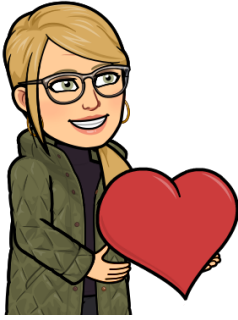


February 16, 2024

The Rocker's Report

Class Newsletter



A special thank you to Chloe, Birane, Marlowe, Hailey, Vivienne and their families for providing all the treats and supplies for our Valentine's Day party Wednesday. Everyone had fun with the heart activity, eating yummy snacks and opening their Valentines. I loved seeing all the decorated boxes and hearts. 😊

News from PTO: We are looking forward to our upcoming Tubing at Tyrol on Friday, February 23rd from 4-8! Tickets can be purchased ahead of time for \$22/ticket using this [form](#).

Academics:

Reading- We had another non-fiction story this week: A Tree is Growing. The illustrations were amazing! We learned some new scientific words like: cambium, xylem, and phloem to name a few. We spent some time identifying text features and their purpose in this non-fiction story. We identified sidebars, italicized words, labels, diagrams and a timeline to name a few. *Ask your child: The xylem and phloem are similar to what part of the human body? (veins and arteries - only they carry water and sap through the plant instead of blood) What is the purpose of a sidebar? (To give extra facts and details)*

Language arts- We are wrapping up our animal research project. **The final typed report is due next Thursday, February 22nd!** During Genius Hour on Wednesday, all of the students started their art project to go with their reports. Soon the reports will start to grace the hallway.

We are still doing DLR every week as well. Some skills that students should be mastering are: Using the correct capitalization and punctuation when writing sentences, being able to identify the subject and predicate of a sentence, making words like baby plural (babies). *We have learned a little ditty to help us- "If a word ends in a consonant "y" don't stress, change the "y" to an "i" and add -es (or suffixes that start with a vowel except -ing)*

Math- On Monday and Tuesday, we took our Unit 4 tests. Look for them to come home next week. Unit 5 starts our next round of multiplication and division. However, this time we really focus on division and its relationship to multiplication. The Unit 5 overview sheet is in this week's Friday folder.

In Number Corners, we are practicing finding color patterns along with area and perimeter of new arrays on our calendar grid observations. For our calendar collector, we are collecting dimes, quarters and half dollars for 5-7 days each. The students need to figure out what fraction of \$1 it is every day along with finding its monetary value. Along with all of that, we are focusing on more multiplication facts. *Ask your child to find the area and perimeter of an array that is 6cm x 4cm? (A= 24 sq. cm P= 20 cm.) What is 8×4 , and how can you figure it out? (Take $8 \times 2 = 16$ then double that to get 32)*

Social Studies- We had a wonderful time celebrating the Lunar New Year last Friday. Did your child tell you the entire 3rd grade even set off "fireworks" at the end of the day? The 3rd grade hallway looks very cool right now lined with colorful masks and scrolls.

Science- For our anchor connection we will be observing cycles (daily, yearly and lifetime) for bats and for the saguaro cactus. We also started learning that even though many creatures may be born on the same exact day, the stages in their life cycle may be very similar but the length of their life can be very different!

Important Information/Reminders:

- Student Council Pencil Sales- extended- through next week dates TBD
- Finished animal report (typing/artwork)- Thursday, February 22
- No School- February 23
- 4th grade music program dress rehearsal- March 1 *It's a Beatles theme, so kids and staff are encouraged to wear clothing from the 60s/70s era.
- Early release- March 11
- Parent/student/teacher conferences- March 14 from 11am-7pm

Special Star

Birane was our special star this week even though he celebrated his birthday last Thursday, February 8th. I wonder if he enjoyed chili dogs, his favorite food. One thing Birane feels he does well is play soccer, so it makes sense that it's his favorite sport. Every day after school he texts Owen to get on FaceTime. When he's not doing that, he might be watching the t.v. show *Sonic Boom* or reading a Diary of a Wimpy Kid book. The Living Tombstone is his top music group. One thing Birane does to help around the house is to sweep his living room. Someday, he would like to visit Alaska. He would like to be a gamer when he grows up.

