

M. Smith's March Newsletter

Dear Parents/ Guardians,

We have been back to class for almost a month now, and I must say that these kids did not skip a beat in the transition from online to in-person learning. Every one of them has shown great improvement across the board despite the challenging changes of scenery.

Since our return, our light and sound unit in Science has gone out with a bang – and I must say the students did truly show how bright they are. We have just begun to explore the wacky world of pulleys and gears. We will learn how they, and other simple machines, help us to complete basic tasks much more easily.

In Social Studies we have explored from sea to sea to sea and really dug into the lifestyles of people in our great nation, and the vast number of natural resources it has. We are now into our Ancient Civilizations unit and I can tell the kids are quite interested in this. We are lucky to live in a time where we can explore real satellite images of the Earth, including existing structures such as the Colosseum in Rome and the Pyramids in Egypt.

We have embarked on our Lenten journey and are looking forward with great anticipation to the most joyful celebration of our Lord – Easter. The students and I have all made commitments that we are trying to uphold during Lent and so far, it seems to be going well.

In math we are exploring how to describe the space around us. We have dabbled in a little bit of coding; we have explored angle measurement and the calculation of the area of a rectangle. Very soon we will be looking into the real-world application of addition and subtraction and determining when it is useful.

In French, we have been working hard on improving our reading, and I have noticed that all the kids have improved since the last formal assessment before Christmas. I am very proud of what this group has accomplished in spite of the challenges faced. We are now working towards writing an autobiography, and as always continuing to practice our everyday conversational French.

Have a wonderful March and enjoy the beginning of spring in only a couple of weeks! As always, if you ever have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

M. Smith