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During this gloomy, grumpy weather, we have been working at fractions packets. Sam is doing adding and subtracting frustrating fractions. Megan (the magical), Clare (the creative), Gerrit (the generous) and Tiarnan (the terrific) the have been doing terribly long fraction packets, and Clare (the soccer star) has been practicing her multiplication. Anna (the artful artist) has been doing algebra worksheets.

In Creative Writing we have been doing concrete descriptions of two objects – a dragon puzzle, and a shell. A concrete description is where you describe the object exactly, and in great detail. We also worked on doing imaginative descriptions. We used our imagination to think of things that are like these objects, and to imagine a story behind these things.

In interesting history we have been making a timeline of the Indians of Mexico and North America. Anna (the athletic) is studying the Olmec, Ethan (the adventurous) and Sam (the smart) are studying the North American Indians, Megan (the marvelous) is studying the Mayans, Tiarnan (the cooperative) and Gerrit (the great) are studying the Aztecs. Finally, Clare (the courageous) is studying the Incas.

In Art/Science we have been making special sea animal tunnel books. We each chose an animal and drew it, put it onto watercolor paper, cut it out, and glued string onto animals, and now we're going to paint and put our 3D book together.

THE BEST PART OF THE WEEK WAS WELCOMING ETHAN (THE EXCITING) BACK FROM HIS VOYAGE TO AFRICA. HE SHOWED US A STAFF, A CLUB, AND JEWELRY THAT HE BROUGHT BACK. HE TOLD US ABOUT A CELEBRATION HE SAW, AND WE'RE LOOKING FORWARD TO SEEING PHOTOS OF HIS TRIP.

This Friday we will go to another exciting ice skating lesson. Last week Miki (the super) and Laurel (the helpful) took us skating and we got a great lesson. Clare (the artsy) and Megan (the graceful) learned how to almost do the lunge and spin fast. We're all looking forward to improving our skills.

Brought to you by.

Clare (the future pro soccer star), ice skating champion, wonderful novelist, and great animal care giver)

Announcements:

Please bring \$10.00 for the private lesson, skate rental, and entrance fee for this Friday

Trip to Chicago – March 22-23

Basic Skills – April 3-6 (except for Megan and Tiarnan)

(there's a great science show taking place at Van Allen Hall from 4 to 5 pm with hands-on activities...it's for families...this Saturday...the topic is hearing)