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Good morning!

This week in social studies, we finished our chapter on Ancient China. We also learned a bit about how silk is made, which was new for me and pretty fascinating. There is a short video on our Google Stream that shows the process. Next week, we will begin Chapter 10, the Ancient Israelites. I am planning to discuss the election and so we may shift our schedule a bit, depending on the direction that discussion takes. We have a new Scholastic that I will pick up today, and if there is an appreciable section on the election, I may substitute that for social studies for a day or two.

In science, we completed the chapter on volcanoes. On Friday (October 30), we will have our monthly Zoom with Connie Adams. We are making salt and flour volcanoes and Connie is planning to erupt the huge volcano at the Science Center. Next week, we will start on Chapter 8, Weathering and Soil Formations.

In language arts, we will be starting a new novel, Code Talker, by Joseph Bruchac. It's about Navajo Marines that used the Navajo language during World War II to send messages. I will tie it in to our current social studies using the development of language through ancient times and comparing it to the Navajo language in the book.

In grammar this week, we completed Lessons 12, 13, and 14. These involved proper capitalization and irregular verbs. Next week, we will work on Lessons 15 and 16, finishing up on irregular verbs and the four principal parts of verbs.

This week in art we will work on an Aboriginal Art project. I have had this for some time, and it looks like a cool and colorful project. It really doesn't tie into anything we are studying, but I think students will enjoy it nonetheless.

We will be learning about and listening to Vivaldi this week. I anticipate a peaceful and relaxing music week in class! I think students will hear a lot of music they recognize.

In math, 5th Grade is beginning division with two-digit divisors, 6th grade will be working on multiplying decimals, 7th Grade will begin algebraic expressions, and 8th Grade will be evaluating algebraic expressions.

Olivia's Day of the Dead shirts are going out to students, along with our new novel, Scholastics, and Halloween bags. I am also dropping off our Secret Buddy cards. On Friday, we will be watching The Witches on Netflix Party after our Zoom class with Connie. Next week, we are off on Friday, November 6th. We are also off on the following Wednesday (November 11) for Veterans Day.

Finally, cookbooks can be ordered by contacting Keri. They are \$15 and are available on a first come, first serve basis.

If you have any other questions or concerns, please let me know!

Heather