



Home-School Connection #17

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Write at least 4 thought provoking questions

WALK TWO MOONS: We spent more time reading the amazing *Walk Two Moons*. I (Ms. S) love read aloud. Every time I hear what you think as we read the book, you make me understand the book better. In one chapter, called, Breaking In, Sal remembers looking at objects her mom gave her to try and remember everything about the day she gave them. She tried to remember the weather and what her mom was wearing. She said it was, "a crucial thing to do." She didn't want her mom to "disappear forever". We talked about memories and how strange and non-logical they can be. Sometimes, we wish we had paid more attention to the "smaller" moments so we would have more memories. The "lunatic" left another message that said, "You never know the worth of water until the well is dry." We talked about this too. We talked about how Phoebe Winterbottom thought it meant her mom had fallen into a well. She could not see the message was a metaphor. Ask your parents if they agree with the Cesare Pavese quote. (Cesare Pavese was an Italian writer and poet). Spend some time discussing memories and what made them linger in your mind. Do you think you can "hold on" to memories?

We don't remember days,
we remember moments.

— Cesare Pavese

ECONOMICS: We are thinking about how the people and environment are affected by the materials we buy and use. For example, we looked at an interesting series about where our clothing is made, how it is made and the people who make it. Here is the link: <http://apps.npr.org/tshirt/#/cottons> YOU asked the following excellent questions: Do you think it's worth, making our shirts more expensive so that workers get paid more? Why or why not? Should you buy clothing that is made in places that do not take care of their workers? Why do you think garment workers in Bangladesh are willing to work for such low wages? If you stopped buying goods that were made in bad conditions, would it be better or worse for the workers? Talk about the pros and cons. Ask your parents if there are certain types of materials (cars, clothes, food, etc) where they pay more attention to where and how it was made than others. We also looked at different fabrics and thought about what is man made and what isn't? When does something become man made? Riley wonders why it says man made instead of human made.

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STEREOTYPES & WALK TWO MOONS: Speaking of "man made" Phoebe Winterbottom's mom did all the cooking, cleaning, sewing, baking and home care before she disappeared. When she left, her household was in turmoil because they were so used to her doing everything for them. We had a conversation about how times are changing. More dads do the cooking, cleaning, and child care than in the past. In the past, most commercials always showed moms doing the laundry and housework. Do you think commercials and advertising reveal changes in our society? We talked about how women still don't make as much money as men. Why do you think this is? Do you think it will change?



ANIMAL PROTECTION: We have started to gather information about which environment and/or animal we will protect. Describe what you found out from the websites- Talk about WHY these animals are so endangered. Some of you think it might be too late to protect some of them. Do you think we will be able to create any change? How so?

ENERGY: We began to to examine interactions between objects and we are going to practice making claims based on evidence. We will do this with a lot of fun toys. What types of questions do you have so far about energy?

OTHER? Naming our rivertable. It looks like it is... Liberty Bay!

TFK and 2015 inventions, division of fractions, fraction word problems and new teams, birds in art, Chinese directions and cities, the wonderful chorus concert,, PE and the fitness test, Revolutionary Posters and figuring out the TARGET. What did you talk about?

Due MONDAY : We made a time to do this on:_____ Parent Signature & Comments:

***Note to parents,** please make sure your child has read this before sitting down to talk with you.

Student Rating (1-5) Please say why and which topics lead to the most in-depth discussions.

***Note to students:** Please make sure you read over the whole HSC and write your questions before sitting down to talk to your family member(s).