

Newsletter!

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Happy New Year! Hope everyone enjoyed their holiday break.

Math~ two main focuses this week: The K-Pop Wave article focused on statistics and probability. The students found the mean, median, and mode of data sets describing the number of members in different K-Pop groups. Hacking Your Data focused on expressions and equations. The students wrote and evaluated exponential expressions to find the number of total possible password combinations for given situations.

Science~Brain twisters!! This week the students learned about the human brain. They were introduced to the two sided brain and how it is divided into two halves, the right & the left. The two sides of the brain are connected by a thick band of nerve fibers called the corpus callosum. They also how the right side of the brain controls the left side of the body and vice versa. While understanding that we have dominant hands and feet that we use to write or play sports the students learned about the dominant eye!

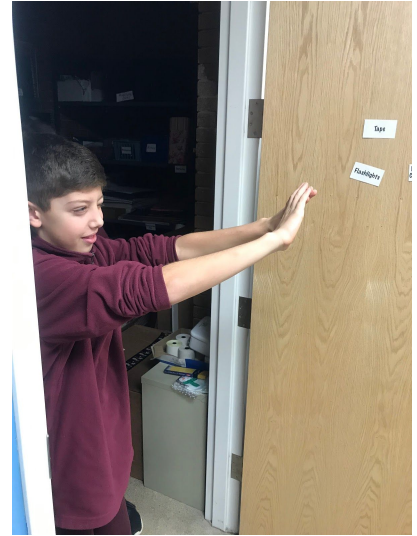
~Have your child show you the challenges of figuring out each of your eyes is most dominant and how two eyes are better than one!

Geography~ The students are in full prep mode for the National Geography Bee! The National Geographic GeoBee is an annual geography contest sponsored by the National Geographic Society. The bee, held every year since 1989, is open to students in the fourth through eighth

grades in participating schools from the United States. Over the last two weeks the students have been reviewing, studying, and learning about all the countries all over the world. After looking at each continent we decided to create our own version of the United States Map as well as Europe!
~ Please stop by to check out our maps!



Dioramas~ While researching the students chose a state to study and decided that instead of writing a research paper the students would research and create a diorama to represent their state.



Writing~ The students will be writing their first story! Each student will choose where and when they would like to start their journey. They have each been studying the United States map and are ready to create a map that will give us a visual to their story line. This is going to be difficult but fun to see how each student chooses share their journey across the United States. I am most excited to see the visual map they create for their story.

Book Talks~

On Tuesday the students brought in their winter break book talks. Over break each student was assigned a novel that they would later come and present to their peers. Each student created a new book cover for their novel that better expressed what they believed to represent the novel.

Have a great weekend!
~ See you on Tuesday

“The function of education is to teach one to think intensively and to think critically. Intelligence plus character – that is the goal of true education.” ~Martin Luther King Jr.