

March 2, 2017



From the desks of Mrs. Shober & Mrs. Kries

- Dates to remember:
 - February 27th through March 3rd-Read Across America
 - March 17th & 18th- Science Fair
 - March 21st- Single Session Day
 - March 23 Report Cards Release
 - Yearbooks are on sale through April 3rd.



If your child is missing an items, please encourage them to check the lost and found near the entrance to the library. Items not claimed will be donated.

Full STEAM ahead with READING

Read Across America Week 2017

Whiton will be celebrating Read Across America next week February 27th- March 3rd!

Please see below for some of the activities our students completed this week and for what we have coming up as we wrap up our week.

MONDAY 2/27: We will kick off the week with a Readers' Theater starring some favorite fairy tale characters. Readers will sign the Read Across America Oath in their classrooms and enjoy the fairy tale read aloud assigned to their grade. *Special thanks to the PTO for providing the books!*

TUESDAY 2/28: We will use our artistic talents to create masterpieces which show our favorite book. These will be on display in the hallways of Whiton. Ask your child what book he/she chose.

WEDNESDAY 3/1: We will get together with buddy classes to read each other a favorite informational text! We will teach each other what we have learned about readers of nonfiction. Ask your child what he/she learned.

THURSDAY 3/2: We will begin our fairy tale STEM challenges! Ask your child more about what he/she investigated.

FRIDAY 3/3: We will finish our fairy tale STEM challenges and celebrate a great week of reading with the WHITON READING TRAIN!



Reading is a Hoot!

by Miss Roper

When reading with your child at home, it is important to not only read the book, but also TALK about it!

You can ask your child questions such as:

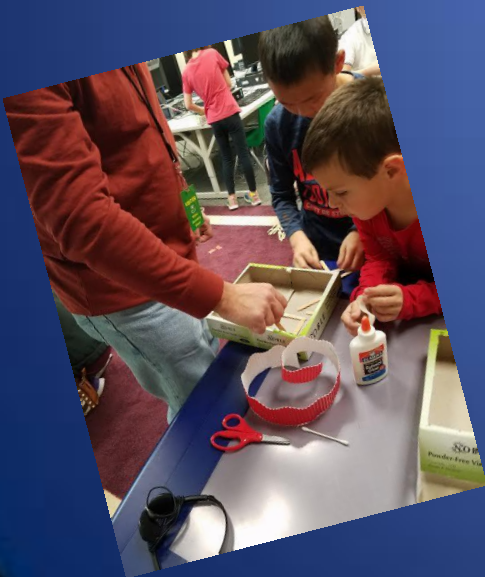
- who were the characters in this book?
- what was the problem in this story?
- what was your favorite part? Why?
- what did this book remind you of?



Mrs. Forsyth's Class is Going Full STEAM Ahead!



Mrs. Forsyth's second grade class has been so excited to work in our STEAM Lab! STEAM stands for Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Mathematics. The STEAM Lab is a great way for kids to explore, create, build, and use their imaginations without the restrictions of being told what they can or can't do. All ideas are always accepted and praised. Each week, students are presented with a new challenge. Students can then decide whether or not they would like to take that challenge, work on a past challenge, or create something new on their own. We are lucky enough to have lots of different materials and students have been gracious enough to bring in lots of recyclable materials. Parents are always invited in to help with their child's creations! Some past challenges that students have been able to work on are to build a Thanksgiving table that can hold weight, build a teepee that at least one person can sit in, make a paper chain with one sheet of paper, make a zip line, build a maze, make a pop-up card, and to make a paper airplane that can carry cargo. These are just some of our challenges and I'm so excited to make some more! I think we have a lot of future scientists, engineers, and architects in our classroom!



Mrs. Mariani's Multi-Sensory Reading Roundup

Our Super Readers have been hard at work having fun!

One of their favorite activities is using our Interactive Smart Table!



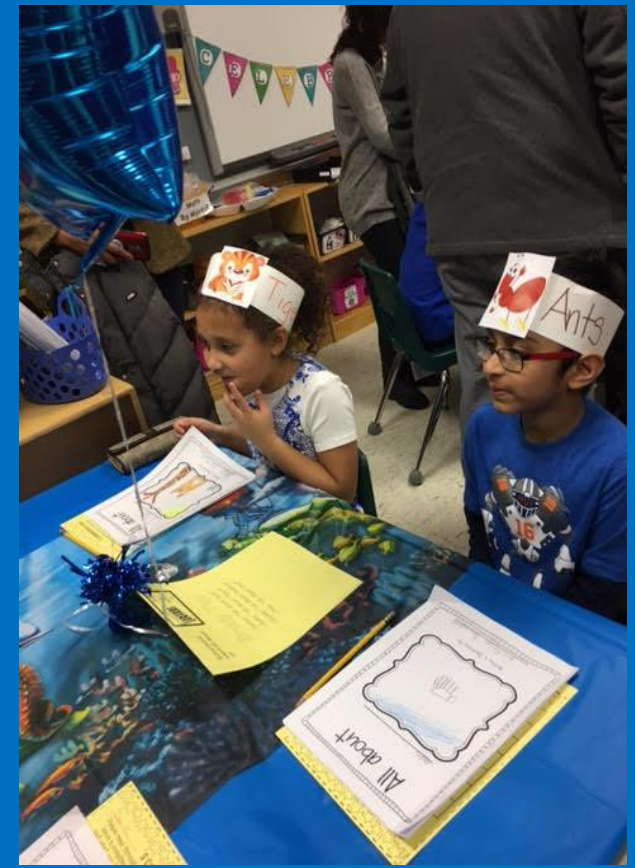
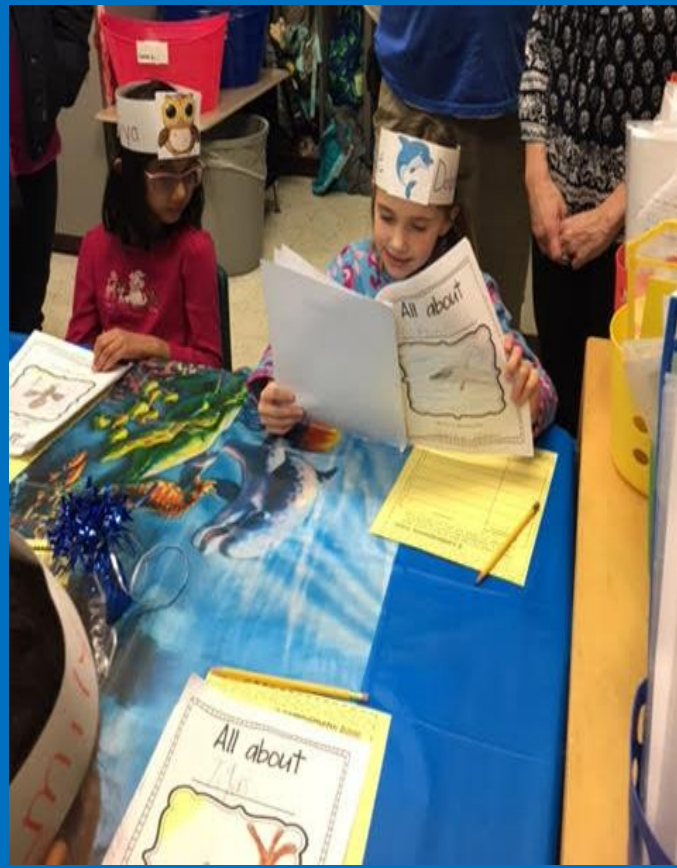
Super Reader Sight Word Chains

Check out our Super Reader Sight Word Chains!

Every time a student masters a new word,
they cut it out and add it to their chains.

Some of our students' word chains
are taller than them!! We will soon need
a bigger room!

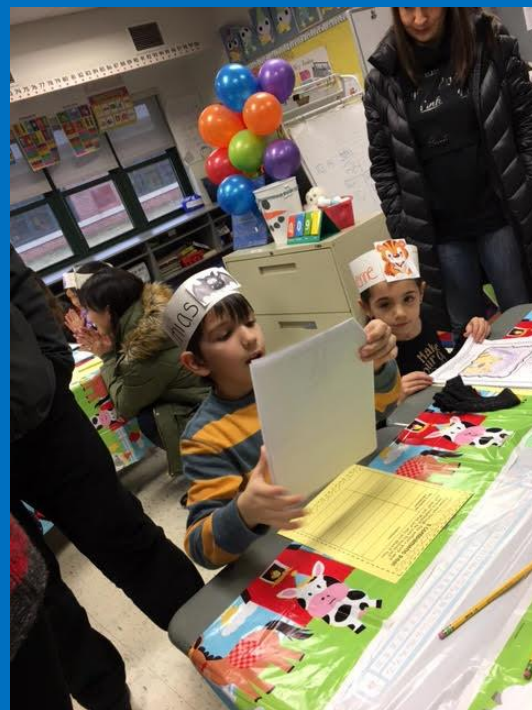
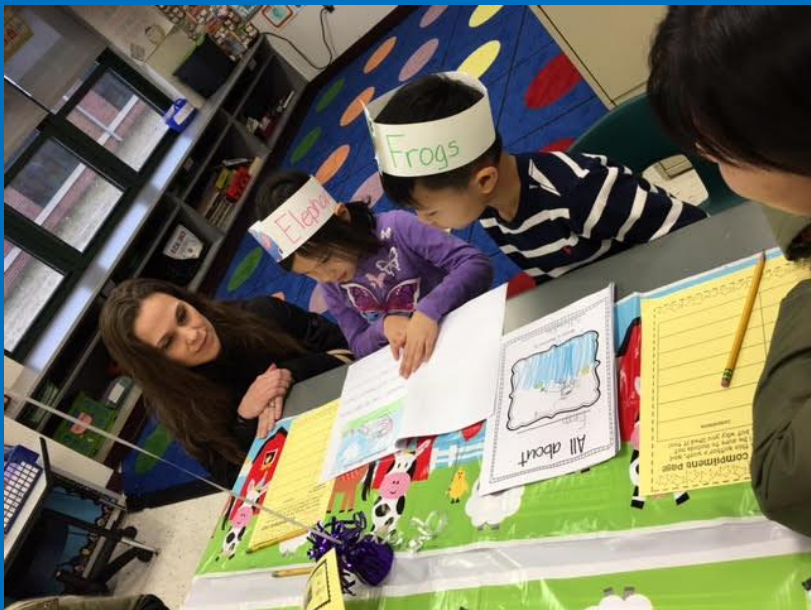




Mrs. Trubin's Awesome News

Writing Celebration

As our writing unit wrapped up students got to share their "All About Books". Each book was about a different animal. Parents came in and listened to them read their animal book. Each student shared different facts about their animal of choice. Students and parents had a blast!!





We Are Super Readers! in Ms. Quinn's Class

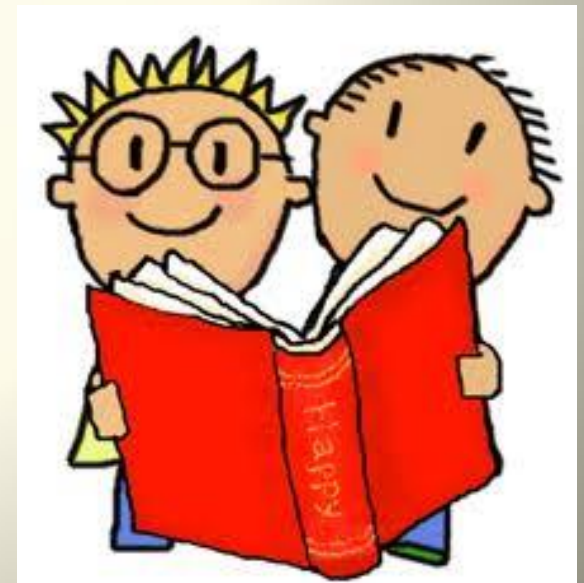


We have become Super Readers in Kindergarten! We use all our powers(tools) to become better readers each day. We use pointer power, picture power, sound power, and partner power. An important component of our reader's workshop model is our partner reading time. It allows students to take turns and provides each other feedback to help with comprehension. It provides practice of fluent reading and helps students learn decoding skills. And they get positive feedback from their peers.



Partner Reading

- Partners take turns reading a story.
- Then chose an activity from their partner cards. Activities include:
 - Sharing a Wow! Page
 - Echo or choral reading
 - Hunt for sight words
 - Use book talk powers
 - Play “I Spy”
 - Play Teacher and student



Partner Reading with First Grade

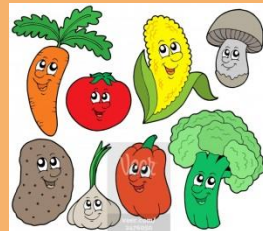
Our class practiced our partner reading skills with Mrs. Smith's first grade class. Each group of partners took turns reading and discussing their books. My students really enjoyed "showing off" their super reading powers to Mrs. Smith's class. A big thank you for letting us visit!!



Third Grade Caring and Sharing Garden!

The third grade Caring and Sharing garden is **Coming Soon!** In December, the children, along with some wonderful parent volunteers, weeded and turned the soil to prepare for planting in the beginning of April. We are going to grow a wide variety of vegetables: radishes, lettuce, onions, spinach, beets, arugula, and swisschard. In June we will harvest our vegetables and celebrate with a Salad Extravaganza! Master Gardeners will share their knowledge of gardening with the children covering a wide variety of topics from worms to weeds.

Our thanks to the Master Gardeners and parent volunteers who help make this a wonderful experience for the third graders!





Coming
Soon...



Music, Music, Music



The students have been working on songs for their grade level concerts recently. Kindergarteners are learning to sing “My Favorite Things” and “Little Wheel”. The students are getting really good at doing the hand signs with the words! In 1st grade, students are learning songs about animals. They now know what a cephalopod is and can tell you that raccoons have hands like ours that they can use to open doors! The 2nd graders are singing patriotic songs and learning some facts about our country and the flag. The 3rd grade students are singing a song in Japanese! For more information on the concerts, go to

<https://sites.google.com/a/branchburg.k12.nj.us/3407/>

Have a Great MONTH!

