

Newsletter 23 & 24
Weeks of (2/9- 2/16)

Math~

Math Scholastic these past two weeks the students read about YouTube Star, JoJo Siwa! In this article the students had to use the number system to show they can fluently add, subtract, multiply, and divide multi-digit decimals. They did so by calculating the AD revenue that the YouTubers earn based on how many times the ads before their videos are viewed. Fun fact, each view is worth only a small amount of money- usually less than 1 cent. That's why ads are sold at a rate based on every 1,000 views the video gets.

~While reviewing decimals the students also had the opportunity to review their multiplying & dividing of fractions this time adding fractions that include decimals.

Crispin~

We have officially finished our third novel by Avi. Reading the Crispin trilogy gave us an idea of the life style most children/ teens lived during the development and later times of the Renaissance. The students were able to understand and grasp the theme of a coming of age novel as well as the importance of gaining independence and freedom.

Shakespeare~

Over the last two weeks the students have been studying Shakespeare's life and how he influenced the renaissance and literature as we know it today. We started our exploration of Shakespeare but understanding his upbringing, education, & his legacy. We later moved into the world that surrounded him during his time of struggle and success, the Elizabethan period. Most recently the students studied the theatre of Shakespeare. We focused on the development of his career, from 1576 when the first theater was built to his time with the Lord Chamberlain's Men, and then his time at the Globe theater.

Globe Theatres~

After reading about the theaters, the students and I looked at other theaters around the world that were built to project sound and escalate the volume of voices without any microphones, such as the The Great Theatre of Epidaurus in Greece. The students were so amazed that people such as the ancient Greeks were capable of creating and thinking of such inventions to impress their kings and queens. As we continued to research other theaters built as Shakespeare's the students challenged themselves to build their own version of the Globe!



Leadership Day~

On Thursday, the students and I attended the annual Leadership day hosted by the Illinois Holocaust Museum in Skokie. This year the speaker was Michel Chikwanine, Michael was born in the Democratic Republic of Congo, Michel Chikwanine has experienced civil war, political upheaval and poverty, emerging as an individual wise beyond his years. Forced by these circumstances to leave his home country at the age of

11 as a refugee, Michel has since traveled to 35 African countries, witnessing firsthand the problems faced by the developing world, but also the beauty of the communities and people who live there.

Hope you have a great weekend,
Ms. Alexandra