

Weekly Update

Mrs. Kohlhepp's 3rd Grade Class

This Week in 3rd Grade

We started the week with a technology lesson with Ms. Flavin. She introduced us to coding with Scratch! The kids each created an account, which can be accessed from home as well if they are interested in continuing to practice coding. We also celebrated GiGi's and Mena's birthday (which is on Saturday) - Happy Birthday!! Our class has now read a total of 128 books for our reading challenge! Here's what else we've been up to...

Reading

This week, we started our new read aloud book, Because of Winn-Dixie. We are really enjoying it so far! We also started our new fiction unit by practicing making inferences - coming up with our own ideas using what we know, and what is in the text. We practiced visualizing as well, by making a movie in our minds and then sketching a scene. Next week, we will do the pre-assessment for our fiction unit and work on having conversations with each other about a text.

Writing

This week, we began our fairy tales unit! We talked about what elements are typically found in a fairy tale, and we use a popular story, The Three Little Pigs, to retell story elements (characters, setting, problem, solution). We also talked about fractured fairy tales and read 3 more different versions of The Three Little Pigs. We enjoyed them all, but you can ask your child which one they liked the best.

Math

In math this week, we started Topic 6 - exploring area. Our February Number Corner calendar actually connects to this perfectly! We worked on both estimating and finding exact areas of shapes, counting square units. We also used multiplication to find the area of rectangles and squares! We saw that we can just multiply the length by the width because it makes an array of square units on the inside of the shape. We also used division to find a missing side length when the area was given. Next week, we will explore strategies to find the area of irregular shapes.

Social Studies

In Social Studies, we are getting close to the end of our unit where we will create a project as our "call to action" to honor and respect our many cultures in the U.S. We talked about multiculturalism and diversity, and the benefits of being in multicultural groups. We began brainstorming ways to promote inclusiveness, understanding, and respect of all cultures. Next week, we will begin work on our final products! I can't wait to see what the kids come up with!

Important Dates

- Feb. 10: Valentine Boxes Due
- Feb. 14: Valentine's Day
- Feb. 17-20: Presidents' Day Weekend (NO SCHOOL)