

## Newsletter 22

Week of 1/29-2/2

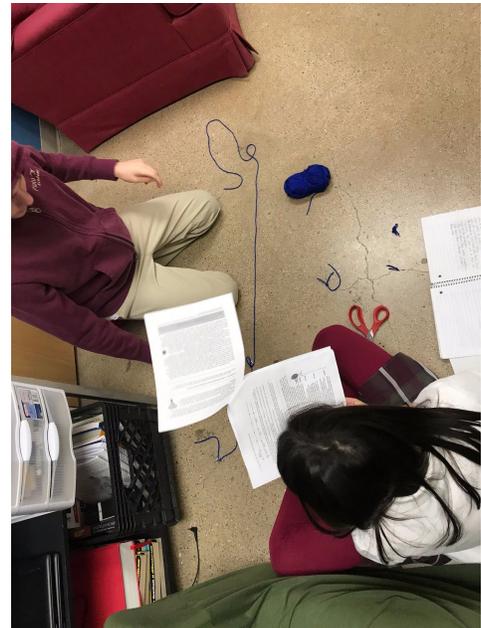
### Math~

This week the students worked on two different articles from their scholastic math magazine. First the students looked at Super Ball Champs!, in this article the students focused on the standards of expressions and equations. Their task was to solve word problems leading to equations. This also required them to simplify expressions and break down two step equations. We chose this article since we are approaching the Super Bowl and was of interest to the students. The second article the students read was, Puffin Protectors. This article gave the students a quick refresher on mean, median, and mode. The students tasks were based on the statistics and probability that were based on summarized numerical data sets.

### Renaissance~

#### ~ Galileo~

On Monday, we started a hands on activity that involved 5 different activities/ labs that related back to all of Galileo's experiments based on gravity. Some of the activities involved watching videos on Apollo 15, others included ways of testing gravity without air. This activity involved using a book and paper and seeing which one would drop first. Another activity included the students building their own ramps and keeping track of the marbles speed by creating their own water timer. All of these experiments gave the students a chance to put their prior knowledge to work and encouraged them to become hands on with their learning.



#### ~Shakespeare~

We will be starting our final portion of our exploration of the renaissance with Shakespeare! I am very excited to introduce the students to many plays, sonnets, and drama during this time period.

### Crispin~

As for Crispin, we have been taking the time each week to break down the novel and the chapters we have covered so far. We are keeping track of Crispin's journey throughout this novel on a personal map each student carries with them as well as his path to "freedom". We are all crossing our fingers that Crispin finishes his journey and finds his way to Iceland safely!

## History~

At the end of the week the students were given a mini lesson by Mr. Zafiri on the Acropolis. The students did a mini research paper that focused on the ancient theater of Epidaurus. This was fun for the students and an activity that will help guide the students when we touch on the Globe theatre that is associated with William Shakespeare.

Hope you have a great weekend,  
Ms. Alexandra

“ I'll be walking in a place where there is 400 degrees difference between sunlight and shadow. I can't imagine ever topping that.”

**Jim Lovell (Apollo 13)**