



## Mrs. Gracias' Classroom Highlights

Week of Sept. 20—Interim report this week

Sept. 28— PTA Board Meeting

Week of Oct.4— Book Fair

Oct. 6— APTT (Virtual meeting)

- Interims will be sent home this week. Please sign and return to school
- Please feel free to contact me on Talking Points if you would like a conference this quarter. I will be happy to schedule a Google Meet to discuss your child's learning this quarter. You can also request a conference any other time, as need arises.
- Students have done a wonderful job starting the new year and learning a great deal each day.
- Please support your child with HW as much as possible. If they need any help, have them bring it back the next day and I can help them.
- Your child is signed up for Freckle ELA and Xtramath. Freckle is a great program for practicing reading skills. Xtramath will help with fact fluency. Please encourage your child to work on it when they have some extra time.
- Reading each night for at least 15– 20 minutes is a great routine before sleep!

### We are learning...

**Reading El and Writing: Module 1 focus: Overcoming Learning challenges near and far.** After analyzing variety of text and learning life lessons from each, we will explore non fiction text on the same theme. We will read about libraries around the world and ways students overcome their learning challenges. In the process, we will determine the **main ideas and supporting details**. Students will be in expert groups based on their interest in learning about a certain country. Next, they will learn to write a paragraph explaining about their country, using a focus statement , geographical features, and details identifying the learning challenges faced and how they are overcome. As a final product, students will plan to build a model of their country using recyclable materials etc..

**Math:** We will continue to learn and practice strategies to add and subtract using Place Value, Expanded and Number line strategies. The we will apply that learning to problem solve one and two step problems.

Differentiated stations are planned to reinforce the skills we are learning. At this time, I meet with small groups to enrich/ reteach skills as needed.

**Science-** We are learning about the skeletal & muscular systems in our body and their functions using texts, instructional videos and discussions. Students are learning to note take and share their learning. An end of unit assessment will be completed. Final grade will be based on participation, classwork, exit tickets (class discussion) and assessment.