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LINKS NEWSLETTER

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## TERM 2 OVERVIEW 4<sup>TH</sup> GRADE

This term students completed two separate projects, one in Science and one in Social Studies. In Science, the students examined how exploration leads to discovery by designing and building a lunar landing module. Not only did we discuss the reasons that have led NASA to plan a new lunar landing in 2021, but they also explored different ways to build a module so that injury to the astronauts would be minimized upon landing. As a final piece, students were required to calculate the cost of their module and reflect on how cost might impact their designs.

In Social Studies, we learned about 2 Conquistadors, Cortes and Pizarro. After watching video clips and reading about these men, students had to decide whether the explorer (they chose between the two) was a hero or a villain. They supported their viewpoint with evidence from the text and created visuals that would help a reader better understand their positions.

I also want to let you know, if you had not already heard, that I will be transitioning from a Links teacher to FAVE's IB Coordinator/Instructional Coach. Ms. Newton and Mr. Thomas have hired Dr. Karla Zisook to replace me and the plan is to have her replacement in place by Thanksgiving. That means that I will continue to work with your children up until Thanksgiving. Dr. Zisook spent many years as a teacher of the gifted in Atlanta Public Schools before coming to FAVE. I know that your children's experiences with her will be engaging and rigorous and that she will make sure that each of your children grow in their learning.