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Heart Dissection

I had a great time dissecting a pig's heart. I also learned a lot. My favorite part was when we cut the veins. I learned that mammals have four-chambered hearts. Hearts have very thick layers. It takes a lot of effort to cut into the first layer. I also learned that the left side of the heart handles only oxygenated blood and the right side receives and pumps only deoxygenated blood. I had the best time and these are just a few things I learned when I dissected a pig's heart.
Today we dissected pig hearts. Let me tell you it didn't smell too good. When we started to cut the heart, the outside layer was found easier to cut. As we tried making deeper cuts the muscle was tighter. It took quite some time to finally get the heart open. First, we found the left atrium. We made a cross-like incision, we stuck our fingers through the mitral valve to feel the inside of the left ventricle. Next, we made an incision down the side of the heart. We opened it up and took a look inside. I saw the heart strings. They were very tight and hard to cut. Last, we stuck our finger down the aorta to see if we could see it inside the heart. It worked.

Before this experiment I knew nothing about the heart. I only knew it pumped and it involved blood. Now I know the four chambers, the paths, and the heart's function.
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Pig Hearts Experiment

Today I learned about pig hearts and about human hearts. I learned that a pig heart is almost exactly like a human heart. Today, we got to dissect pig hearts today to learn how the human heart works. I had a really good time. We learned how blood flows through the heart and into your lungs and other major parts of your body. We also learned how when people have heart attacks because of smoking. We also learned that how bad smoking really is even though people say it’s not that bad. We learned that we need to live a healthy life in order to not have heart problems.