

News from Room 103

November 14, 2016



What We're Learning!

So much exploration and learning has been happening in our classroom!

Reading

Students have been reading a ton of fiction and nonfiction works. Students continue to retell what they have read to ensure understanding. We are also making connections while we read. Making text-to-self connections makes readers think about their own experiences, which helps us better comprehend the feelings and actions of characters in a story.

We have also started our nonfiction reading unit on seasons and weather. Students first shared their understanding of nonfiction texts. We are gradually exploring different nonfiction features such as table of contents, captions, bold words, glossary, and index. We are also using questioning to delve deeper into nonfiction texts.

Writing

Students are publishing their toy and game reviews! This was an opinion writing piece. Students selected a favorite toy or game and shared their opinion. They described the toy/game with details. Another important element was writing reasons to support the author's opinion. Students closed their work with a feeling or restating their opinion.

Our next writing unit is an narrative piece on a special moment in our life.

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Math

Students have been using many math tools like the number line and number grid, and various manipulatives to solve word problems involving addition and subtraction. Breaking a number into parts to identify an unknown number was also explored. Students were introduced to frames and arrows. This diagram helps them learn a sequence of numbers based on a rule. This reinforces addition and subtraction. We also continue to work on showing our thought process through extended responses showing drawings and words.

Science

Air is everywhere! We have started our air and weather unit. Students explored how air can create force and move objects. They also discovered air takes up space, even under water. When air escapes it creates bubbles.

Another focus is articulating their learning and understanding using academic terms they are learning.

Other News

- Our Halloween celebration was spectacular! A million thanks to all the parents for contributing their time and help to make this event a great experience!!
- Remember! Our first Reading Ambassadors Night is planned for Tuesday, November 15th, 5:30-7:00pm in the Dewey School library.
- Picture Retake Day – Tuesday, November 15th

