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Greetings!

It's been a very busy couple of weeks in Room 208! Students have been working very hard on so many things, trying to wrap up projects and writing before the holiday break.

Writing

We've continued with poetry and students have learned several new forms: *Sense Poems*, *Creature Alliteration Poems* (which taught the technique of *allit-*

eration), and *Personification Poems* (which taught students how to personify an inanimate object). These poems will hopefully be on our *Poetry Blog* soon.

A group of students really went the distance this week on a current events topic about *Wikipedia* (an online encyclopedia). In two groups, they worked several days getting a report together for the Podcast. I am simply "blown away" by the level of writing and sophistication that the students are showing in their podcast pieces. This piece is incredibly thoughtful and articulate. Make sure you listen to it on the Podcast!

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Skills included: *Object Pronouns and Common & Proper Nouns.*

Reading

We've been reading some wonderful stories lately about taking care of the earth. The conversations around these texts have been outstanding and students have been reflecting on them in their Journal Letters to me as well.

Students spent time reading poems on Thursday in order to find examples of *Personification*, in order to support their work in Writing.

Math

The 4th graders have just finished their Unit 4 on *Decimals and their Uses*. I will be sending home the reports from their assessments next week. They are now working on *Big Numbers, Estimation, and Computation*. This week, they've learned how to *extend multiplication facts* (i.e., knowing 5×6 helps me know 5×60), as well as how to *Multiplication Wrestle* (a great way to multiply multi-digit numbers).

3rd graders have just finished their unit on *Multiplication & Division* and are now moving into their unit on *Place Value in Whole Numbers & Decimals*.



Science

Students spent time this week looking at a new biome: the Desert. In particular, they started to learn about the Saguaro Cactus and how it can become a "hotel" (habitat) for all sorts of life. We spent some time comparing and contrasting the

cactus with the oak tree that we had learned about earlier.

Shhhh!

Hopefully your scholar gave you the note from Ms. Horne on Thursday, and you know what I'm talking about when I say this (the "thing" that we're doing on next Wednesday for the Junior High). Please send in your permission slips for your scholar to walk over the JHS, as well as for the Tuesday walk to the High School to do the Holiday Concert.

ALSO— please make sure your student is dressed warm and has boots for both events. Thank you!



*Have a Great Holiday
and Vacation!*

Bob