

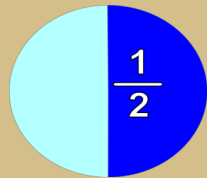
TRAVELOGUE FROM ROUTE 21

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**KEEP
CALM
WINTER
IS HERE**

Oh my goodness. . . A new year is here already! I've looked back and realized that December came and went like a blur. . . And we continue on as 4th & 1/2 graders!



Please be sure to check out the page on the website—Gilda's Club. My daughter Jana and I made the delivery the first Monday we had off. The president of Gilda's Club took time to come down to send her thanks as well!

In writing, we started the year writing the MOST important thing that occurred over vacation. The blessing is that with brainstorming ALL of the things we did, we now have generated a long list of topics we can write about when we get stuck!

We are also working on writing opinion papers. Writing our opinion is not challenging, but backing up our opinion with facts is! This is actually a fun time as we work hard to get on paper what our mouth wants to share!

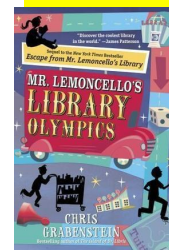
In math we are working with multi digit multiplication. We are also working with metric measurement—learning conversions can be tricky at first, but make sense with practice!

As part of our Traditional Literature study, we are doing a culture book study on the story Cinderella! We have read the versions from China, Egypt and the Native American versions, looking at different aspects of the culture that are wrapped into them. We've had some amazing conversations. . . and look forward to more. We will be looking at stories yet from Ireland, Korea, Mexico and Africa!



We are reading Half Upon a Time, a traditional literature piece that "twists" other stories into the plot. Ask your child what Jack grabbed to prevent being swallowed by the giant!

On Friday, we had our own book premiere for Mr. Lemoncello's Library Olympics. We couldn't make it to NYC, so we brought NYC here. Please check out the Premiere page on the website. . . Photos went to Mr. Grabenstein as well.



January 4 - School is back in session

January 13 - KIDZ Have Rights Presentations

January 15 - Spirit Day - Wacky Hair Day

January 15—Book orders are due!

January 15 - PTO Meeting in the Media Center at 12:15pm

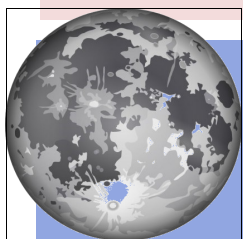
January 19 - Pencil Hangout

January 27 - 2 HOUR DELAY.

January 28-29 - Vision and Hearing Screening

January 29 - Relay for Life Family

Movie Night at 6pm



Our new science unit is called View from Earth. In this unit we will be studying weather, fossils and the moon. There are a lot of facts we think we "know" that will be challenged and clarified as we go!

This past week was a major week of reassessments in both math and spelling. Your child knows what target group they are in for math and TOMORROW we will start with our new spelling groups. If your child has not changed group names, it does not mean that they have not changed FOCUS! :)