city states for better jobs and lifestyles.



Reminders:

~Curriculum Night - Friday, October 20 (6:00-7:30pm)

We hope you will make arrangements so that at least one parent can attend Plato Academy's curriculum night. This is an adults only event. You will have the opportunity to hear important information regarding the philosophy of our school and experience how our students learn in a constructivist environment. Though you are welcome to attend any classes, it is most important that you come for the short time slot designated for your child's classroom. The schedule will be as follows:

- 6:00-6:25pm: Mr. Chris, Ms. Bia
- 6:30-6:55pm: Ms. Noel & Ms. Soraya, Ms. Anna, Ms. Leslie
- 7:00-7:25pm: Ms. Teresa, Ms. Dionysia, **Ms. Alexandra**

~10/4 (Wednesday) All school trip to the Shedd Aquarium

~10/26 (Thursday): Field Trip to the Opera (Classes: Dionysia, Alexandra) Details to follow.

Hope you have a great weekend,

Ms. Alexandra

“There are forms of oppression and domination which become invisible - the new normal”

~ ~Michel Foucault