

Mrs. Martin's Room  
Room N5  
Westlake Charter  
School



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En español en el otro lado

We had an amazing field trip to the Old School and the Railroad Museum in Old Sacramento! Students learned further about what life was like a long time ago and saw up-close trains, horse drawn carriages, and even a pirate-style ship! It was a great cumulative activity to our Life Long Ago unit. Students could relate easily after having their tables be covered wagons, learning about other modes of transportation, the dress and food back then (we even made butter!), the daily life, and fully comparing and contrasting then to now.

This week we also learned about making great complete paragraphs. We made some "stoplight paragraphs" that included a green sentence (the topic sentences that tells the main idea), the yellow sentences (that are the supporting sentences that are details or facts) and a red sentence (that is the closing sentence which ends the paragraph and retells the main idea). It sounds tricky...but they really understood the colors and the basics of a paragraph. Ask your child what a paragraph needs in the beginning...(oh please say an indent kiddos!)

Reminder: Conferences start next Friday! Sign up if you haven't!

Thank you again to the amazing parent chaperones that went on our Old School House and Railroad Museum field trip!

### Important Dates

- 11/3 Novallie's Birthday
- 11/6 Olympic Triathlon
- 11/8 WCS Board Meeting 6:30pm on the EC Campus
- 11/9 End of Trimester
- 11/9 Elijah's Birthday
- 11/9 WAVE Meeting 6:30pm
- 11/9 Conferences Begin!
- 11/10 Aleena's Birthday
- 11/12 No School-Veteran's Day
- 11/14-11/16- Early Release Days

### Coming up!

- Phonics focus: short u, r blends
- Spelling: Week 9 Words
- Math: Subtraction
- Reading: Comparing and Contrasting within and between texts
- Writing: paragraph with a topic sentence, supporting sentences, and a closing sentence.
- Theme: America, symbols, and the election!
- Star of the Week: Keira

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