Discovery Elementary



Bee News: Fourth Grade News



Doing As Eagles Do

March 1st, 2024

Curriculum Corner

In math, we continued our work on Module 5. Module 5 is on fraction equivalence, ordering, and operations. This week students learned to do a line plot, practiced comparing fractions, practiced finding common denominators, and added/subtracted fractions.

In reading, we started our new reading unit on historical fiction (unit 4). In this unit we will be reading a book called *Number the Stars* to guide instruction. This week we got back into our weekly routines of word work rotations, reading group rotations, and completing our reading response. Additionally, our historical fiction unit was introduced, we learned about the characters, setting, and time period in *Number the Stars*.

In writing, we are working on our informational unit. Students are writing an informational book on a topic of interest. This week students drafted on Publisher.

In science, we continued our work on our Earths Features unit. 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 continued 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! I hope you all enjoyed an excellent second winter break. This week was another wonderful week! It is great having everyone back in the classroom.

We had Read Across America this week. Students had an opportunity to celebrate reading. Furthermore, students got back into our regular school routines. We reviewed classroom and school expectations. Students did an incredible job this week, breaking a record on classroom points.

Students received graded rubrics for the End of Unit 2 Reading Assessment this week that we took before break. Please let me know if you have any questions.

We officially announced our field trip to the Pacific Science Center before break. 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 before break. Please get permission slips back to me as soon as possible. I really appreciate your support in making this trip a success!

I hope you all enjoy a wonderful weekend! Please let me know if you have any questions.

Thanks so much, Peter Besbeas besbeasp@issaquah.wednet.edu

Important Dates

February 26th to March 1st **Read Across America**