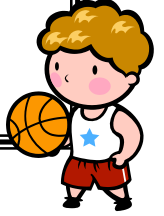




Extra! Extra! Read all about our WINNING TEAM!

Dec. 5th, 2008
Miss Zimmerman
Grade 3
Greenbriar



Literacy: **It's the Cinnamon Bear!**

We are having a fabulous time listening to "Cinnamon Bear." The students are using many of their reading skills and strategies to determine importance in each episode. They are also practicing their listening and note-taking skills. After each episode, the students have a chance to visualize certain characters and create them. We will continue this literacy project until winter vacation!

Math: **Unit 5**

This week, we reviewed our previous unit and began our new unit on area. The students are having fun finding the area of irregular shapes. Each student also had the opportunity to work with number puzzles in various forms. They are a great way to challenge their minds! Next week, we will continue our fifth unit and do a Trailblazers lab on area.

Social Studies: **Exploration**

This week, we did activities revolving around the first encounter between Christopher Columbus and the Native Americans. We did a trade simulation to demonstrate that the Native Americans were trading away their valuables for things that were sometimes quite worthless. The week ended with our Art Adventure, which was a Native American Pow Wow. It was excellent! We will continue to learn more about exploration next week.

KIDsmarts: **Our New Rules**

Our classroom rules have been condensed in order for the students to better follow them. Our five new rules are be respectful, be responsible, be safe, be peaceful and do your best. During KIDsmarts, we discussed what these rules meant and how to follow them. Next week, we will do a follow up on how the students think they are doing with the rules.



Schedule of Events

*Fri 12/5 Report Cards Distributed

*Wed 12/10 All Secret Pal Drafts Due


*Wed 12/17 All Secret Pal Final Copies Due
Winter Sing!

Grand Slam Coaching Assistants!


Next week . . .

Emily and Emily

will be our outstanding
Coaching Assistants!



Notes from the Teacher:



The secret pals drafts that I have seen have been outstanding. The students are doing a spectacular job on them. I would like to thank Mr. Chang, our story reader for the week. He taught us about Marco Polo and the space exploration with Neil Armstrong. Also, thank you to Mrs. Abboud and Mrs. Westel who helped out with our Art Adventure. The students are bringing home some fun "Hink Pinks" that we worked on for Friday Fun this week. They are a definite challenge. Just a reminder, please make sure to send your report card envelope back to school with your signature. Also, your child needs his or her recorder every day at school until the Winter Sing. I hope everyone has a great weekend!