

Reminders	Congratulations, Cougar Kids!	Happy Birthday!	I.B. Opportunities
<i>Cougar Roar Assembly, 12/11</i>			<i>During our new unit, we will</i>
<i>Skate City, 12/14</i>		<i>Chance - 12/01/09</i>	<i>focus on building research skills,</i>
<i>Winter Break, 12/18 - 1/4</i>	<i>James &amp; Zaida</i>	<i>James - 12/24/09</i>	<i>communications skills, and</i>
<i>Classes Resume, 1/5</i>			<i>being more reflective thinkers.</i>

## JUST AROUND THE CORNER: WINTER QUARTER - FULL SPEED AHEAD!

We just recently finished our I.B. planner on **How the World Works**, a study of how Earth's geographical features are in a constant state of change. Our class was enthusiastic and principled in the science lab, which really helped to maintain our engagement in the inquiry process. Several students even found experiments that they could do as a class or independently.

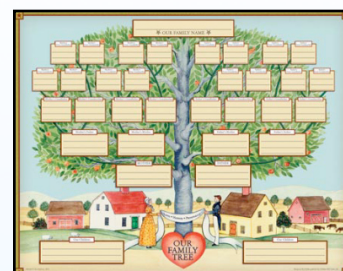


*Happy holidays from Room 11!*

When reflecting on this unit, Grace commented, "I had the most fun learning about volcanoes because I was really interested in Mt. St. Helens. It had a big eruption because of the magma building more pressure." India added, "The best thing about it is that it's science... I like science experiments because there's lots of exploding. Even though this unit didn't have explosions, it was still fun. I never knew that there was so much science about rocks!"

We have thankfully stayed fairly healthy lately. Healthful foods help us to keep going strong. If you are able to donate non-perishable brain-food snacks to our class (we just ran out!), we would greatly appreciate it.

### I.B. Planner: "Roots"



*Theme: Where We Are  
in Place and Time*

#### Central Idea

**Family heritage provides insight into culture and the individual.**

#### **Inquiry into:**

- artifacts and past events that have meaning in a family
- the ways that generations connect with one another
- similarities and differences of traditions within a family and between cultures