

TRAVELOGUE FROM ROUTE 21

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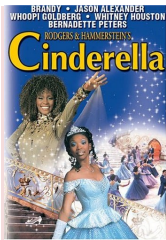


“Love has nothing to do with what you are expecting to get – only with what you are expecting to give – which is everything.”

Katharine Hepburn

In math extension, Mrs. Hersberger is working on a project of creating a cake for the ENTIRE school! They have been practicing fractions, estimating and math facts.

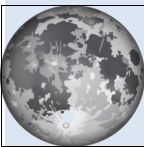
In Social Studies, Mrs. Griffhorst is finishing up their US regions Power Points and has moved on to the Revolutionary War! There has been an American Revolution simulation, a snowball fight which started the Boston Massacre and each child has been given a role, as well a job for our unit.



Our wrap up of Cinderella and traditional literature was celebrated with the musical version of Cinderella! If they start singing “Impossible!” you now know why!

Fossils and seasons and orbits—oh my!

We have had so much fun with this unit thus far !



Highlights include:

***making our own “fossils” out of fossil clay—thanks to Starbucks for the coffee grounds! Check out this amazing video about Dinosaur Valley State Park, where Mrs. Schroeder used to play!**

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FlvEOXXCqrl&feature=player_embedded

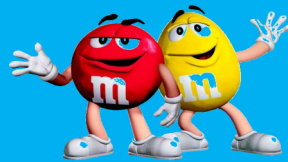
***using the LAMP OF SCIENCE, acting out the orbit of the earth around the sun and how our seasons are created. Thank you, Axis, for the “tip!”**

***remembering the brave astronauts who have given their lives for space exploration—remembering the Challenger and Apollo 1 while talking about Neil Armstrong and Christa McAuliffe.**

In math we are working with fractions and mixed-number computations as well as measurement. We have worked with the concept of decomposing numbers—breaking them down into smaller parts such as

$$1 = 1/4 + 1/4 + 1/4 + 1/4.$$

We are also working with adding numbers that have like denominators (the number DOWN on the fraction.)



I have seen a TREMENDOUS change in the M&M scores as of late. Good work! I am challenging them to have MASTERED multiplication by our progress report in March. IF your child is still working on SUBTRACTION, I cannot emphasize enough how important it is that you work with them to get these mastered and on to multiplication. The expectation of 5th grade is that multiplications and division is MASTERED coming in!

Bio

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Our new literature study is that of biography. Yesterday the biography project and books were sent home in a Ziploc bag. The 258 project requires them to select from the menu projects that equal a minimum of 10 points. They MAY do more if they chose! A copy of the assignment and a list of who is doing whom is on the website under BIOGRAPHY!

Feb 1-2 Hearing & Vision Rescreening

Feb 4 Bible Club at noon

Feb 10 Pencil Hangout & Count Day & Valentines are due!

Feb 12 Classroom Valentines Day Parties & Spirit Day: Wear RED or PINK & Bible Club at noon

Feb 15 Mid Winter Break—No School

Feb 16 Prof Development Day—No School

Feb 19 Spirit Day: Flannel Day &

Biography 258 projects are due

