##### February 2019

*Leary Elementary School/ (585 ) 359-5460*

# What’s Been Happening in the Classroom

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**Language Arts:** Students have been learning about the characteristics of a ***biography*** as we have been reading a chapter book about Martin Luther King Jr. After each chapter, we discuss what the most important details are in the text and take brief notes to remember. We will then use these notes to write a report about Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Students will then choose a person of interest, use a variety of resources, including online *Pebble Go* to locate information about their person, take important notes, and use those notes to write a report. Thank you for supporting your child during our Read-A-Thon by reading, discussing and logging minutes. I am seeing wonderful improvement in both writing and reading as students apply learned word study patterns in ELA.

**Mathematics:** Students have just begun Module 5 - Addition and Subtraction within 1000 with Word Problems to 100. Students are decomposing a number into place value units (hundreds, tens, ones) and using various strategies to solve one- and two-step word problems such as arrow notation, tape diagrams and algorithms. ***Kind reminder*** for students to practice their math facts in addition and subtraction on a regular basis. Subtraction needs a lot of practice for many students. If you don’t use it, you lose it!

**Science:**  ***Structure and Properties of Matter*** We are just beginning our learning in this unit. Students will be classifying and describing materials as a solid, liquid, or gas. Students will describe changes that result from mixing substances and compare and contrast mixtures. Students will observe how temperature affects matter and described water as it freezes into a solid and melts into a liquid along with observing and describing water as it evaporates into a gas and condenses into a liquid. We will also explore how some changes can be reversed and some cannot/irreversible.

**Social Studies:** We continue to enjoy our weekly newspaper, ***Scholastic News***, which is loaded with current events and non-fiction information. We love to view the video that peaks our interest to read about the topic of week. Students take time to learn new vocabulary by reading unknown words and discussing their meaning. After we complete our newspaper by reading and answering the comprehension questions, we always enjoy playing the online game that follows. We are using our newspaper’s text features, to compile a Nonfiction Text Feature book to refer to and learn the purpose of each feature. This book will be coming home in future months when done!

###### Our Class Schedule

###### A–Day Music

**B - Day PE**

**C - Day Art**

**D - Day PE**

**Lunch 10:46 -11:19**

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### **For Your Information**

**Upcoming Events:**

Fri.      2/1 Report Cards Sent Home

Thurs. 2/14 Valentine’s Day/Friendship class celebration @ 1:20. Students may exchange cards with one another, it’s optional. However, if they give to one, they must give to all in the class☺

Mon.   2/18-Fri. 2/22  February Recess (Schools Closed)

Mon.   2/25 School Resumes

**Student List for Card Exchange:**

**Connor Kendall**

**Alexis Steven**

**Vivienne Lee Ann**

**Skyler Gunjan**

**Kyle Alyah**

**Jackson Hunter**

**Ayden Rhys**

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