

CLASSROOM



NEWS

Week of:

January 8th - 12th

Important Dates:

- 1/15--No School, Martin Luther King Jr. Day
- 1/16--PTO Meeting @ 8:45
- 1/19 through 1/25--CogAT testing for 3rd & 5th grades
- 1/25--PTO Pizza Day & Spirit Wear Day
- 1/31--Erin's Law presentations for all grades
- 2/1--Author Peter Brown visits Greenbriar!

A Note from Ms. Samadan:

Happy New Year! I hope everyone had an amazing and relaxing winter break! This week we reviewed school and classroom expectations and spent some time making Vision boards for the new year. One of our classmates even earned a reward by turning in his class tickets and chose to teach the class an Art project! It's been a fun, productive week, and the kids seemed to enjoy getting back to school!

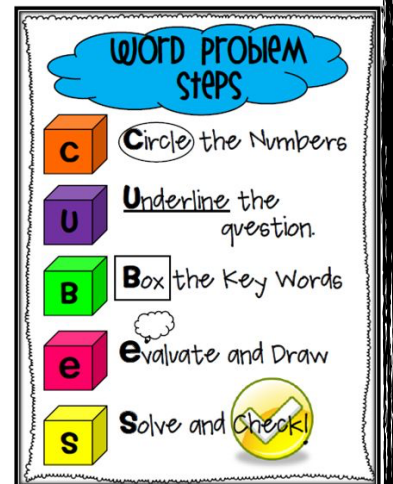
What We Did This Week:

Literacy:

- This week we focused on editing and revising our research projects. We added details to make our writing more interesting, focused on fixing grammatical errors such as capitalization and punctuation, and together determined the criteria for which the projects will be graded. I think it was a great experience for the kids to have a voice in the rubric for the project and it seemed to provide them the opportunity to take ownership of their learning.

Math Workshop:

This week reviewed concepts in multiplication that we had practiced before break and spent some time working on one and two-step word problems. We used the acronym C.U.B.E.S. to help us with solving word problems.



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Social Studies/ Science:

- This week we learned about European explorers and trading. We discussed how and why they traded with the Tainos: the indigenous people of Puerto Rico (as well as some other Caribbean islands). We read a book called Encounter in which we were able to hear the story of the first encounter from voice of a Taino boy. This was interesting being that most stories of the first encounter are from Columbus's point of view. We will finish this unit by the end of next week and begin our next science unit on January 22nd!

A Snapshot of Our Week!

