

Weekly Update

Mrs. Kohlhepp's 3rd Grade Class

This Week in 3rd Grade

It was so nice meeting with all of you for conferences this week to discuss your child's progress. It truly is a team effort, and I appreciate all of your support at home! Although we had shortened school days, we still accomplished a lot! We had some special lessons with Mrs. Carson, our Stretch teacher. We also had STEM lessons with Mrs. Staikos. Next week, we will have two more students joining our class - twins from Barley Sheaf! We are so excited to welcome them to our team. :) Here's what else we've been up to...

Reading

This week, we practiced responding to reading by doing "Stop & Jots." Mrs. Carson shared with us the lyrics to Encanto's "Surface Pressure" song. We listened to it and read the words, and the kids picked out particular lines that they connected with. They made some amazing connections! We will return to our focus on nonfiction next week.

Writing

This week, students wrote a Table of Contents for their informational chapter books. We also worked on organization, thinking about the order of our chapters and the flow of the book. During workshop time, students practiced strategies in elaborating to add more details to their chapters. Next week, we will explore how to add nonfiction text features to our books, as well as building a strong introduction.

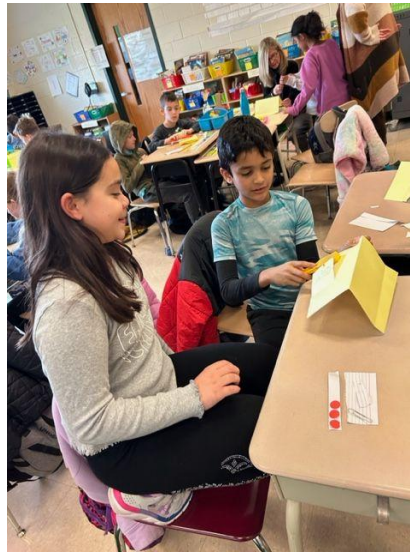
Math

In math this week, we learned about rules for multiplying and dividing. These included looking at patterns with odd and even numbers, as well as dividing by 0 and 1. We also learned a trick with our fingers to multiply by 9! Ask your child to show you this trick if you haven't seen it before. :) Next week, we will finish Topic 4, and there will be a test on Thursday. Please continue to have your child practice multiplication facts at home. 5 minutes a night with flashcards is a great way to memorize those facts!

Science

This week, we wrapped up our exploration of magnetic forces. Students began their final Magnetic Engineering project and will present/share next week. They were asked to choose a real world problem they notice every day, and design something that involves magnets and would help solve the problem. They have some great ideas! Some have chosen to build a model of their idea, and others are creating a 2-D visual. Anything created in class will be taken home after their presentation. Next week, we will also switch back to Social Studies and begin Unit 2 - Migration & Movement.

Photos from This Week:



Important Dates

- Dec. 14: Holiday Shop (our class's shopping day!)
- Dec. 22: Winter Holiday Class Party
- Dec. 23: Early Dismissal
- Dec. 24-Jan. 2: WINTER BREAK (no school)