

2nd Grade Gazette

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Honoring All Learners

Reading

In Reading, we have been focusing on identifying cause and effect in text. Students have enjoyed reading Click, Clack, Moo and also read an expository text about musical instruments from the past in Music From the Stone Age. We have continued to focus on increasing our reading

fluency and vocabulary through reading groups and one-on-one reading conferences during Daily 5 time. Thank you for reading with your 2nd grader over the winter break and encouraging your growing reader!

“There is more treasure in books than in all the pirate’s loot on Treasure Island.” – Walt Disney

Writing

Before the winter break, students used the IVF (inform, verb, finish the thought) summary format to write summaries of the life of Harriet Tubman. This tied into our Core unit about the Civil War. Since returning from break, they have been hard at work coming up with New Year’s resolutions and

goals for themselves for 2018! Students have written summaries of books that they love and are recommending them to others with our “Cozy Up With a Good Book” writing project this week. Next week, we will introduce students to responding to non-fiction texts in their seed journal writing.

Specials Schedule

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- Day 1-
 - Beaven (PE)
 - Berg (Art)
 - Haselby (Music)
 - Bell (Tech)
- Day 2
 - Bell (PE)
 - Beaven (Art)
 - Berg (Music)
 - Haselby (Tech)
- Day 3
 - Haselby (PE)
 - Bell (Art)
 - Beaven (Music)
 - Berg (Tech)
- Day 4
 - Berg (PE)
 - Haselby (Art)
 - Bell (Music)
 - Beaven (Tech)

Mrs. Schupp’s students follow the other 4 classes in small groups

Core

The Civil War unit ended before winter break, with students excited by all they had learned! We focused on the causes of the war (industrial needs of the nation, slavery, the desire for state vs. federal government) etc.) and learned about many leaders who came to power and heroism during this time period. Students particularly enjoyed learning about Clara Barton ("the angel of the battlefield") and Abraham Lincoln, our 16th president. We have changed our Core focus to understanding the

human body. Students will develop key understandings about the digestive process, proper nutrition, and the function of taste buds and teeth. They are beginning to understand parts of a cell and how microscopes work as well.

Math

We are wrapping up Topic 7 this week, which we began before the winter break. Students have had practice in solving word problems that use both addition and subtraction, as well as writing their own number stories.

They have developed understanding of how to use bar diagrams and equations to make sense of and solve one and two step word problems. Topic 8 will begin next week, with the major focus being time, money, and solving problems using coins and dollar bills.

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Upcoming Dates:

January 15th- No school, Martin Luther King Jr. Day

February 6th- 6:30 p.m.- PTO Meeting in Cafeteria

February 14th- Valentine's Day (*more information to come!)

February 19th- No school, Collaboration Day for teachers

March 2nd- No school, teacher work day

March 12th-16th- Spring Break