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Good Afternoon!

This week in social studies, we read about the Ancient Israelites. The chapter primarily focused on the beginning of the Jewish and Christian religions. It was interesting to see the relationship between these two religions and how they compare to the prior religions we have learned about this year in social studies. We will be finishing up this chapter and beginning Chapter 11, the Ancient Greeks, next week. I am going to plan for some tie-ins with Greek mythology. We are somewhat ahead in social studies, so we have some time to work on things outside of the book. I think most students are familiar with Greek mythology and they will enjoy going a bit deeper into this subject. We are still waiting to award the Amazon gift card prize for the closest Electoral College map. That may take some time....

In science, we worked through Chapter 8, Weathering and Soil Formations. This was a really short chapter; there were only three lessons. Next week, we will work on the Chapter Assessment and Review on Monday and Tuesday, then we will begin Chapter 9, Erosion and Deposition.

In language arts, we started our new novel, Code Talker, by Joseph Bruchac. We will continue reading the novel and answering comprehension questions. I will also begin some activities with the vocabulary words from the book.

In grammar this week, we completed a review and Lesson 15- irregular verbs. Next week, we will work on Lessons 16 and 17, which cover the four principal parts of verbs and part one of simple prepositions.

This week in art we did a different project than I had originally planned. I had students collect leaves, since it was beautiful on Monday and the leaves are changing quickly. Students then worked on art using the leaves. It was a great project idea Kathy gave me. For next week, I am looking for an art project based on the Navajo tribe, to tie this in with the Code Talker.

We learned about and listened to Vivaldi this week. Students realized they were indeed familiar with some of Vivaldi's music, particularly the Four Seasons. Next week, we will be reading poetry by J.R.R. Tolkien: Cat, the Bath Song, The Song of Aragorn, and Bilbo's Adventure Song.

In math, 5th Grade is finishing up two digit division and partial quotient division problems, 6th Grade will be subtracting decimals, and 7th and 8th Grades will be continuing with simplifying more complex algebraic expressions.

Don't forget we are off on Wednesday, November 11, for Veteran's Day.

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