

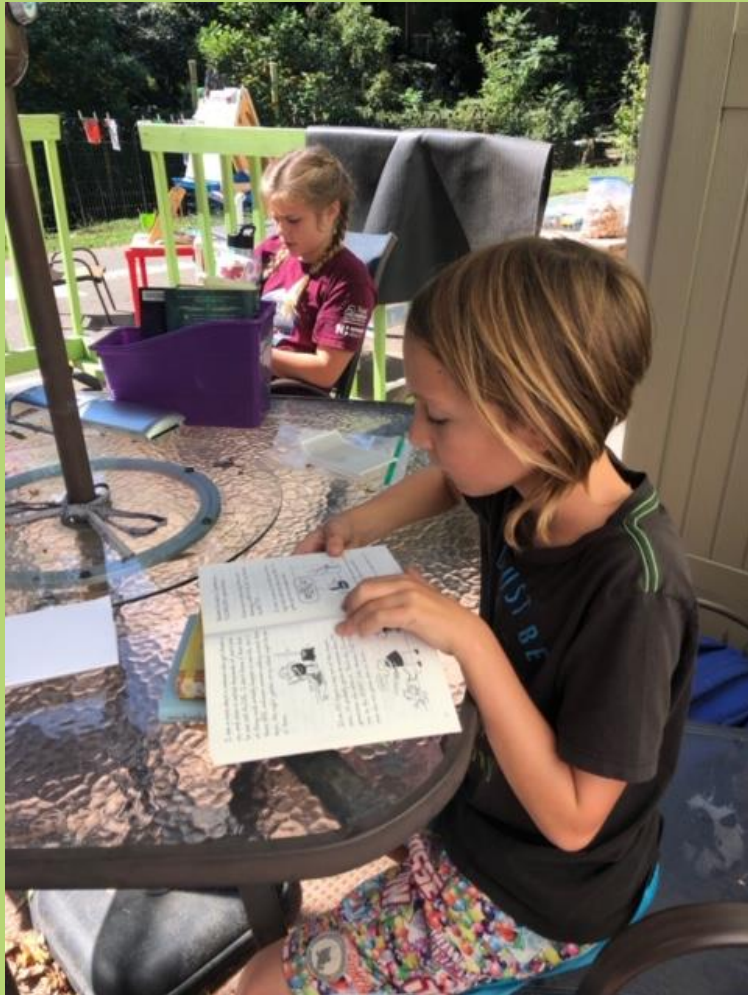
Upper Elementary

Week of September 3rd



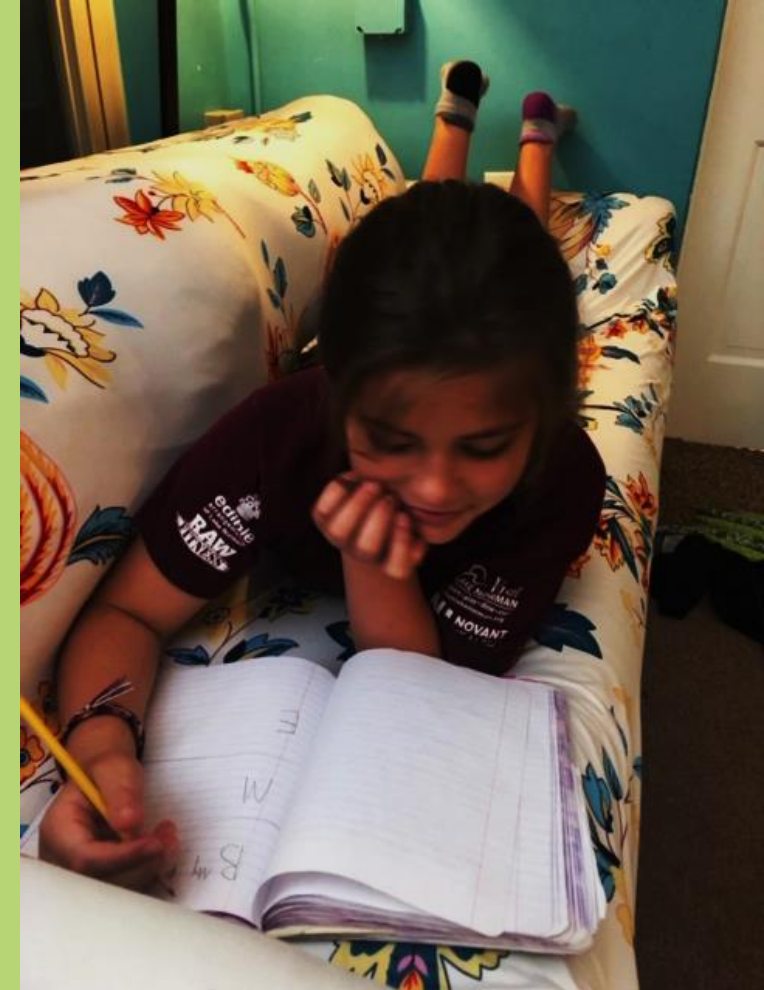
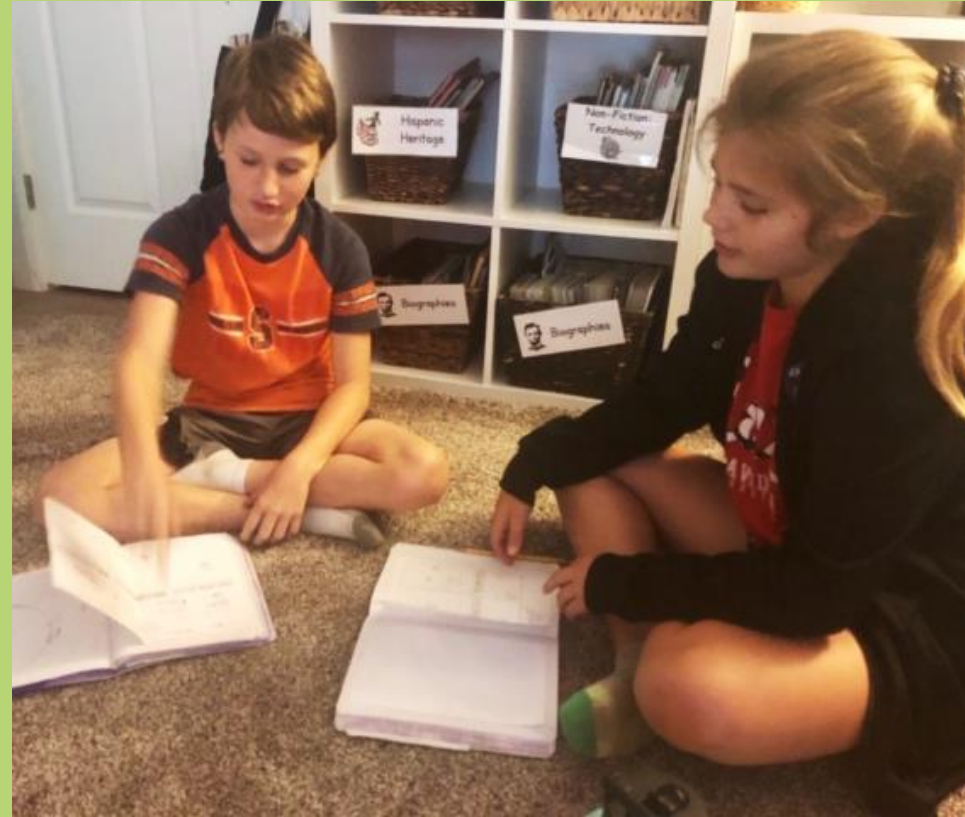
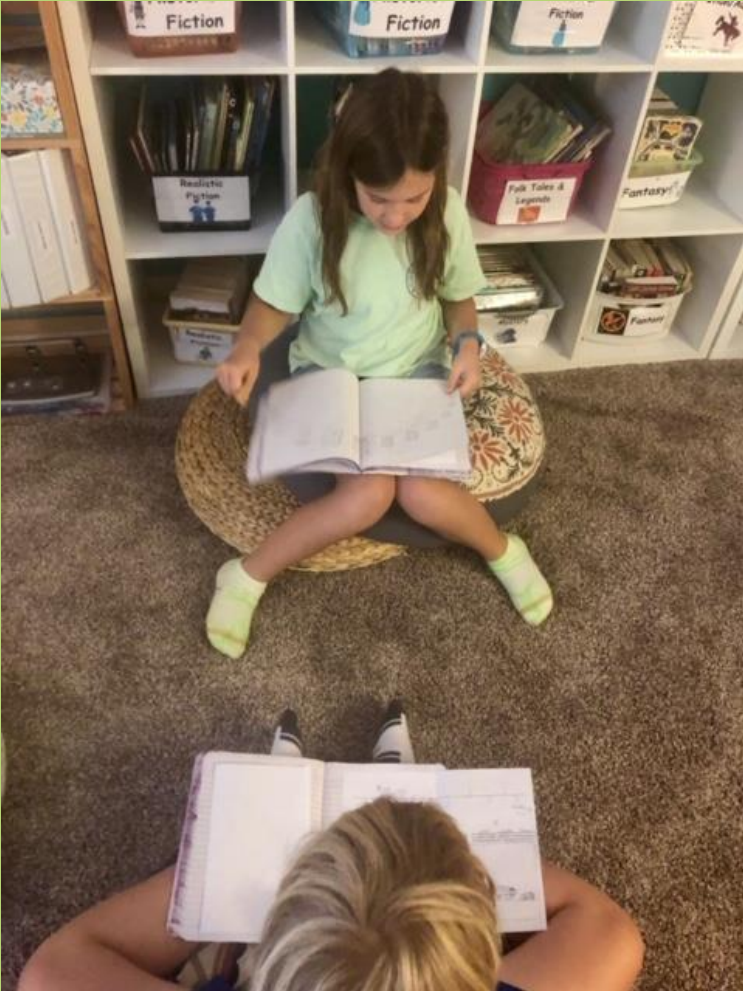
Reading

In Reading this week, we learned about the importance of having a “balanced reading diet,” reading a variety of text and genres to keep both the left and right sides of our brain stimulated. We explored different genres and re-filled our book boxes. We also learned how to use the anchor charts hanging up in our classroom.



Writing

This week we learned strategies for helping us with the planning stage of the Writing Process. Students practiced sequencing their narratives using a BME organizer, a story arc, a timeline, and by sketching scenes. Writers considered the importance of thinking about where they want to take their writing before beginning the drafting stage.



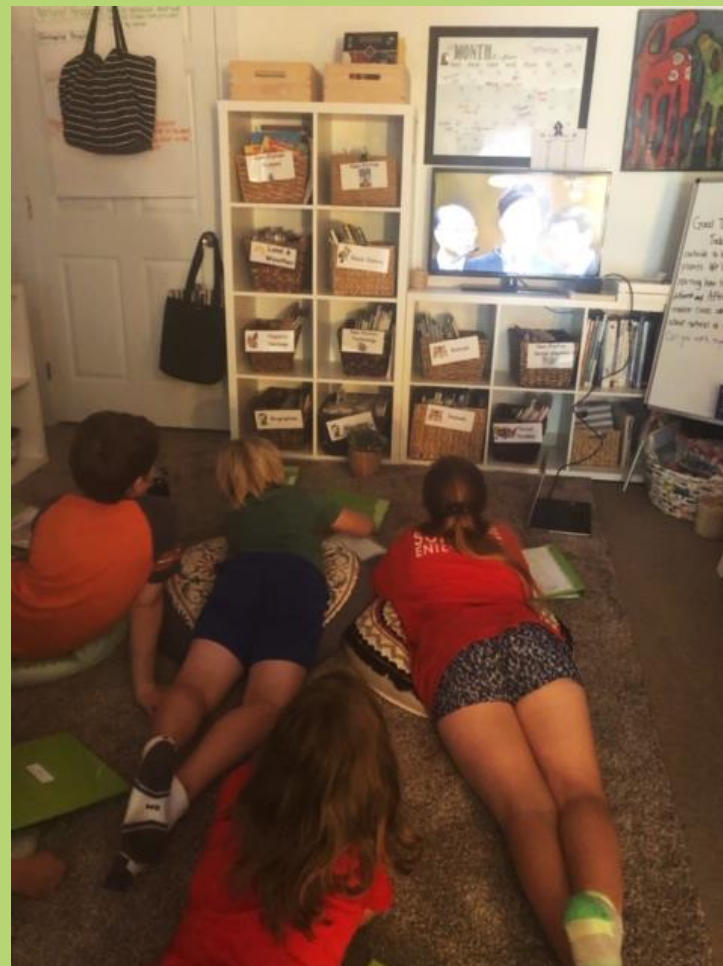
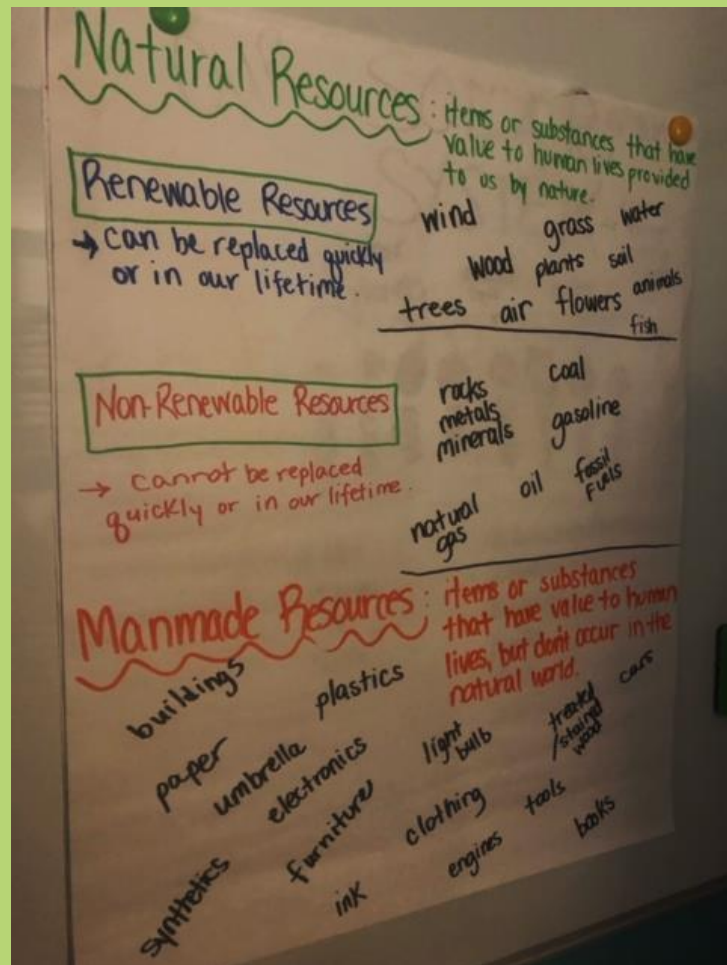
Word Study

Students continued to work in their word study groups this week.



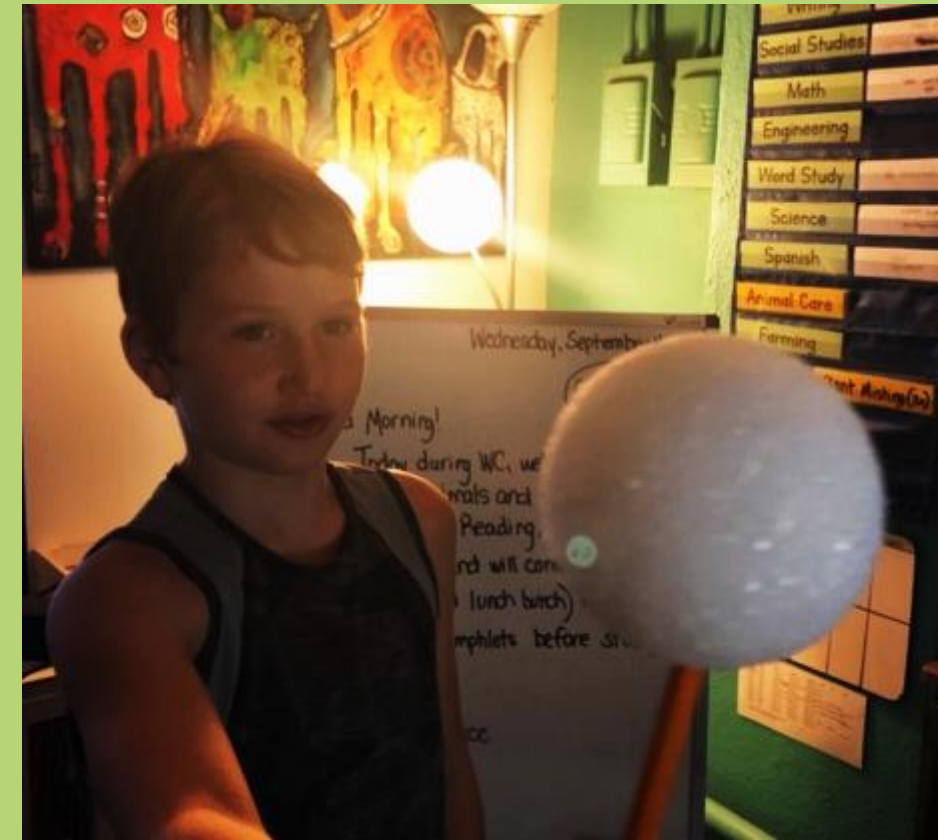
Social Studies

After watching the news, with Dorian updates and a featured segment about a special space mission, students learned about natural and manmade resources. We brainstormed examples of each and separated our natural resources into renewable and nonrenewable categories. Our study of natural resources as well as landforms is meant to help students understand, once we begin our study of U.S. History, how the physical environment impacted settlement patterns and the way of life in the New World.



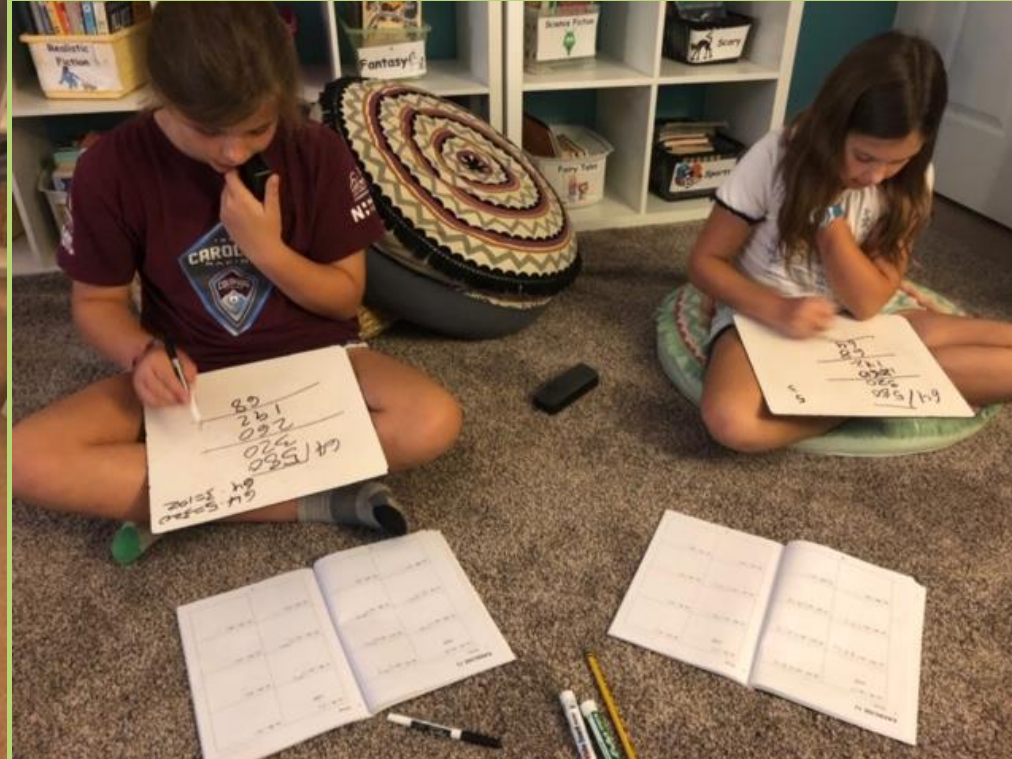
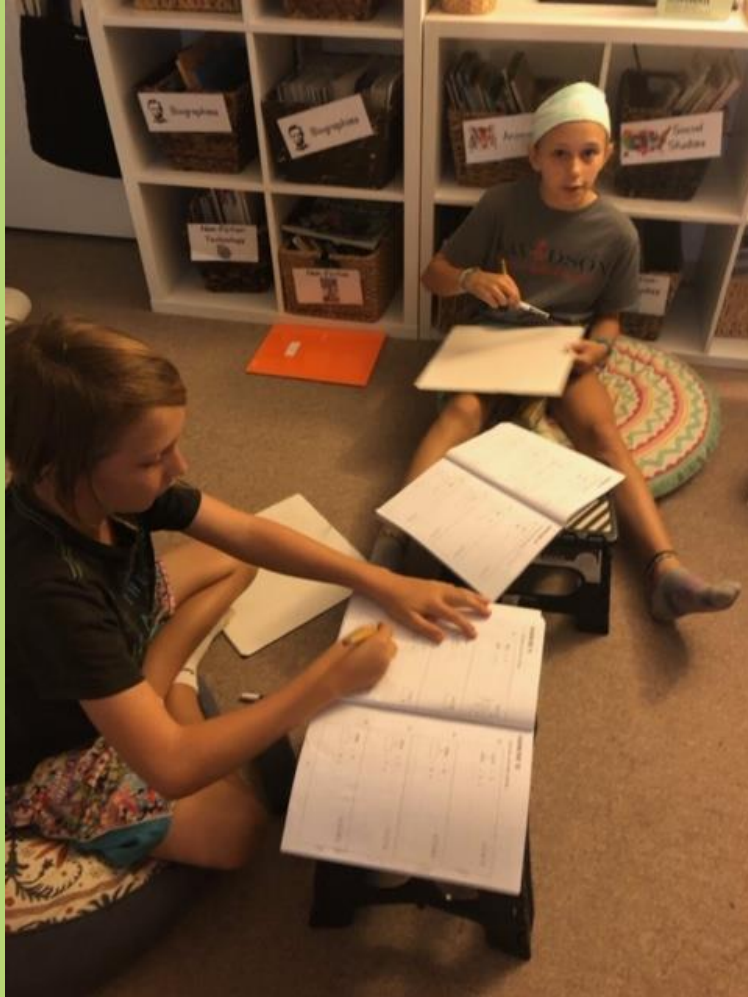
Science.

In Science, students observed their third clue for our “mystery.” The class shared their planet pamphlets with each other. We then learned about the moon’s phases and understood that the changes in the moon’s appearance are due to its orbit around Earth. We demonstrated this orbit and the changing phases by using a Styrofoam ball and a bright lightbulb. We read Next Time You See the Moon by Emily Morgan. Students enjoyed getting messy when constructing moon phases with cookies, and they of course enjoyed eating their cookies afterwards.



Math

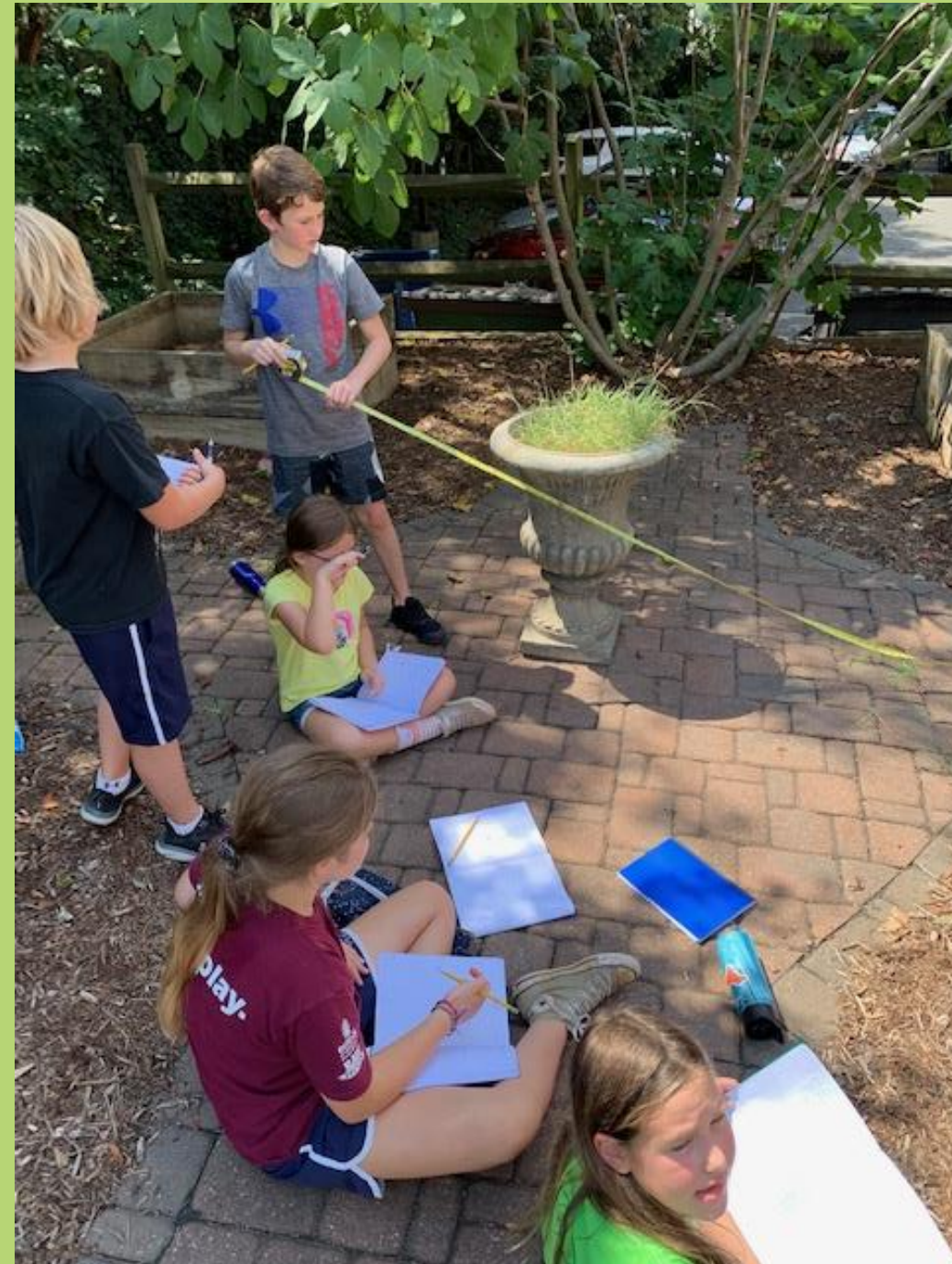
Students continued working in their math groups. Some groups learned about factors and multiples, while others computed decimals and worked on long division!



Sustainability

This week, students walked to Flatiron with Ms. Kathleen.

They measured the garden that they'll be renovating and made plans in their notebook for the herb/pollinator garden that they'll be planting. UE students also helped with many DGS Farm jobs this week!





Master Class

Although we didn't get to see Mr. Ed for Engineering this week, since we didn't have school on Monday, he did visit us on Thursday to talk about beginning "Master Class" with us. Students will have the opportunity to sign up for Thursday afternoon time to share their Master Class presentations throughout the year.

Mr. Ed explained that students should think of something that they already know a lot about, or have experience with (hence, are nearly "masters"), and should then determine how they want to share what they know with the class. Students should choose a topic that's not too broad, and one that they're passionate about.

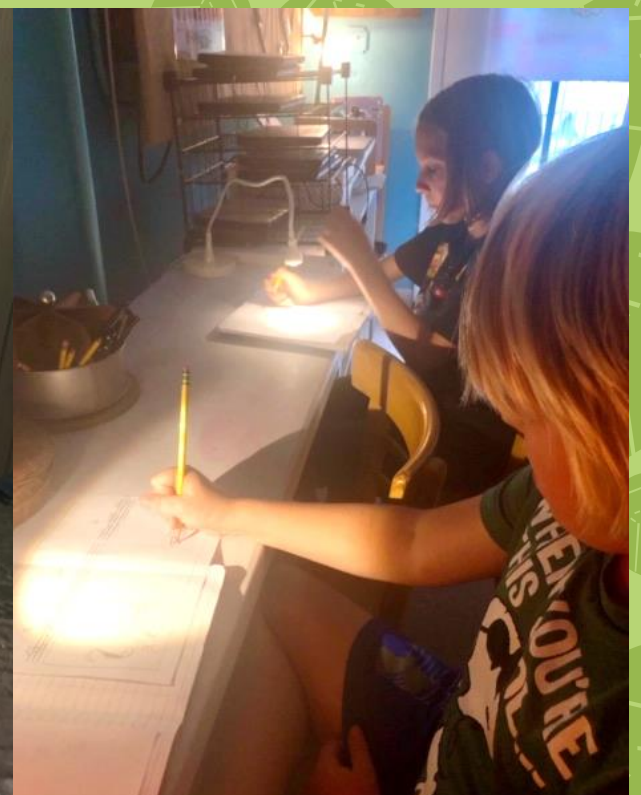
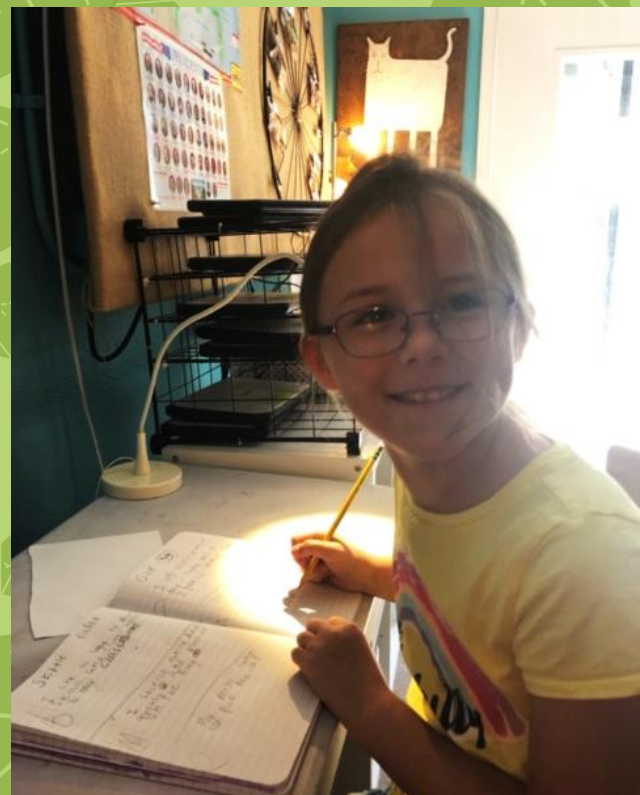
These may be worked on both inside and outside of school. A PowerPoint presentation is not required, but some sort of visual aid is recommended.

**Happy
Birthday,
Macy!**





Drama with Ms. Maya!



Updated Schedule

	MONDAY		TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
8:45-9:15	Morning Meeting	8:45-9:15	Morning Meeting	Morning Meeting	Morning Meeting	Yoga
9:15-9:30	News, Newsletter	9:15-11:15	Math & Work Cycle	Math & Work Cycle	Math & Work Cycle	Math & Work Cycle
9:30-10:20	Spanish	11:15-12:15	Writing Workshop	Reading Workshop	Writing Workshop	Reading Workshop
10:20-12:30	WS/SS/Science, Art & Culture Library/ Reading Buddies	12:15-12:30	Read Aloud	Read Aloud	Read Aloud	Read Aloud
12:30-1:15	Lunch	12:30-1:15	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch
1:15-1:30	Peace Circle (K)	1:15-1:30	Peace Circle (K)	Peace Circle (K)	Master Class	Drama (Maya)
1:30-2:45	Engineering	1:30-2:45	Sustainability	Science	Social Studies	Extended WC
2:45-3:00	Clean Up & Dismissal	2:45-3:00	Clean Up & Dismissal	Clean Up & Dismissal	Clean Up & Dismissal	Clean Up & Dismissal

Picture Day Schedule



DGS Picture Day 2019



Monday

Harrison
Davis
Josie
Jacquelyn
Fallon
Cannon
Lily D.
Izzy
Andrew
Fenris
Terefech
Olivia C.
Cate
Zachary
Sydney
Julian
Lily B.
Isabella
Alex
Silas
Ellie
Emmy
Canon
Theo
Anderson
Betsy
Macy
Wyatt
Barry

Class pictures:
-Middle School
-Upper elementary

Tuesday

Addy
Emi
Graydon
Conner
Elle
Evelyn
Charlotte
Valerie
Michael B.
Ava
Jetson
Elsie
Ellie
Lily P.
Phillipp
Caroline
Olivia B.
Noah
Boaz
Fisher
Reeves
Genevieve
Kate
Emma
Camryn
Tyson
Michael K.

Class pictures:
-Primary
-Lower Elementary

September Field Trip!

On Thursday, September 19th, Upper El will head to the Schiele Museum of Natural History (1500 E Garrison Blvd., Gastonia). We will depart school at 9AM to arrive at the museum by 10. Students should wear their DGS shirts, pack a lunch, and bring a water bottle. We'll leave the museum by 1:45 to be back to school in time for regular pick-up.

One chaperone is needed for this trip.

Please fill out the online permission slip below:

<https://fs21.formsite.com/davidsongreen/kgwzbqgzcc/index.html>

Reminders:

- Monday, September 9th: Next class walk to the library! Please remember library card, books to return/renew, a bag, and DGS shirt.
- Thursday, September 19th: FIELD TRIP TO SCHIELE MUSEUM
- Thursday, September 19th at 5:00 PM- First School Social... location TBA!
- Monday, September 23rd & Tuesday, September 24th: PICTURE DAYS
- Monday, September 30th-Tuesday, October 1st- Rosh Hashanah- NO SCHOOL!
- Wednesday, October 9th: Teacher Work Day; NO SCHOOL
- Wednesday, October 16th- Friday, October 18th: Overnight trip to Barrier Island
(more info to come!)