



LIBRARY NEWS

We have been really busy in the library for both November and December. In November, we focused on learning about Veterans Day and Native American Heritage month. Students made cards and we sent them to the Veterans Home. We learned different Native American dances and listened to Native American stories. Students also learned about different Native American tribes throughout the United States. Students in second grade did a stem challenge where they made turkey marionettes with a partner. In December, we listened to stories about snow and different winter activities. We had “snow much fun” making snow this week in first and second grade. Any classes that did not get a chance to make snow due to our surprise day off this week and our shortened day today, will get a chance to participate when they get back from winter break.

When we return from winter break we will offer Maker Space to students in kindergarten through second grade. Students are able to practice their fine motor skills while creating a piece of their own with the materials provided. If you are able to save some materials to be donated to Maker Space, here are some things that students have loved working with:

- Cardboard paper towel and toilet paper roll holders
- Egg carton (Make sure that there is no broken egg residue)
- Brown paper bags
- Disposable coffee holders (like the kind you get from Dunkin Donuts)

- Tops to bottles (soda bottle tops)
- Empty 1 liter plastic bottles
- Bubble wrap from online packages

I am also always looking for donations to make Maker Space more exciting such as:

- Painters Tape (Students are able to rip this easily and they love the bright colors)
- Pipe Cleaners
- Feathers
- Pom Poms
- Stickers
- Scrap Book Paper
- Popsicle Sticks
- Ribbon or yarn

It has been such a pleasure to get to know all of your children this year. I hope you have a fantastic winter break and get a chance to unwind and relax.

Thanks again!
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