



Weekly Recap

November 12th-16th

Upper School

Monday, November 12th

NO SCHOOL - VETERANS DAY

Tuesday, November 13th

MINDFULNESS AND MORNING MEETING

Ms. Denise & Ms. Savannah

All

MATH 1

Mr. Kris

Charli, Eva, Gio, Zoey

MATH 2

Ms. Denise

Athena, Christian, Harper, Ian, Jacob, Jonas, Keonte, Olivia, Ricky, Selena, Grady, Xavier, Sarah

Ms. Denise pulled her back and was out today. Ms. Savannah subbed.

9:20-9:40: Individualized Binder Challenges: Multiplication, Division, Unit Conversion, and Word Problems

9:40-10:10: Math Jeopardy!

MATH 3

Ms. Savannah

Avery, Ayden, Charlotte, Brie, Damian, Genevieve, Grace, Kenley, Nate, Neven, Sarah, Samuel

This week, the students are reviewing the skills of the past six weeks. Today, the students reviewed the concepts of converting mixed numbers to improper fractions, improper fractions to mixed numbers and fractions to decimals.

INTRO TO UKULELE

Mr. Andrew

Gio, Eva, Grady, Olivia, Charli, Ian, Ricky

Tuesday we had an issue with the venue so we joined Mr. Kris' PE class and played kickball. The kids were already at the park, I gave them the option of Ukulele or Kickball and Kickball won unanimously.

INTRO TO SPANISH

Ms. Ivette

Athena, Keonte, Selena, Zoey

Today we introduced the Classroom Objects and Things. The children draw and color a picture of a list of objects and told which ones do they have in the classroom. They matched words and pictures and cut out pictures from a magazine and glue each picture next to the correct word. They listened carefully, said each word out loud and used the clues and the words learned in class.

INTRO TO SPANISH

Mr. Seth

Genevieve, Brie, Landen

The topic today was the states of Mexico. We practiced their pronunciation and compared characteristics of Mexico's organization with that of the USA.

MAKERSPACE

Ms. Denise

Avery, Harper, Neven, Nate, Samuel, Charlotte, Brie, Kenley, Sarah, Grace

Ms. Denise pulled her back out and was absent. Ms. Savannah subbed.
Open Studio.

PE

Mr. Kris

Xavier, Jonas, Jacob, Christian, Damian

LIT 1

Ms. Lorelei

Charli, Eva, Gio, Ricky, Sarah, Selena, Grady, Xavier, Zoey

Last week we read the poem "Farewell to the Farm" and focused on the first stanza. Today we looked at the second and third stanzas. We discovered that specific areas and items at the farm were listed and the children were saying goodbye to each of those things. Next, we shifted gears and looked at our next writing unit: informational nonfiction about animals. Each study will choose an animal to research and write about.

We studied examples of informational nonfiction texts, and talked about what we noticed when comparing these kinds of texts with narratives or fictional texts. The students picked their animals, and worked on PBL projects with the remainder of the time while I worked with ability groups.

LIT 2

Ms. Bridget

Athena, Christian, Ian, Jacob, Jonas, Keonte, Olivia, Charlotte

We worked on putting the finishing touches on our projects. Students also participated in VIP, DOL, and editing strategies. We discussed what was needed to complete each project individually (ex: stapling cover, pasting cover) and completed those items. Tomorrow is presentation time!

LIT 3

Ms. Savannah

Avery, Ayden, Brie, Damian, Genevieve, Grace, Harper, Kenley, Nate, Neven, Samuel Today, the students began class by writing an essay answering the following prompt: “Do you personally believe that the book you are reading should be banned or censored? Why or why not?” The students utilized most of the time writing and perfecting this essay. When finished, the students worked on putting the final touches on their speeches.

PBL 1 & 2

Ms. Denise

Charli, Eva, Gio, Ricky, Sarah, Selena, Grady, Xavier, Zoey, Athena, Christian, Ian, Jacob, Jonas, Keonte, Olivia, Charlotte

Ms. Denise pulled her back out and was absent today. Mr. Kris subbed for PBL. Those who have completed their comic books worked on creating decorations/signs/imagery for Thursday’s Verdi EcoSchool/Nasa Grit Popup event about growing food in space.

PBL 3

Ms. Savannah

Avery, Ayden, Brie, Damian, Genevieve, Grace, Harper, Kenley, Nate, Neven, Samuel

In preparation for our presentation tomorrow, the students utilized the entire class period working towards putting the last touches on their speeches and visuals.

Wednesday, November 14th

MINDFULNESS AND MORNING MEETING

Ms. Denise & Ms. Savannah

All

Class Agreement Ritual

Safekeeper Ritual

Wishwell Ritual

Breathkeeper Ritual

MATH 1

Mr. Kris

Charli, Eva, Gio, Zoey

MATH 2

Ms. Denise

Athena, Christian, Harper, Ian, Jacob, Jonas, Keonte, Olivia, Ricky, Selena, Grady, Xavier, Sarah

Ms. Denise pulled her back and was out today. Mr. Seth subbed.

9:20-9:40: Individualized Binder Challenges: Multiplication, Division, Unit Conversion, and Word Problems

9:40-10:10: Betcha Estimation Challenge - Pennies! We have been practicing different strategies for estimation. This is our final Betcha Estimation Challenge for the semester. The jar of pennies had 787 pennies or \$7.87. The person who estimated the closest was JONAS at 500 or \$5.00!

MATH 3

Ms. Savannah

Avery, Ayden, Charlotte, Brie Carlisle, Damian, Genevieve, Grace, Kenley, Nate, Neven, Samuel

The students continued to review the skills of the last six week. Today, they worked in centers to review adding and subtracting fractions with like and unlike denominators, multiplying and dividing fractions and integers within the operations.

INTRO TO UKULELE

Mr. Andrew

Gio, Eva, Grady, Olivia, Charli, Ian, Ricky

We wrapped up by trying to first get a video of Baby Shark, which started with a lot of rehearsal and finally I got a pretty decent video of that. After our brain break we did the same thing with Mr. Frog. I concluded by thanking them for being in my class and let them know that I really enjoyed the experience. They were so well behaved this day, it really gave me a sense of accomplishment knowing that I have bestowed some of my knowledge to kids who are at the age I was when I started my musical journey, and the majority of them really enjoyed it as well.

INTRO TO SPANISH

Ms. Ivette

Athena, Keonte, Selena, Zoey

For our last session, we took the key elements from each of the previous lessons and combine them to form an overview lesson that reinforced the skills set for each student.

INTRO TO SPANISH

Mr. Seth

Genevieve, Brie, Landen

We finished our semester coloring in the countries on maps of Central America and South America.

MAKERSPACE

Ms. Denise

Avery, Harper, Neven, Nate, Samuel, Charlotte, Brie, Kenley, Sarah, Grace

Open Studio. Provocation: Tinkercad and 3-d printing.

PE

Mr. Kris

Xavier, Jonas, Jacob, Christian, Damian

LIT 1

Ms. Lorelei

Charli, Eva, Gio, Ricky, Sarah, Selena, Grady, Xavier, Zoey

Today we had some students present their comic books. The other students watching

filled out peer review forms, giving feedback to their peers. Some students who still needed to work on their projects were able to do so.

LIT 2

Ms. Bridget

Athena, Christian, Ian, Jacob, Jonas, Keonte, Olivia, Charlotte

Today was the first day of presentations. Students shared their beautiful comic book projects with their parents and peers. After presentations, students would ask questions or give compliments based on what they observed. They also filled out peer review forms, documenting their thoughts on the presentations.

LIT 3

Ms. Savannah

Avery, Ayden, Brie, Damian, Genevieve, Grace, Harper, Kenley, Nate, Neven, Samuel

The students spent their time setting up and practicing for their presentation to the Verdi Eco School Panel today!

PBL 1 & 2

Ms. Denise

Charli, Eva, Gio, Ricky, Sarah, Selena, Grady, Xavier, Zoey, Athena, Christian, Ian, Jacob, Jonas, Keonte, Olivia, Charlotte

Jonas, Zoey, Selena, Gio, Ricky, and Ian presented their final comic books! The other students completed peer reviews of their work and presentations.

PBL 3

Ms. Savannah

Avery, Ayden, Brie, Damian, Genevieve, Grace, Harper, Kenley, Nate, Neven, Samuel

Today, the students presented their points to a panel of Verdi Eco School Representatives in hopes of persuading them to either ban or keep the book that they were reading this semester. Each group did a magnificent job presenting!

Thursday, November 15

MINDFULNESS AND MORNING MEETING

Ms. Denise & Ms. Savannah

All

Class Agreement Ritual

Safekeeper Ritual

Wishwell Ritual

Breathkeeper Ritual

MAKERSPACE

Ms. Denise

Keonte, Selena, Athena, Grady, Zoey, Jonas, Olivia, Xavier, Christian, Harper, Ricky, Gio

Open studio. Finish all your projects, decide which ones you want to take home and which you want to recycle. Help to clean-up Makerspace, since it's the end of the semester!

CAPOEIRA

Ms. Jessica

Jacob, Eva, Charlie

The students were introduced to a move called "au batido", which is a capoeira trick used in capoeira and other martial arts, we also worked on capoeira choreography.

MATH 3

Ms. Savannah

Avery, Ayden, Charlotte, Brie Carlisle, Damian, Genevieve, Grace, Kenley, Nate, Neven, Sarah, Samuel

The students worked in teams to practice all of the skills that were introduced in the last six weeks! Students worked together to ensure that each team member understood the concept at hand!

GROWING FOOD IN FLORIDA

Ms. Mikael

Olivia, Charli, Xavier (FRI only), Grace

Today we observed our garden plots and took note of what was growing, sprouting, or not growing so well. A few things really needed watered and mulched so we did that. We trimmed back the passion vines and trained the stems and tendrils to go around the fence. Grace helped cut down a pigeon pea tree to open up sunlight for tomatoes while Charli and I thinned out some spinach sprouts that were growing.

PLANT-BASED COOKING

Ms. Bridget

Gio, Eva, Zoey, Jonas (FRI only), Selena, Athena (Fri only), Keonte (Fri only)

We created organic kettle corn on the farm today as well as the ever popular cookie dough. For the kettle corn, we used air popped non gmo corn (this led into a great discussion about using a stove vs microwaves). We sweetened the corn with agave and seasoned it with cinnamon after coating it in coconut oil. Our cookie dough was made from flax, coconut oil, agave, cinnamon, and sea salt. Everything was delicious!

FARM ENTREPRENEURIALISM

Mr. Seth

Harper, Neven, Samuel, Charlotte, Kenley, Ricky

Our lesson today covered aspects of aquaculture and its feasibility in Florida. We talked about shellfish restoration, sponges, offshore aquaculture, and baitfish production.

FALL HARVEST

Ms. Jamie

Christian, Damian (FRI only), Avery, Brie, Genevieve, Sarah

We went on our weekly garden walk and prioritized our to-do list for the following day. We cut back a pigeon pea bush so our tomatoes could get more sun and thinned turnips.

PE

Mr. Kris

Jacob (FRI only), Grady, Nate, Keonte (FRI only)

SOCIAL SKILLS GROUP

Ms. Sydney

Keonte, Xavier, Jacob, Jonas, Damian

Our last class was spent with a discussion about friendship; what it takes to be a friend, how to make friends, how to lose friends, and how to keep them. Based on interest of the class, we also talked about the differences between friendship and relationships. We

talked about the grey area, and how relationships aren't always black and white. I answered questions students had about crushes and comments about situations they have been in. The students identified things they liked about friends, having friends, and what they can do together. The class played a game together as friends, successfully ending the social skills group for the semester.

LIT 1

Ms. Lorelei

Charli, Eva, Gio, Ricky, Sarah, Selena, Grady, Xavier, Zoey

Today we visited the library. We also had some more PBL presentations.

LIT 2

Ms. Bridget

Athena, Christian, Ian, Jacob, Jonas, Keonte, Olivia, Charlotte

We had class at the Library today where students had the opportunity to check out new materials as well as browse for books of their interests. We had some phenomenal presentations for our Comic Book Presentations! It was awesome to see it all come together!

LIT 3

Ms. Savannah

Avery, Ayden, Brie, Damian, Genevieve, Grace, Harper, Kenley, Nate, Neven, Samuel

The students reflected on the past unit and their role in it through a writing prompt: Explain what you thought about this unit? What did you like? What did you dislike? What do you think you did well in? What are some areas that you feel you can improve?

MATH IN THE GARDEN

Ms. Denise

Selena, Keonte, Athena, Jacob, Christian, Grady, Harper, Ricky

Last two days of Math in the Garden for the semester! Today I handed back their work with some corrections and edits for them to make. We spent some good, concentrated time making those corrections and edits at the bandshell. Some students even were able to work on more Binder Challenges. We spent the last 10 minutes of the day watering plants and chasing lizards. I was proud of how much effort they put into their math work.

CURSIVE

Ms. Bridget

Gio, Eva, Zoey, Olivia, Xavier

The class worked diligently in our cursive writing books for approximately 30 minutes and then had free exploration at the Bandshell for the remainder of the class with Math in the Garden. Students showed the class their cursive writing as an end of the semester wrap up and it is remarkable how much improvement and progress they have made in 6 weeks. I am so proud of their work and I hope they continue to write in Cursive even after this semester is finished!

MYTHOLOGY

Ms, Jamie

Jonas, Nate, Samuel, Grace

We read our first story from Roman Mythology - the tale of Romulus and Remus and the founding of Rome.

FLORIDA NATIVES

Mr. Seth

Avery, Neven, Genevieve, Charlotte, Brie, Sarah, Kenley

Due to small class size, today we joined in on the reading in Mythology class of the story of Romulus and Remus.

Friday, November 16th

MINDFULNESS AND MORNING MEETING

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MAKERSPACE

Ms. Denise

Keonte, Selenia, Athena, Grady, Zoey, Jonas, Olivia, Xavier, Christian, Harper, Ricky, Gio

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CAPOEIRA

Ms. Jessica

Jacob, Eva, Charli

MATH 3

Ms. Savannah

Avery, Ayden, Charlotte, Brie Carlisle, Damian, Genevieve, Grace, Kenley, Nate, Neven, Sarah, Samuel

Today the students demonstrated an ability to solve problems involving all of the skills that we've worked on this semester (integers through the operations, adding, subtracting, multiplying and dividing fractions, and converting fractions) through independent practice.

GROWING FOOD IN FLORIDA

Ms. Mikael

Olivia, Charli, Xavier (FRI only), Grace

Today was our last day! After observation and maintenance of the garden we sat together and revisited some of our experiences growing food in florida and what lesson we may have learned from that experience. We also talked a bit about why growing food is so important and helpful for people and the earth.

PLANT-BASED COOKING

Ms. Bridget

Gio, Eva, Zoey, Jonas (FRI only), Selena, Athena

Today we made organic vegan gluten free Macaroni and Cheese on the farm! We created the macaroni and cheese from nutritional yeast, sea salt, turmeric, garlic, and onion. The macaroni part was simply a gluten-free and vegan macaroni that was pre-boiled before class and placed in a slow cooker with vegan butter. After we were finished making the macaroni and cheese, we had time to make oatmeal bowls. Students had a great time adding in what they wanted in the oatmeal bowls, which were served hot on that farm.

FARM ENTREPRENEURIALISM

Mr. Seth

Harper, Neven, Samuel, Charlotte, Kenley, Ricky

Today we discussed offshore aquaculture and its role in sustainable fisheries. We had a great semester and talked about a lot of great ideas and listened to some awesome guest speakers. These young students are well on their way to being vibrant components of our community!

FALL HARVEST

Ms. Jamie

Christian, Damian (FRI only), Avery, Brie, Genevieve, Sarah

One of the term-long projects the students had identified was thinning the pineapple spiral for plant health. Today they added to the tire garden and transplanted pineapple and Seminole Pumpkin. We summarized everything we accomplished in the garden over the past 6 weeks.

PE

Mr. Kris

Jacob (FRI only), Grady, Nate, Keonte (FRI only)

LIT 1

Ms. Lorelei

Charli, Eva, Gio, Ricky, Sarah, Selena, Grady, Xavier, Zoey

LIT 2

Ms. Bridget

Athena, Christian, Ian, Jacob, Jonas, Keonte, Olivia, Charlotte

Today we had our Comic Book Presentations! We were glad to see so many parents at the

presentations. Students had the opportunity to do peer reviews. We also went over some of the highlights from the projects as well as saying our farewells/see you soon's for the semester.

LIT 3

Ms. Savannah

Avery, Ayden, Brie, Damian, Genevieve, Grace, Harper, Kenley, Nate, Neven, Samuel

Today, the students spent their time with a little choice and some center activities! Within these centers, the students were able to read independently (some of the kids are reading some really incredible novels!), write thoughtful thank you letters to our panel from Wednesday, and add things to Seesaw as well as discuss their progress through this course with Ms. Savannah.

MATH IN THE GARDEN

Ms. Denise

Selena, Keonte, Athena, Jacob, Christian, Grady, Harper, Ricky

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CURSIVE

Ms. Bridget

Gio, Eva, Zoey, Olivia, Xavier

Today was the last day of Cursive for the semester, so we celebrated by writing ourselves letters in cursive describing how happy/proud/glad we are to have learned Cursive this semester. We had free exploration in the Garden along with watering of plants.

MYTHOLOGY

Ms. Jamie

Jonas, Nate, Samuel, Grace

We concluded our treatment of Roman mythology with a two-part story of Cupid and Psyche.

FLORIDA NATIVES

Mr. Seth

Avery, Neven, Genevieve, Charlotte, Brie, Sarah, Kenley

We finished our semester discussing indigenous Milky Way creation myths and Native America's appreciation of celestial events. The students finished drawing and coloring their schematics of the Earth's place in the universe and presenting their version of a creation myth.