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Hello Room 16 Families,

Curriculum update:

Reading: Over the last few weeks, in reading we have been focused on reading nonfiction with two different kinds of lenses, the lens of reading narrative nonfiction as a story and the lens of reading to learn new information. They have learned a lot about nonfiction texts that are very clearly structured as an expository with a table of contents, headings and subheadings. They have also learned about narrative nonfiction and we will be moving into biographies.

Writing: Students have been working hard at writing a powerful introduction and conclusion to their information writing by looking at mentor authors. We will be sharing our information pieces with one another.

Math: We are wrapping up our math unit on division. During the next few weeks, our math class will be learning about fractions. We will learn to identify, read, and write fractions as part of a whole and as part of a group.

Science: Students were introduced to the concept of “climate” and explored the world’s five major climates. In the activity, students colored one part of a world map to figure out the different climates of that region. Students then combined maps and searched for global climate patterns.

Social Studies: We have been looking at Geography and the way we live. We read about the geography of four places in California and how we can make communities better. We will continue to learn about being good citizens.