



Center Montessori School

6th Grade Weekly

The sixth grade students have started reading their first novel of the year, *Loser*, by Jerry Spinelli. It is about a young boy who is teased and bullied. The book provides great opportunities to discuss being kind to others who may seem different.

We continued our math lessons on base 10 by comparing it to base 2. The students used classroom materials to make the exchanges. They even figured out how to calculate their parent's age in base 2. We began our geometry lessons by reviewing polygons. One fascinating aspect of the Montessori materials are what are called extensions, meaning the many different levels of difficulty and possible uses built into one piece of material. In this case for our lesson we utilized the geometry cabinet which is first introduced in the Primary environment. Montessori found a way for the materials to be incorporated into lessons for the very young up through the middle school student.

Our history and geography work continues to focus on Ancient River civilizations and how we still use practices and items today that they came up with thousands of years ago. Our writing lesson was more in depth on how to construct a proper paragraph.

The students are also researching a famous author, inventor, scientist, humanitarian or political figure. They will be writing three paragraphs about their subjects including information about their childhood and family, their education, and their significant contribution in their field.

We finished our week observing the International Day of Peace. Our students wrote poems, participated in creating pinwheels for peace, and helped to form a giant peace sign.