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Math ~ This week the students and I started our Math Scholastic magazines. The first article we chose to tackle was The Rise of Roblox, each student took time to explain their experience with this site as well as how much the site has developed over time. This article gave the students a chance to determine whether questions about data related to the games on the Roblox website were statistical or non-statistical. After defining both words and giving examples of the two the students were able to finish the questions on their own. They also followed up with an exit slip that justifies their understanding of the subject.



Phantom Tollbooth~

We are officially done with our summer read, *The Phantom Tollbooth*. After much discussion and interpretation the students have finished this novel study.

~ Our next novel will be *Huckleberry Finn* as we dive into our exploration of Illinois.

Philosophers~

The students will be doing their first paper on an ancient Greek philosopher. We got on the topic of philosophers while we were discussing Plato's Allegory of the Cave. While studying allegory the students became interested in the topic of people such as Plato so as always we chose to dive into some personal research. While doing so the

students each picked a philosopher to research and from that we decided to do our first presentation/ essay for the year.

~ please chat with your child about their philosopher!



3D Printer~ We are continuing our work with Mr. Chris and his students. This week the students were able to print and use plastic connectors to start constructing their ramps for the marble race.

Great American Read~ The students and I will be participating in the Great American Read contest! Ask your child about it and check it out for yourself on PBS.

Have a great weekend,
Ms. Alexandra

~” Whenever you find yourself on the side of the majority, it is time to pause and reflect.”
-Mark Twain