



Lakeland Elementary School

IMPORTANT DATES

December

- 10-14 Santa's Workshop
- 13 3rd Grade Field Trip: Aquarium of the Pacific
- 21 Winter Break Begins
- 1/7 School Resumes

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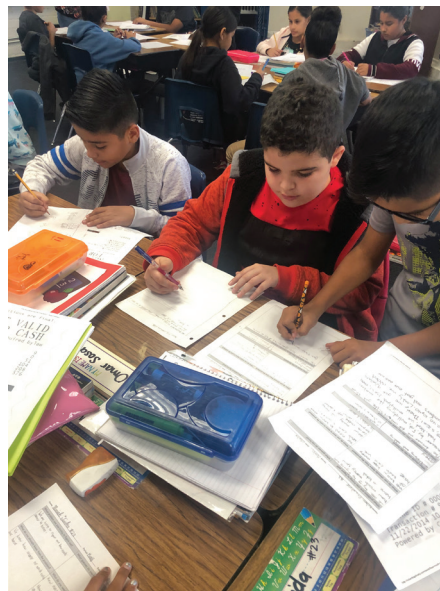
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Hello Lakeland Families,

I had the opportunity to observe many classes over the past month. With the implementation of the Common Core standards, teachers and students have been working really hard to dig deeper into the content. The Common Core standards not only require a deeper understanding of the content but also real-life application of the content. Our teachers and students have made this a focus. We have also focused on the 21st century skills of collaboration, communication, critical thinking, and creativity.



I want to take this opportunity to highlight a math lesson that I observed in both fifth grade classes. The students began the lesson by watching a video of a child making a deposit into a Coinstar Machine. The students then discussed what they noticed about the video and any questions they might have. The teacher then provided the students with a printout of the number of coins used and the students worked collaboratively to determine the amount of money that was deposited into the Coinstar machine. The students began by discussing the best way to find the amount of money. They then had to explain their thinking in writing and finally present it to the class. During the presentations, students were able to discuss different strategies used to solve the problem

and ask questions about those strategies.

During this lesson I was able to observe real learning in action. Students were highly engaged and were using a real world problem to add and multiply decimals. This is an excellent example of taking our learning to the next level.



Congratulations to Mrs. Nilo's and Mrs. Garcia's class on a job well done!



Yours,
Principal Baltierrez-Manohorathat

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