



Mrs. Vaccarino's Class Classroom Newsletter January 17, 2020.

Word Study: we are focusing on ending blends: -nt, -nk, -nd. This week the students played Word Sneak, Question Craze, sorted, and played a new student created game called Animal Square/Triangle.

Math: we finished Topic 6. The test will be on Thursday, January 23.

- The students used areas of rectangles to model the Distributive Property of Multiplication.
- Our main focus was on the area of irregular shapes and we find that by dividing the original shape into rectangles, finding the area of each rectangle, and adding all of the areas together.
- The test will focus on – finding the area of a shape with unit squares (exact or estimate), drawing unit squares to cover a region/finding the area, using the Distributive Property to find the area of a shape, finding the area of squares and rectangles, finding the area of irregular shapes, finding the missing side length when given the area of a shape, and explaining strategies to find the area of a shape.

Reading: This week we continued to focus on synthesizing 2 texts and reviewed how to determine the main idea and supporting details of a passage.. 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. When finding the main idea we discussed identifying the topic and what the author wants us to learn. Next week we will use the main idea and supporting details of a text to help us write a summary. Check out ClassDojo to see our strategies!

Writing: the students started editing their informational writing. Mrs. Dribbon came in and helped us create shape books for publishing. Check out ClassDojo to see our creations! Next week we will continue and finish publishing.

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