



Galaxies at the Met Museum

As part of their ongoing exploration of samurais and warriors in Art class, the Galaxies had the opportunity to visit the “Arms and Armor exhibit” at the Metropolitan Museum of Art on a field trip this month.

The Galaxies examined weapons and suits of armor from Medieval Europe and Japan, some dating as far back as 400 B.C.! The boys completed a scavenger hunt as they toured through the exhibit. They learned about the meanings behind some of the elaborate designs on the armor



Benny examines a suit of armor at the Met

and weapons they saw. They also had the chance to design their own



Rafael and Eli practice their samurai poses at the Met

family crest after studying these symbols.

Each child has been hard at work designing his own samurai or warrior helmet in Art class.

They created papier-mâché forms over balloons, then added elaborate details like lightning bolts and thorns to adorn them.

They will continue to work on their own armor in the weeks to come.



The Galaxies hard at work on their warrior helmets

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Language Arts, Social Studies, and Math

The Galaxies started reading a realistic fiction book called Hey, New Kid! as a read-aloud this month. The story, by Betsey Duffey, is about a third grade boy named Cody who moves to a new town and struggles to



make friends at his new school. The Galaxies are highlighting the main events and problems Cody faces in the story, and they will use this outline as an example when they write their own realistic fiction pieces. They have also been trying their hands at persuasive writing.

In Social Studies this



month, the Galaxies created a wonderful timeline of inventions that is now hanging in the classroom. Each child chose a different invention to learn about and designed his own entry for the timeline. Some of the inventions they chose include the helicopter, the radio, bubble gum, and video games.



Next, the Galaxies will become entrepreneurs: they will put into practice all the things they've learned about economics when they

design, plan, and run their own store! The store will have a Valentine's Day theme. The students will collectively decide what items they want to sell, then on February 11, they will hold a one-day sale in the lobby of the school. Parents are welcome to come shop! More details to come.

In addition to reinforcing social studies concepts, the store will give the Galaxies the chance to practice many math skills, including counting, sorting, and making change for a dollar.



Galaxy Gallery



Jeremy shows off his warrior helmet



Marco, Benny, and Max play cards at Choice Time



The Galaxies work on their helmets in Art class



Eli uses the Raz-Kids reading program



Jeremy and Max read a story in their Open Court readers



Doivid works on the scavenger hunt at the Metropolitan Museum