



Home-School Connection #30

6/8/17 - Due THURSDAY

Please include at least 3 discussion questions

EYES & EYE DISSECTION: You have looked at and drawn the outside of an eye. Then, you were given a diagram of the eye to learn the parts and what they do. We watched part of a video about

optical illusions and why we can see color. And, we saw a video that explained a cow eye dissection. Then, on Wednesday, you had a chance to dissect a real sheep's eye. The Chinese philosopher Confucius said, *"Everything has its beauty, but not everyone sees it."* Well, I noticed how many of you thought you were going to be "grossed out" by the dissection, but that didn't happen. Please describe what you saw and learned from the process. What surprised you? What do you think of the Confucius quote? Do your parents have any similar experiences? Photos are on our website!



REVOLUTIONARY WALK: On Thursday, 6/8/17 we covered a lot of ground. We went by or into the Bulfinch designed State House. We went by the Granary burial ground, (they were closed for upkeep). We went to the Franklin/School Site (with the donkey and the relief sculpture. We went to the Old State House and to the Faneuil Hall. You each got balloons from Larry, the balloon artist, We went to the Ancient and Honorable Artillery museum on the top floor of Faneuil Hall. We had lunch in Columbus Park and the Saxophone player came and played for us. We examined the outside of Paul Revere's House to learn more about the houses for our river table. We went inside = the Old North Church, and you splashed a lot in fountains before we headed home. You saw interesting architecture, canon balls from the battle of bunker hill, items made by Paul Revere, John Hancock's clothes and his wife's wedding shoes and so much more. Discuss what you learned along the way and what was fun about the trip. I want to say that you were a pleasure to be with all day. You were polite, flexible and positive. Really. Truly.





INTRO TO ADOLESCENCE: We began the ITA unit. We compared the word adolescence to puberty. We made a triangle with dashed lines and maturity written in the middle. The three corners of the triangle stand for social, emotional and physical maturity. We will talk more about each of these corners and how social pressures, new emotions and physical changes can affect you. You made an incredible in-depth list describing what you think maturity means. Why do you think it's important to learn about these changes? How might it help you deal with friends, family, school and your own self?

PROVERBS and ALMANAC: You are writing our 5S Almanac based on Ben Franklin's Poor Richard's Almanac. It is like a farmer's almanac except it's filled with facts about 5S instead of farming. Each student will write about their favorite systems and memories from the year. Everyone will also write predictions for the future and proverbs they think teach good lessons. Attached are Ben Franklin Proverbs. Please share them with your parents and discuss the ones you like or find confusing. Write down one your parent likes: How might these proverbs connect to what we are doing in ITA?

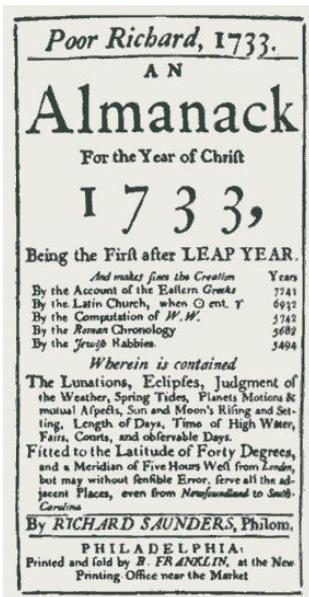
BOOK GROUP/READING/SUMMER READING: : Last week we finished book group. What do you gain from book group that is different from read aloud? Do you think read aloud is good for any age? Would you like to have a book group about City of Sparks online over the summer? How about a different book? What do you plan to read over the summer?

OTHER:

- **6TH GRADE MOVE UP DAY:** What did you learn? What questions do you still have?
- **DECIMAL FRACTION QUIZ - WORD PROBLEMS and AREA MODELS:** Are they getting more clear? You will bring home the quizzes on Monday to share with your family.
- **POINTS DAY EVALUATION AND VOTING:** Can you explain why we have a points day and what you are hoping for and why.
- **SPECIALS:** Art, P.E. MUSIC, CHINESE, CONSERVATORY: What have you been up to?

Due: Monday: We made a time to do this on: Parent Signature & Comments:

Student rating (1-5) Please say why and which topics lead to the most in-depth discussions. 5 because we had a lot of interesting discussions with each other.



Poor Richard's Almanac

- by Benjamin Franklin (alias Richard Saunders)

- Read all the proverbs below. There are 30.
- Circle proverbs you want to discuss because they are hard to fully understand.
- Underline proverbs you understand
- Put a smiley face next to proverbs you think are good advice for you and or your classmates.
- You will be asked to pick one for your almanack and then you will write your own words of wisdom!

- What numbers most confused you? _____
- What numbers did you most like? WHY? _____

*Note: If you see weird spelling or capitalization, it's because during the time that Ben Franklin was alive, rules for spelling and grammar were different.

1. A quarrelsome Man has no good Neighbours.
2. An empty Bag cannot stand upright.
3. Be slow in chusing (choosing) a friend, slower in changing.
4. Better slip with foot than tongue.
5. Don't throw stones at your neighbours, if your own windows are glass.
6. Early to bed and early to rise, makes a man healthy, wealthy, and wise.
7. Gifts burst rocks.
8. Great Beauty, great strength, & great Riches, are really & truly of no great use; a right Heart exceeds all.
9. He that cannot obey, cannot command.

10. He that scatters Thorns, let him not go barefoot.
11. He that speaks much, is much mistaken.
12. Hear no ill of a Friend, nor speak any of an Enemy.
13. If thou hast wit & learning, add to it Wisdom and Modesty."
14. If you desire many things, many things will seem but a few.
15. Make haste slowly.
16. Never confuse motion with action
17. No man e'er (ever) was glorious, who was not laborious.
18. None but the well-bred man knows how to confess a fault, or acknowledge himself in an error.
19. None preaches better than the ant, and she says nothing.
20. Take this remark from Richard poor and lame, whate'er's (whatever) begun in anger ends in shame.
21. Tart Words make no Friends: a spoonful of honey will catch more flies than a Gallon of Vinegar.
22. The noblest question in the world is, What Good may I do in it?
23. The sleeping Fox catches no poultry. Up! up!
24. Those who are fear'd, are hated.
25. Those who in quarrels interpose (interfere) must often wipe a bloody nose.
26. Three may keep a Secret, if two of them are dead.
27. Time is an herb that cures all Diseases.
28. Wealth is not his that has it, but his that enjoys it.
29. Well done is better than well said.
30. Wink at small faults; remember thou hast great ones