

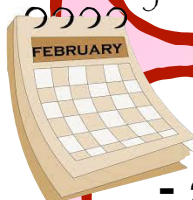
February

What's happening in ELA!

January found us exploring the Arts in ELA. Module 5's focus was to teach the students that Art is found all around us. We listened to the music of The Beatles, we danced the electric slide, and we read and wrote poetry. As we explored these topics we worked on finding the central idea of a text and supporting that idea with details from what we have read. We also looked at the elements of poetry and how they were similar and different to the elements of other genres we have read. Text structure was another literacy skills we worked on, looking at how the author organized the text. The last big concept of this module was being able to identify how text and graphic features help us better understand what we are reading. In writing we focused on informational writing, students thought about someone that they thought was extraordinary, many of them picked artists, athletes, authors, and musicians. They had to form a central idea telling why their person was extraordinary and then research reasons to support this main idea. When writing their essay they focused on keeping their writing organized, adding ideas and content that were relative, and using correct fourth grade conventions!

Important Notes:

- February 13th is the 100th day of school! Dress to show 100!
- Mrs. Martin would like anyone bringing in valentine's cards/treats to make sure they are healthy treats!
- Thank you to all our volunteers and donors of supplies/fruit!



A Month of STEM

Over the month of January, we were happy to tackle some new math concepts, all centered around multiplication. First students learned several different strategies to multiply single digit numbers by numbers up to four digits long. They learned about the area model, which helps them understand dimensions and that the area is the inside of a shape. Then we focused on a strategy called partial product. Both strategies focus on expanding numbers and using place value (ten's place x ten's place, etc.) to make the multiplication parts simpler.

We then applied those strategies to two digit by two digit problems, and finally to real world application through converting measurements.

The month ended with applying similar strategies to solve division problems. Students used a partial quotient or an area model strategy to solve these 4 digit by 1 digit problems.

COMING UP!

- 2/8 ERD
- 2/13 100th day of school!
- 2/14 Friendship celebration
- 2/14 Valentine's Day
- 2/19 Winter break begins