

Classroom Notes – Room 7
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The students of Classroom 7 have been busily at work on a number of projects since the beginning of school.

Working in pairs, students have been researching places of interest in the world from the Valley of the Kings to Easter Island to Machu Picchu. Beginning the week of September 15th the students will give oral presentations to the class sharing the results of their research in the form of travelogues, short dramatic sketches, 3-D visuals, and timelines.

Our science studies began with considering the five kingdoms, leading to a focus on the Plant Kingdom. We looked at microscopic organisms – amoeba, euglena, and stentor in the life lab. On September 17th we will go to the Living Arts and Sciences Center to participate in a class, “Invisible World – the Beauty of Microscopic Life.”

Our cultural studies began with a look at Mesopotamia. Did you know that writing first began here more than 5,000 years ago? The Sumerians developed cuneiform or wedge-shaped script on clay tablets. The Babylonians used a number system based on 60. Their number system is reflected today in the division of the circle into 360 degrees and the hour into 60 minutes.

Last week we divided into pairs and tried our hand at writing poetry for two voices. Try this one written by Noah Sherr and Noah Mullins. One voice reads the left side and the other voice reads the right. Where the words are on the same line, both voices read in unison. It was fun sharing our poetry with one another.

WOLVES

Stalking

Running in a pack
Light as a feather
Touching the snow

Under a moonlit sky

Brothers hunting
The kill
Flesh ripping

Listening to the noise
Sharing the meat with the pack
The hunt is done.

Howling

Running in a pack

Through the forest
Under a moonlit sky

Wolf pups crying

The kill

Blood spilling

Sharing the meat with the pack
The hunt is done.