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Dear Parents,

This week our topic was natural resources and the letter Yy.

This week the students learned about natural resources. Natural resources are materials from the Earth that are used to support life and meet people's needs. Anything found in nature that can be used by living things is a natural resource. This includes water, forests, fossil fuels, minerals, plants, animals, and even air. Other natural resources are oil, coal, natural gas, metals, stone, and sand are natural resources.

We also learned about the letter Y, the sound of the letter y, and words that begin with that letter. The students colored, cut, and pasted a yak and the letter y. We also wrote words and a sentence that begins with the letter Y. While learning about natural resources the students learned how to recycle things around them. They did a fun activity using old boxes, cardboard, paper rolls, and magazines to make something new. They also did work in their journals. Some new vocabulary words the students learned are: minerals, weathering, erosion, and natural resources.

Books we read this week: Land, Water and Air, Natural Resources, What We Need, My Letter Y Book, and Happy Easter Curious George.

This week in the Science Lab with Mrs. Davis. The students made a terrarium. They learned that a terrarium is usually a sealable container containing soil and plants that can be opened for maintenance to access the plants inside. They layered rocks and soil and then put in leaves watered it, and then closed the lid. All students got to take home the terrarium they made.

Reminders:

Spring break: March 25- 28 MDCPS spring break. We will be open but it will be a non-instructional week. Attendance for VPK is not mandatory.

March 29: School closed in observance of Good Friday.

April 3rd : Spring egg hunt

Since next week is a non instructional week, there will be no weekly letter.

Parenting Tip: Know Your Own Needs and Limitations as a Parent

Face it — you are an imperfect parent. You have strengths and weaknesses as a family leader. Recognize your abilities — "I am loving and dedicated." Vow to work on your weaknesses — "I need to be more consistent with discipline." Try to have realistic expectations for yourself, your partner, and your kids. You don't have to have all the answers — be forgiving of yourself. And try to make parenting a manageable job. Focus on the areas that need the most attention rather than trying to address everything all at once. Admit it when you're burned out. Take time out from parenting to do things that will make you happy.

Focusing on your needs does not make you selfish. It simply means you care about your own well-being, which is another important value to model for your children.

Quote Of The Week: "Your Monday morning thoughts set the tone for your whole week. See yourself getting stronger, and living a fulfilling, happier & healthier life." – Germany Kent

Have a wonderful weekend!

Ms. Nadia and Ms Ana

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