

February News

Kindergarteners

Kindergarteners have recently started a How to Writing Unit where they will act as teachers. Maybe they teach us how to make pizza, a snow person, or even a craft. In reading, they are enjoying using strategies to build their reading stamina. Also, students have been involved in guided reading groups. In these groups students are working with the teacher to enjoy books and grow as readers. In math, students have been working with numbers to 100. Finally in science, they are learning about force and motion with a focus on push and pull. Students are eager for Valentine's Day and even the 100th day which will be on February 12th pending any snow days. February 12th is also Abraham Lincoln's birthday so a lot of exciting happenings are on our horizon.

1st Graders

First grade has had an exciting start to 2020. In reading, students have been making inferences using text clues and are looking forward to learning about the features of non-fiction text. In writing, students recently finished their book reviews and will be publishing them digitally with the help of Mr. Patanella. Students will be writing 'all about' books starting with books about themselves. In math, students have been learning to use different strategies to add and subtract within twenty. Students have enjoyed learning about measurement and graphing as well as measuring various items around the classroom using nonstandard units. In social studies, students have been learning about their community of Wyckoff and participated in a block build, which gave students the opportunity to work collaboratively and construct iconic places in Wyckoff, such as Lincoln School and the Wyckoff Library. Students were excited for today's Global Day of Play and look forward to continuing their explorations in all subject areas.

2nd Graders

Second Graders just finished a nonfiction unit in reading and writing and are excited to share our research findings with our classmates! Look for our completed posters to come home soon! We are equally excited to begin our new unit, where we will be in a book club with a partner to read the same book in a series and have discussions about it. Second Graders are learning about money in math. We are exploring what it means to innovate, and thinking about the importance of inventions and their inventors in Social Studies.

3rd Graders

The new year is off to a great start for third graders.

Writers recently celebrated their informational research writing.

Students are now writing about the theories they develop as they read books with a partner.

Fractions are the current focus in math. Students are recognizing and evaluating all of the fractional situations that they encounter in their daily lives.

On February 7th, representatives from The Seeing Eye will be talking to all Lincoln students about what their dogs do to help people with vision impairment.

We will be introducing "penny wars" soon as part of our plan to raise money for The Seeing Eye organization. We appreciate the enthusiasm and support that has been flowing from the Lincoln School Community.

4th Graders

Boy have times changed! Last week Grade 4 was treated to a "Trunk Show" thanks to our local Zabriskie House volunteers, who taught us a great deal about life in Wyckoff long ago. This assembly helps connect our previous learning about the Early People of NJ. We have begun our second social studies unit: The Power of the People. We are studying the local, state and federal government. In math, we recently started a unit of study on decimals. Students took some time to find decimals in our everyday lives. To our surprise, decimals are EVERYWHERE!! Also, our readers and writers are enjoying their first literary essay challenge! We deeply analyzed the powerful life themes and authors' messages of several amazing picture books and are doing the same with a selection of poems. We will choose two meaningful texts and write an essay that proves how their important messages connect with text evidence. Finally, we are really looking forward to our Global Day of Play and SUPER excited to be involved in the Scooter Bowl this year!

5th Graders

Math - 5th grade is working on multiplying fractions. We have been working with pattern blocks and drawing models to show how we multiply fractions.

Additionally, we have been using the traditional algorithms of 1) multiplying across the numerators and multiplying across the denominators and then simplifying the fraction and 2) cross simplifying (using the GCF) and then

multiplying across the numerators and denominators. This week we will be solving real-world word problems using fractions and bar models. We will also work on multiplying improper fractions by fractions. The students will practice their math skills with a few rounds of Trasketball.

5th grade LAL is now focused on informational texts. The students are selecting topics and researching them. They will be creating Google Sites to present their learning.

Social Studies

Students recently completed their research on the relationships between the colonists and the Native Americans in the following territories: New France, New Spain, New England, and New Netherlands. They completed Google Slides presentations, brochures, and annotated illustrations to demonstrate their knowledge. This week we will start working on how resources and relationships impact people's lives. Students will analyze maps to answer "How was colonial America diverse?" Students will then begin to research three regions of colonial America: the New England Colonies, the Middle Colonies and the Southern Colonies.

The Colonial Crafts Day was today and the talent show is on 3/6.