

**Pennies for Patients**

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Over the last month, our students led by our Student Council raised $ for the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society!! Congratulation to our Student Council and thanks to everyone who contributed by collecting or raising money or buying hot chocolate.

Curriculum

***Reading*** – We continue our work on character study looking deeply at why characters behave as they do and then developing deeper theories about them. With practice, we are improving at this. In the coming week, we will start Book Clubs. Every student is in a small group reading the same book. The group will determine how many chapters to read and meet twice a week to discuss how the character is acting, reacting and changing in the story. Allowing the students to have discussions with each other about what they are reading will help them to develop ideas about the characters and their motivations. Finding common ground in a story takes a book to a different level. It’s very validating to know that others are thinking the same way you are about a part of a book or it can be eye-opening to consider a different point of view. It should be a fun and interesting experience!

***Writing-*** Our work on Poetry has been very rewarding. We started with a Autobiopoem and will begin a Diamante poem next week. At the end of this three-week unit the students will have a small poetry book that will show their creative ideas as Poets. This is nice break from the usual routine.

**Math-** We started our unit on fractions this week and we’re working very deliberately to understand what a fraction is, how we identify them and how we partition a whole to make a fractional part. We have also learned that the size of the fraction can vary depending on how big the whole is and that a bigger number in the denominator doesn’t mean the piece is bigger like it is with a whole number. Excellent observations, thinking, and discussions throughout the whole week!

Black History Literacy Night

Kudos to the Black History Committee for an amazing night! We had a great time from the Wax Museum to the different stations in the Art, Library, and Music rooms. The classroom doors were all amazing and a special shout out to Ms. Swanson’s class for winning in the 2nd & 3rd grade category.

**Message from the Nurse:**

Cold and flu season is not over!  Following these simple steps will help to stop the spread of illness:

      The best prevention against illness is hand washing!  Wash hands often, especially before eating and after using the bathroom.

      Avoid touching your eyes, nose and mouth! These are the most common ways for germs to enter the body.

      Cover your mouth and nose with your arm when you cough or sneeze.

      Get plenty of sleep, stay hydrated, and include fruits and veggies at each meal to keep your immune system strong.

      Get your flu shot!

To help keep Whittier a healthy place to be, please do your part and speak to your child/children about the above tips. **It is important that we all work together to avoid the spread of illness.**

 Students should not come to school if they are sick.  Please do not send your child to school with any of the following symptoms:

        Constant coughing

      Constant “runny” nose, especially with yellow or green mucus

      A temperature of 100 or higher

      Nausea, vomiting or diarrhea

      Rashes or any scratching for unknown reasons, with or without fever

      Watery, itching eyes that have drainage or are crusted shut upon waking

**All students with an illness must be without fever, diarrhea and vomiting for 24 hours before returning to school.**

Upcoming Dates

**Whittier Fun Fair**- **TOMORROW,** Mar. 7 **-** 11-3:00

**Motivation Slips due back**- next week a.s.a.p.

**Report cards go home-** March 13

**IAR 3rd Grade Testing-** March 16-20

**Spring Recess-** Monday, March 23-Friday, March 27

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