Discovery Elementary



Bee News: Fourth Grade News



February 16th, 2024

Curriculum Corner

In math, we continued our work on Module 5 this week. Module 5 is on fraction equivalence, ordering, and operations. This week students added fractions less than 1 to, or subtracted fractions less than I from whole numbers using decomposition and visual models. Furthermore, students multiplied and added fractions to build fractions greater than I using visual models. Lastly, students decomposed and composed fractions greater than 1 to express them in various forms (mixed numbers and improper fractions).

In reading, we finished our second reading unit this week (our informational unit). Additionally, we completed the End of Unit 2 Reading Assessment this week.

In writing, we continued our third writing unit (informational writing). Students will be creating an informational book on a choice topic. This week students continued research/ notes and worked on their outlines.

In science, we started unit 2 on Earths Features. In this unit students are taking on the role of geologists and investigating how they can use a fossil and the location it was found (a rocky outcrop) to learn more about Desert Rocks National Park. This week the students were introduced to the unit and started investigating this question: How did the fossil get inside the rocky outcrop?

We are doing social emotional learning (SEL) every Wednesday. We are learning about problem solving. This week students learned ways to solve problems with peers.

Dear Parents,

Happy Friday! Students had another wonderful week of school this week. We enjoyed Kindness Week this week at Discovery! Eager reader also came to a close and students had a chance to get another book.

We completed the End of Unit 2 Reading Assessment this week. Students will receive graded rubrics to bring home the week after break.

We officially announced our field trip to the Pacific Science Center last week. It will be on March 14th (Thursday). I already have all the chaperones I need. :) Thanks so much to those of you that jumped on the opportunity to join us on the trip. More information regarding the field trip was sent out last Monday. Please get permission slips back to me as soon as possible. I really appreciate your support in making this trip a success!

Our Friendship Celebration this last Wednesday was a success! Thanks so much to all of you that helped make this event successful.

Rubrics for the Mid-Module 5 Math Assessment were sent home with your student on Monday. Please let me know if you have any questions regarding the Mid-Module 5 Math Assessment results.

I hope you have an amazing break! Please let me know if you have any questions.

Thanks so much,

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Important Dates	
February 19th	Presidents Day (No School)
February 20th—23rd	Second Winter Break