Third Grade

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-Ms. Goodley and Mrs. Hill

Second Grade

Week 4 has been amazing. We visited the Mystic Aquarium. There were so many interesting animals. The kids saw a sea lion show, visited the penguin exhibit and saw the magnificent beluga whales. The students showed great courage when they touched the sting rays and small sharks. We worked on water color paintings, learning how to paint a simple tree. Resilience was the focus of our lesson. We are looking forward to what week 5 will bring us! Our volunteers were so helpful with the teaching and learning process in our classroom. Thank you Hannah, Savannah and Avauni.

-Miss Kahn and Miss Psutka

First Grade

Week 4 Newsletter

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Aquatic Adventures!

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Third Grade

Week 4 was amazing! We enjoyed learning about animal defenses. Our field trip to Mystic Aquarium was fantastic. It connected perfectly to what we are learning in class. At the aquarium, we observed many animals and learned a lot about their habitat and predators. We are so appreciative of our learning experiences this week! A huge shoutout to all our volunteers this week- Gianna, Brooks, Emma, and Taylor!! You made our week incredible!

-Mrs. Hedstrom and Mr. Daley
Fourth Grade

This was our fourth week at Horizons and we had a blast! Our field trip to Mystic Aquarium was the highlight of the week! In addition to this amazing trip, we had fun participating in all of our enrichment activities on campus, especially in STEAM where we were able to make our own slime! In math we learned how to solve equations involving variables and had fun decoding these types of problems. In literacy, we learned all about atlases and a few of the states that make up the United States, including the state we live in, Connecticut. Ask your student about any fun and interesting facts they might have learned about a state this week. We’re looking forward to continuing to learn more while building our growth mindset and resiliency which were our goals for this week!

-Mrs. Straker and Ms. Clapprood

Fifth Grade

Week 4 was all about the animals! We wrapped up our work on food chains and food webs and saw evidence of these chains and webs in person at Mystic Aquarium. Highlights from the students included the sea lion show, penguins, beluga whales, and the touch tank! In Math, we worked on expanded notation and will begin comparing and ordering decimals next week. Thanks for a wonderful week!

-Teacher Jay and Ms. Crawford

Sixth Grade

Week 4 was filled with joy for 6th graders! We enjoyed our trip to Mystic Aquarium and Movie Day with 5th grade. In ELA, we used images to better imagine the world of Refugee and to connect it to a claim about our characters. In math, we applied the distributive property to create equivalent expressions. We look forward to next week!

-Ms. Denerville and Ms. Hamilton