

FOURTH GRADE

During the first term students worked with Ms. Theisen twice a week on IB related concepts and cooperative group activities. We spent three days composing group acrostic poems about the Learner Profile Attributes. The final products are on display in room 135 if you wish to check them out. They will be there all year.

We introduced the Transdisciplinary Skills and practiced them with two or three team building activities. Since Links reporting will be with regards to the TD Skills, students then completed their first reflection. We looked at their first attempts and then analyzed some statements to determine what comprised a quality reflection. This will be something work to develop all year. It is a challenge to be reflective and support your observations about yourself with specific examples and not just general statements.

Finally students did some thinking about how “Sharing The Planet” (their UOI Theme in term 1) has evolved over time. We came up with things that have always been an issue when it comes to sharing resources, and then examined how it looks now versus in the past.

Please be reminded that interruptions such as assemblies, MAP, and field trips may have impacted the amount of time your learner actually had with me in term 1. A couple of the classes missed the “hour” 3 times!

Your child should have two reflections and a Venn diagram attached to this newsletter.