

Newsletter

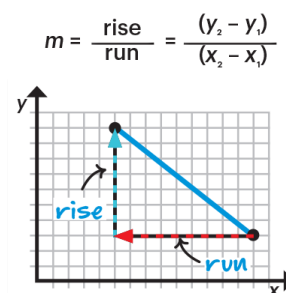
11-9-18

Dear parents of room 2,

Conferences are coming up and we are so excited to share all of the fun and interesting things we have been studying this year. I will add the times that each of you has signed up for at the bottom of this newsletter!

This week:

Math: The students took a dive into slope! The term slope describes a line's steepness. It equals the rate of change between any two points on a line, or its rise (vertical change) over its run (horizontal change). A line's slope is represented by the variable m . You can calculate slope using the formula in the image to the right. This was challenging for some and reintroduced to others, but together we will continue to work on this concept and do our best to master this new concept.



Science: In science world this week the students explored the different

Exploration:

~Essays: Throughout the week the students are continuing to work on their persuasive essays. Their essays are focused on the reforms that they chose from the progressive era.

~Parody: Our students will be creating a parody! A parody is an imitation of the style of a particular writer, artist, or genre with deliberate exaggeration for comic effect. The students were given parts of our Illinois timeline that is filled with events from 1818- present day. With the dates given the students are working in their groups to create lyrics that will coincide with the beat of a song of their choice. ~ Ask your child how their group is choosing a song and maybe you'll even get a sneak peek into their lyrics.

~Novel: We are officially finished with our first classroom novel, Huckleberry Finn. The students were able to finish the novel in class as a group and follow it up with the 1993 film. The students will also be finishing the novel study questions. The questions will be due next Friday (11/16).

~ Mural: On Thursday, the students continued to work and build their Chicago skyline. The students have started to create the buildings themselves and took it upon themselves to find the dimensions that will allow for a proper replica of the skyline. It is always fun to see the students incorporate different subjects such as math and art together when doing fun activities they love. We will be finishing the mural next week, so please stop by during conferences to check it out!

Reminders:

1. Note from Seniora Soraya: Please play https://youtu.be/EFh8kml_0yc to prepare students for Holiday program!
2. **11/ 12:** In-School Field Trip: The Reptile Guy! Jim, "the reptile guy" is coming to Plato on Tuesday, November 13th. ALL classes will attend. Accounts will be billed \$4/child. Please respond to Maria only if you do NOT want your child to participate.
3. **11/29:** Apple store field trip: Students will be using technology to build and create Chicago skyscrapers!
4. **11/30:** Field trip to go see our very own Ella Plata perform the Nutcracker!
 - a. *Still looking for parent drivers for Field trips on November 29th & November 30th*
5. Conferences
 - a. Monday 19th-
 - i. 7:45 am - Gael
 - ii. 8:10 am - Conrad
 - iii. 3:30 pm- Stella
 - iv. 4 pm- Maeve
 - v. 4:30 pm- Ella
 - vi. 5pm- Nicky
 - vii. 5:30 pm- Maeve
 - b. Tuesday 20th
 - i. 7:45 am- Panayiotis
 - ii. 8:10 am- Petros

Have a great weekend,
Ms. Alexandra

~ "The secret of getting ahead is getting started." ~ Mark Twain

