



*Sand Beach, Spring 2019*

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## Acadia Team Newsletter September 8, 2023

Our Annual Acadia Car Wash and Bake Sale is tomorrow! We know it has been hot, and we're hopeful you've been baking anyway. It's wonderful to have baked goods come directly to the bake sale; we find individually wrapped is best. Money raised supports our field trips. Please come support the team.



### A note on mindfulness:

Some of our students have questions about why we're trying mindfulness on a team and we suspect you might, too! Check out these videos to learn more:

- ▶ [Why Mindfulness Is a Superp...](#)
- ▶ [Bite-Sized Mindfulness: An E...](#)

### On the Horizon:

- 9/9 - 9 am to 12 PM Car Wash
- 9/13 - Parent Zoom meeting 7 PM
- 9/14 Summer Reading Work due
- 9/27 - Half Day for Students
- 10/6 - No School for Students

### Needs on-team:

- Students, parents, friends and alumni to come to the car wash and bake sale
- Baked goods, delivered directly to the bake sale, are best. (Teachers will be onsite by 8:45.)
- Copies of Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone

### In our classes:

#### Forecasting the Future



We learned about, observed and **made** clouds! Clouds are condensed water particles. We made them in bottles



using rubbing alcohol and air pressure we made instant clouds in the bottles. The lab students did required them to apply what they learned to dew and sweating. We tried to make clouds in our mouths, but the hot & humid conditions kept it from working. We will try it sometime when the weather turns cold.

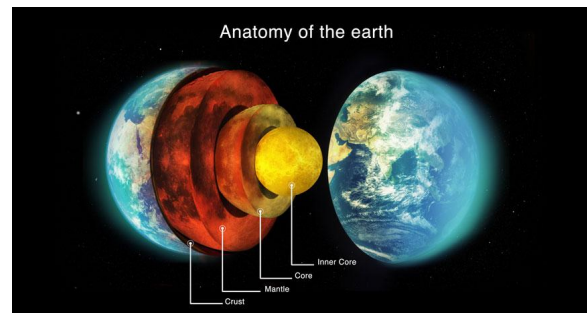
**Hero's Journey:** This week we've been examining the values we bring with us and how they help us make decisions. Students have been asked to talk to their parents about the values they hold dear. Perhaps the most impressive conversation overheard was the group trying to decide if honesty or love was the most important value - or if one could even have one without the other.

**Myths and Legends:** This week's I-time lesson (connected to the BARR program) was "Do you know your neighbor?" Many students enjoyed the game and we realized that some of us still don't know one another's name. No

matter, students introduced themselves to one another and then asked about their other neighbors. We also have worked some more on summarizing - using the SWBST model for fictional texts. (Somebody Wanted But So Then - for more information check out this video:

[Summarizing: Somebody, Wanted...](#)

### Rock On!:



Students completed their first assignment showing they know the layers of our Earth. They had to describe a trip from their home through our planet to the other side. Student work varied. Some wrote short stories, some made posters some slideshows. The goal was to show understanding of what our Earth is made and the thickness of layers. Did you know that a person in the center of our planet would experience weightlessness?





Cube	3 sides	2 sides	1 side	0 sides
$3 \times 3 \times 3$ 27	8	12	6	1
$4 \times 4 \times 4$ 64	8	24	24	8
$5 \times 5 \times 5$ 125	8	36	54	27
$6 \times 6 \times 6$ 216	8	48	96	64

**Math 6, 7, & 8:** Our classes participated in Week of Inspirational Math. Each day, we completed a series of activities that primed our brains for thinking mathematically. We practiced seeing math in different ways, identifying patterns, interpreting graphs, and working in groups effectively and efficiently.

