

WHERE WE ARE IN PLACE AND TIME

Dear Parents,

The second unit of inquiry of this year has come to an end. The central idea of this unit was:
"Geographical knowledge gives insight into the history of the Earth"

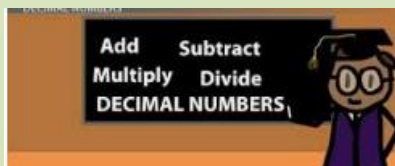
Math:



Our fifth graders explored "Decimal" arithmetic in unit 2 and here is the list of the topics we covered:

- ✓ Decimal Place Value chart through thousandths
- ✓ Equivalent Decimals
- ✓ Comparing and ordering decimals
- ✓ Decimals on a number line
- ✓ Rounding Decimals
- ✓ Adding and subtracting decimals
- ✓ Decimal multiplication
- ✓ How to analyze, reason and finally solve Decimal word problems
- ✓ how to use different approaches when dealing with the same word problem or any math sentences

The girls showed their understanding through posters, class activities and also in the class assessments.



Unit Of Inquiry:



As mentioned above, the central idea focused on the knowledge of *Geography* and how it helps comprehending the history of our "Earth".

Here is a list of the topics we covered in geography:

- ✓ Landforms
- ✓ Weathering and erosion
- ✓ Fossils
- ✓ Types of rock
- ✓ Earth layers
- ✓ Earth quake



Here is a list of the topics we covered in science:

- ✓ Matter: states of it and changing states
- ✓ Physical and chemical change



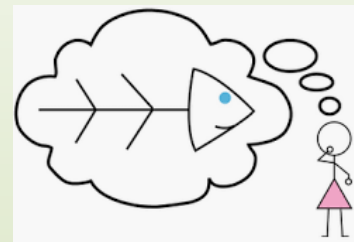
Language Arts:

Since by the end of this unit the girls were supposed to make a connection between what they'd learnt during UOI classes and the history of the Earth, and discuss the causes and effects of the changing landforms, they needed to learn the skills and get to know the tools to be able to make such connection. Therefore, we spent a lot of time learning how to organize essays in LA classes.

Here is a list of the topics we covered in regard to writing:



- ✓ Essay organization: Hamburger method
- ✓ Cause and Effect: fishbone chart
- ✓ Cause and Effect: Graphic Organizer



Here is a list of the topics we covered in grammar:

- ✓ Subject and predicate
- ✓ Pronouns: Subject, Object and Possessive
- ✓ Descriptive Writing

And in regard to reading and vocabulary, as you know there is a booklet for reading comprehension and there is another one to practice spelling and vocabulary structure. We covered 3 more units of each booklet.

Here is a photo report of what girls did during UOI classes:





