**Community Share a Success!**

Kudos to all of the students for their hard work building their communities! They planned, built, negotiated, built some more, and finally presented. Although we learned Social Studies concepts, the give and take of working together was practice on a very important skill—teamwork. Thanks for all the recyclables that were sent in and to those of you who were able to join us! I will send pictures soon.

**Curriculum**

***ELA (Reading / Writing and more)*** –We continue to work on our non-fiction reading and writing units simultaneously. We’ve been reading informational texts and thinking about the information that we can get from tables and graphs. We are also identifying the main idea and details in different passages. We are becoming experts of our topics!

We continue our work on our non-fiction writing, writing about something that we know a lot about. We are organizing our work in chapters. Today we learned how to get into *Encyclopedia Britannica* and *Kids Infobits* on our iPads to have another resource to collect facts. At this point, we are writing in our notebooks, but next week we will do this project using Book Creator in our iPads.

***Math*** – We continue to work on harder multiplication facts—6s,7s, 8s, and 9s. Please practice counting by these numbers at home. I can see the students using the count-by strategy as we work in class. We will also learn about multiplying by 1s and 0s. We emphasized the concept involved, in addition to saying the rule for each of them. We will be working on harder multiplication and division facts with continued practice on solving problems in context (aka word problems). Please continue to make sure that your student answers the question in the problem with a complete sentence as a routine part of their work. The students are applying the distributive, associative and communicative properties of multiplication to help them solve problems. We had our Mid-module assessment today and I will share the results at conferences.

***Social Studies/Science –***Next week we will start our Science unit on Life Structures that I wrote about last time. Country research seem to be under way. Some students have already shared some great facts with me. I look forward to learning about the variety of countries!!

Upcoming Dates:

**MLK Thank you card –** Mon., Jan. 27 – Directions will go home, work on it all week, due Fri.,1/31

**Winter Conferences –** Wed. and Thurs., Jan. 29-30

** Book Fair-** Wed., Jan. 29– Fri., Jan. 31.

** Half days-** Thurs., Jan. 30 and Fri. Jan. 31. Dismissal at 11:00. Please plan accordingly.

** Whittier Diversity Committee Meeting-** Thur., Feb. 6 – 7:00-8:30

** PTO Meeting –** Tues., Feb. 11 – 7:00-8:00.

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**PTO Bowling FUNdraiser**

Join the Whittier PTO for “A Perfect 10” FUNdraiser on Saturday, Feb. 8 at Bowlero in River Grove. The event starting at 6:30, will include the raffles, a silent auction, food, drinks, dessert and more. More details will be available soon. Come out and have a night full of fun with your fellow Whittier ***adults***!

**MAP Testing**

Students worked hard on their MAP tests over the last two weeks. They were focused on their tests and respectful of their classmates. I’m not sure if we can ask for more from 3rd graders! The results will be shared with you during conferences next week.

Conferences Next Week!