

THIRD GRADE NEWS



Dear Families,

The winter concert led by Mrs. Halter was amazing. The kids were terrific. The icing on the cake was our third grade musicians playing along with Mrs. Halter throughout the concert. We have been so lucky to have Mrs. Halter at Lincoln School. Today's concert was bittersweet knowing that she is retiring at the end of the school year.

For the last two weeks in Math, we continued work in Unit 3, with a focus on subtracting, comparing measurements, and solving travel stories. We also practiced telling time on analog clocks. Please encourage your child to share their strategies. Counting up on a number line to find a difference has been a popular strategy. We will finish up Unit 3 when we return in January. However, please continue to work on those multiplication facts.

In reading the children have been encouraged to lift their level of thinking about expository texts. Finding the main idea along with the supporting details of a text have been modeled and practiced. In addition to these lessons, the children worked on cause and effect strategies (which were discussed during our Writing sessions as well) using the mentor text, If you Give a Moose a Muffin and sequencing with the popular picture book, Polar Express.

In writing, the students are enjoying the informational writing unit, writing as experts. We have many books being written in the classroom. I have learned a lot from our students. They are quite the experts on the sun, dogs, football...to name a few.

The creation of our Native American murals depicting the life and customs of particular tribes is officially underway within our Social Studies classes. Students have now

embarked upon the task of weaving their research data into a panoramic scene telling the story of its residents. The use of Seesaw will allow the students to create QR codes which gives the viewer an opportunity to hear about the mural and its contents. This has been a great opportunity to develop research skills, use creative imagery, and learn the give-and-take necessary in working together on a project. This project will also take us into the new year.

Over the last two weeks, we have had some fabulous Teacher of the Week presentations. Connor mesmerized the students with a demo on how circuits work. Logan also shared what trees are important. Students had fun matching leaf names to their pictures. We also had a discussion about teamwork and talked a bit more about strategies we can use to work with others. These are vital skills to use in our classrooms, in other specials, and throughout life :)

and... a HUGE thank you...to everyone that stopped in, planned, ran a center, and brought supplies to our winter party. Everyone enjoyed themselves! Probably the best way to celebrate a new year!

Have a wonderful winter break. Best wishes for a happy 2020! We will see everyone back on Monday 1/6/20.

Sincerely,

Ms. Ponzio

