

# CLASSROOM



# NEWS

Week of:

Nov. 27th - Dec. 1st

## Important Dates:

- 12/12--PTO meeting @ 8:45
- 12/14--Spirit Wear & PTO Pizza Day
- 12/15--Winter Performances & PTO Cookie Walk
- 12/22--Last day of school before winter break & classroom celebrations
- 1/8--School resumes

## A Note from Ms. Samaan:

We celebrated Colin this week as our Star of the Week. It was fun learning all about him!! We also had an amazing time on our field trip to see Wonder on Tuesday. We discussed how the book and movie were similar and different. I think the kids really enjoyed seeing the book come to life on the screen. It was great to listen to their conversations about extending kindness in their own daily lives.

## What We Did This Week:

### Literacy:

This week in literacy we started working on summarizing and how this can be different depending on the genre of the text. We worked to compare and contrast fiction vs. nonfiction, and discussed which elements we need to summarize each type of text. We also explored non-fiction text features, how to take notes, and how to cite our sources. Next week we will continue analyzing how and why we summarize different texts, as well as how we can improve our writing by learning how to use a graphic organizer to do so.

### Math Workshop:

This week we started our study of multiplication in math. We learned about repeated addition as a strategy to solve multiplication problems. Next week we will explore arrays, groupings, number lines, and skip counting. Please start to practice multiplication facts at home. This unit is one of the three focus units in third grade and an important skill to master. I am sending home an information sheet with some suggestions when helping your child with fact practice at home!

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## Social Studies/ Science:

We finished our science unit on animals and will carry our study into literacy studio. Students chose an animal to research and will use that topic to summarize and paraphrase non-fiction text. Be sure to ask your child what animal they were assigned. They will do all the research and writing in class, but you are encouraged to visit the library and/or print out articles from the Internet that would help your child gather information.

## A Snapshot of Our Week!

