

Mrs. Therrell's Library February Newsletter

PreK-2nd Grades

We have wrapped up our *New Year, New Me: I can be CYBER SAFE* unit, and although our unit has ended, I am encouraging these students to keep everything we learned locked inside. This is a life skill, and students should always remember what we learned: 1. Always ask permission before getting online. 2. Only visit websites that are good for you. 3. Only talk to people that you know. 4. Never give out personal information. Ask your child about our Website Traffic Light. Through our unit, we found some great GREEN websites that are safe and good to "go." We also talked about what we can do if we accidentally visit a YELLOW website (slow down, think, and ask) and a RED website (stop immediately and get help from an adult!) Students soaked up so much great knowledge!

This month, we are focusing on friendship and kindness for our February unit. We'll read books like Tough Cookie, Amelia Bedelia's First Valentine, Each Kindness, Kindness is Cooler, Mrs. Ruler, Try a Little Kindness, Alex and Lulu: Two of a Kind, and Have You Filled your Bucket? Engaging literacy centers will correlate with these read alouds.

3rd-6th Grades

We are all LOVING our STEM unit. Thanks to RCSD for choosing our library to host a STEM Pilot for our county. We will continue using Sams' STEM kits which will involve hands-on construction and interactive activities using our Smart TV. Other STEM centers include a Mars Research News Room Green Screen Technology Center, STEM extension Rover Creation, Maker Space, Robot Dash Solar System Challenge, a Library Skill Toss Challenge. We will wrap up our unit on Mars and the 2020 Rover STEM centers soon, and we will begin another unit immediately following. I will allow students to help me gauge our next unit based on interest.

Teachers' Corner

I LOVE our teachers!

Reminders

- We have a professional collection in library. See me for more details to help you GROW! Thanks to Mrs. Brown for coming in to check these out for her college course she's taking.
- Need a fun Valentine's book? Come check out what we've got! You'll LOVE them!
- We have great books for Black History Month and Presidents' Day too.
- Thanks for all the book requests and ideas for book orders. I will make our last book order for this school year this month.