## HAYS CAMPUS

In Social Studies, students have enjoyed learning about the post-World War II era. We discussed the dangerous times our country faced during the Bay of Pigs Invasion and the Cuban Missile Crisis and how President Kennedy handled the threats to America. Students learned about President Johnson and the Vietnam War that raged throughout the 1960s. The war may have been far away, but its effects were keenly felt here at home. This was an important lesson about the nature of war.

From the 60s, we moved on to learning about Presidents Nixon, Ford, and Carter and the scandals and financial troubles that rocked the 1970s. As the six weeks ends, we are discussing President Reagan, the Iran-Iraq war, and the Iran-Contra scandal. Students have worked hard this six weeks and we are looking forward to more learning during the final six weeks of the school year!

In science, we have been exploring ecosystems—how animals and plants live together in different places and climates. From rainforests to grasslands, students are discovering fascinating facts about the different places animals call home. Each student created a poster to illustrate a particular ecosystem.

The best part of this six weeks was the lively discussions we have had as students learn new and intriguing things about the world we live in. They always have challenging questions, and we have fun finding answers together. We will surely continue to make new discoveries as we wrap up the year next six weeks.

