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Dear Families,

We have finished the third glorious week of summer school with only one more week to go. As I am privileged to go in and out of classrooms each morning, I am impressed with all of the wonderful things going on here each day!

Attendance:

We hope to see your children every day. If for some reason they cannot join us, please call the Attendance Hotline at 818-949-4881 and inform us of your child's full name, day(s) of absence and a call back number.

Drop-Off and Pick-Up: For most students and parents the drop-off and pick-up went extremely well. Please set a good example for your children by following the rules of dropping your child off **ONLY** at the Gould gate or the Knight Way gate.

Our primary goal is to protect the safety of our children, so please be extra vigilant as you are driving, looking for detours and possibly unexpected stopped traffic.

Recap of classes this week:

1st Grade: Most of the emphasis this week is about the most densely populated region of the ocean -- the coral reef. They have talked about the types of relationships that occur - both positive and negative. They have made 3-D representations of the reef using pipe cleaners and marshmallows.

2nd Grade: This week has strengthened their understanding of ocean life by drawing, coloring and writing about different characteristics of fish. They even learned how to read analog clocks to know how long they have to wait to go see the fish.

3rd grade: They finally finished reading and analyzing "Mr. Popper's Penguins." They have been writing their own "books" by relating text to self and to the world. In science, they used vinegar and baking soda to inflate a balloon. In art, they have been painting cherry blossoms using their fingers to make the cherries and the leaves.

4th grade: In English, they have been writing collaboratively from prompts. In math, they have been plotting information using coordinates. In art, they have been quilling to make pop art.

5th grade: They have been trying to better understand the different shapes by making 3-D models. In writing, they are creating their own tale about “Jolly Postman.” In art, they are drawing comic strips and making flowers out of paper cups.

6th grade: In art, they are learning about optical illusions and making cartoon strip collages. In math, they are doing math worksheets to help them understand how to calculate the prices. In English, they are making a collage of letters to make fairy tale characters.

There are two very big positives that I have seen this week. The first is that the students are learning to interact properly with their no-zoom, 3-D friends. The second thing they are remembering that education can be fun.

With warm regards,

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