Dear parents,

The unit of inquiry, who we are, has been covered in six weeks. So far, we have learned about early civilizations and their members' values, cultures and responsibilities. We also compared and contrasted our today's values, culture and responsibilities with the ancient ones. We tried to make a connection between past and present time. We encourage our children to be responsible and respect different values and cultures.

What we studied in U.O.I:

We studied seven ancient civilizations, namely Mesopotamia in Asia, Egypt in Africa, Greece and Rome in Europe, Incas, Aztecs and Mayas in Southern America. We learned how nomadic people decided to stay somewhere near the rivers and how they used irrigation for agriculture. We also studied the commonalities among these civilizations.

What we learned in Language Arts:

We learned about proper and common nouns, transitive and intransitive verbs, different types of adjectives and adverbs in sentences. Then we learned how to use comparative and superlative adjectives in sentences. How to recognize subject and predicate and how to make compound subjects and verbs were the other lessons we studied. Finally, we learned what subject-verb agreement means and when we require singular form of of the verb and when plural.

As well as working on general English, the students were taught the story elements, namely theme, conflict, setting, exposition, rising action, climax, falling action and resolution. They also leaned simple and multiple cause and effect relationships, sequencing of events, and homonymy of words.

What we covered in Mathematics:

In math we started with studying pictographs, bar graphs, line plots and line graphs, and we learned how to analyze the information they represent. Then, we explored how to calculate mode, median and range in a set of data. Then, place value through million and billion were taught. Comparing, ordering and rounding were the other lessons covered in math. Finally, this unit finished by exploring decimals place value (tenths, hundredths, and thousandths) and how to add and subtract decimals.