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3rd Grade: This week!

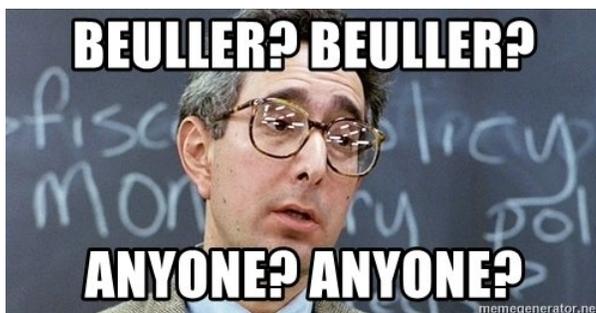
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Hi Everyone,

What a week! Between the COVID tests and the resettling back into our routines post-winter break, we actually did some pretty cool and important things, if I do say so myself (shout out Beyonce and Jay-Z).

We did a **magnet experiment** figuring out how magnetic fields and magnetic force can make something happen that seems impossible (at least according to the kids!). Attached are some pics and videos from that. **Ask your kid what was hard about that experiment-** you could even try to replicate it at home. Not too hard to put together :)

We started doing **readers' theater** which help kids read with more feeling. They have begun to practice, in small groups, reading through scripts that our resident actress, Denise, adapted from some kids' books. So many of them **LOVE acting**, and it's a great way to help them not read like this:



We have been **writing short pieces that turn a retelling of their winter break on its head. Ask your kid how they flipped their narrative around and what strange thing happened in their story.** You may be wondering how your kid went to Stinson Beach on Christmas.... and then got attacked by a sea monster- now you know.

And today, on a serious note, **we watched some videos and had a discussion about a really hard part of American history: the colonization of California and how Native Californians were treated during these periods of time.** It was certainly heavy, as we talked about Native People getting their land stolen from them, how they were forced to build missions, and how many of them died because of this (and for other reasons that we touched on as well). We also started talking about how the Gold Rush and residential schools also had huge negative impacts on Indigenous populations. Next week we will continue learning more about these time periods, as we also begin to look at future hopes for the Ohlone People, and begin to get the third graders excited about joining the fight to help build back Ohlone culture and land in the Bay.

Oh, and we also kept building our **"Being Seen" tools.** We are almost done with them! Next week we will hopefully be installing them on the yard and delivering them to classrooms. Ask your kid how their tool is shaping up!! It's SO fun to see how their initial prototypes have turned into real tools! Makes me proud!

Ok, all done. Have a nice weekend. We all deserve it.

Best,
Devin