

The Reading Corner...

This week students began to collect more than one source for their research. Each student has more than one source for the person they are studying. They were reading the work of different authors to notice how authors write in different ways. Students looked with 'elaboration lenses' seeking the craft and details that authors use in published books to inspire the details they use in their own stories.

Writers Workshop...

Students are working hard on their informational writing. Each student is using new reading strategies to inspire the work that they draft by adding more elaborative detail. Students have practiced visualizing their character to bring their writing to life. Students have also been sharing their work with peers to make sure their author's purpose is clear for readers.

In Math This Week...

Our little mathematicians have been working hard as they tackle a new concept...DIVISION! This week we have specifically focused on dividing things into equal groups. We used our place value discs to help us begin our journey through division. We are now able to draw visuals to model our thinking. Next week we will be learning the strategy of Partial Quotients. Your mathematician is looking forward to sharing their new strategies with you!

Important Dates and Reminders

- Next week is a DOL week
- No School 1/16/17 – Martin Luther King Day

In Social Studies and Science This Week...

In Social Studies we have continued to work on our Southeast Region scrapbook pages. Pages will be coming home next week to be decorated!

In Science we continue to learn all about animals and the different creatures that live all over the world. Students are learning about different adaptations and habits of animals that live in specific environments. Keep an eye out for our animal research project that will be assigned next week.

Conversations Starters

1. What is a strategy you use to divide multi-digit whole numbers with no remainders?
2. What is an interesting fact you learned about an animal this week?
3. What reading strategies have you learned that help you as a writer?
4. What sources are you using for your research?