



Mrs. Vaccarino's Class Classroom Newsletter January 10, 2020.

Word Study: we are focusing on ending blends: -nt, -nk, -nd. The students were introduced to their new words, played Word Sneak, and Shades of Meaning.

Math: we are working on Topic 6 which focuses on developing an understanding of the concept of area. Beginning with concrete models and then moving to pictorial and abstract models, students come to understand how area is related to multiplication and addition.

- The students used unit squares to find the area of a shape.
- We learned that area can be measured using nonstandard units, including unit squares of different sizes.
- The students learned that standard measurement units are used for consistency in finding and communicating measurements.
- We used unit squares and multiplication to find the areas of squares and rectangles.
- Lastly, we used areas of rectangles to model the distributive Property of Multiplication.

Reading: This week we focused on synthesizing 2 texts. We learned how to identify an important subtopic, gather information from 2 texts about it, then fit together information from both texts, and write the information in our own words.

Writing: we continue to work on our expert books. We learned how to write an interesting introduction grabbing our readers attention as well as a strong conclusion focusing on the goal that we had regarding what we hoped our reader would learn from our books. The students also worked with their Writing Partners to jotting questions they had as they heard each others' stories to help ensure they we were writing with enough detail and explanation. Lastly, we started searching for pictures to used in our published book.



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