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## SCHOOL

### NEWSLETTER

Week of March 15, 2021

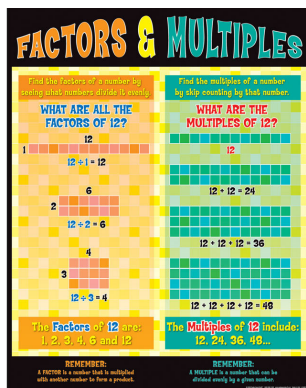
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#### Upcoming Events:

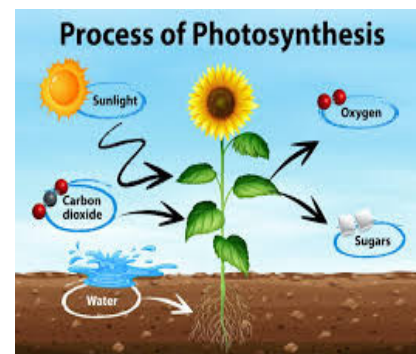
**March 19th - End of 2nd Trimester**  
**March 26th - Report Cards Available Online**

### Mrs. Martinez and Mr. Rapp



In Math, the Fourth Grade is finishing up the chapter on factors. The skill of finding factors of a given number becomes a lot easier when students know their basic multiplication facts and divisibility rules. Understanding what factors are, and how to find them will be very important for our next topic, fractions. We only have ten more pages left in our Volume 1 Math Book, so parents will be notified shortly of a date to pick up the Volume 2 Math Book.

In Science, we are learning about Photosynthesis, which is the process in which plants make



their own food. Now that we are finally getting out of what seems to be the longest winter ever, students can get outside and observe the arrival of plants that are beginning to sprout! We are concluding the writing process of our persuasive essays. Students have been working hard planning, revising, and editing their writing. They have learned to use valid reasoning, evidence, and details to support their arguments. Next week, they will have the opportunity to share their writing, and celebrate their accomplishments. Please continue to encourage your child to read every night. In Social Studies, we will continue to explore the Revolutionary War, and the significance of New Jersey's role in the revolution.





## Ms. Cioffi

Ms. Cioffi's class got all ready for St. Patrick's Day by learning about leprechauns, rainbows, and soda bread. The student's loved our lesson about soda bread the most. They got to learn how soda bread was made, and even got to do a taste test. At the end of the week,

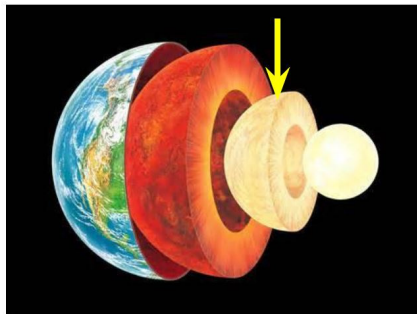


to tie up our lesson on St. Patrick's Day, we had a scavenger hunt

around the classroom to find hidden gold coins, shamrocks, rainbows, and leprechaun hats. Next week, we will start to get ready to learn about Spring! We are looking forward to the warmer weather.

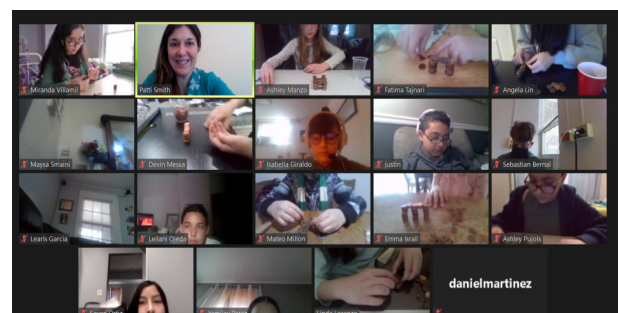
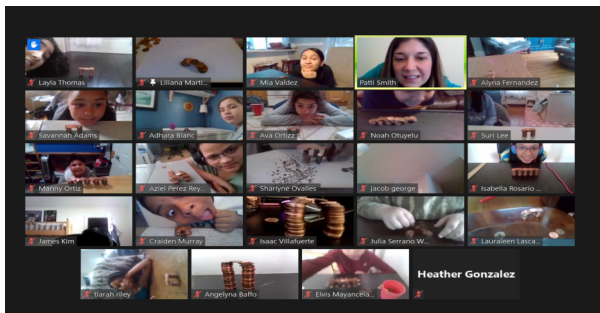
## Mrs. Havel Smith

### THE OUTER CORE



Have you ever wondered what is under our feet? The 5th Graders in our school know! They are currently completing their unit on the layers of the Earth this week, and have learned so much information about each of the four main layers below our feet. Scientists have not dug down that deep into our layers, but learning about what they know is below us is so fascinating!

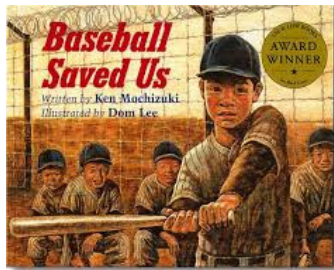
The 5th Graders had a very busy few weeks. They recently started the unit on fractions with number theory and operations. They also worked on some fun Pi Day activities last Friday, and were very grateful for the Pi Day tattoos and pencils that were bought for them by the Ridgefield Park Education Association. On St. Patrick's Day, the 5th Graders enjoyed building a bridge of gold using only pennies, in order to avoid the leprechauns taking their pot of gold. They had to be aware of some height and width limitations, along with making sure that it could stand alone, without falling, for at least ten seconds. They had a lot of fun!



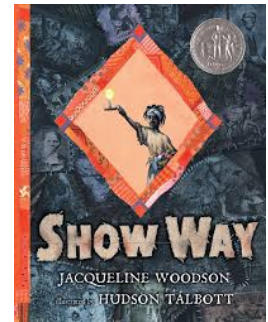


## Mrs. Suarez

Finding main ideas and discussing strong themes was the focus for the Fifth Graders activities, during Read Across America Week. Three read alouds included: *The Show Way* by Jacqueline Woodson, *The Butter Battle Book* by Dr. Seuss, and *Baseball Saved Us* by Ken Mochizuki. Each day the students created a basic digital story map for



each book, which included making predictions, determining the author's purpose, finding the main idea, and giving a story review. They enjoyed these books, and we thank the PTA for the special treats given out during the week. Please encourage your child to utilize the afternoon sessions to finish tests and quizzes carried over from the morning classes.

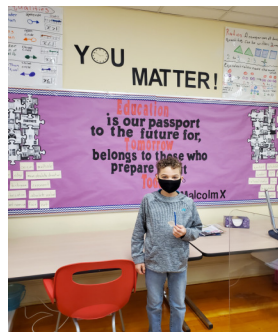
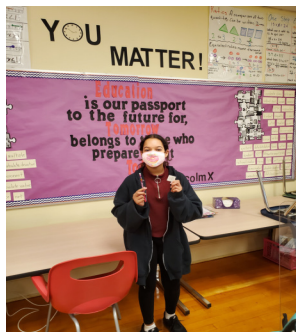


In Social Studies and SEL classes, Fifth Graders have been on a Women's History Month Scavenger Hunt. Each day they are given a question to look up, or they watch a video to find the answer about a special, inspiring woman. Ask them who they think is most inspiring to them so far. In World Geography, we are wrapping up our unit on South America, and the Incan Civilization.

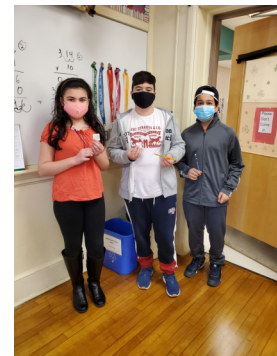


## Mrs. Awadallah

Sixth Graders have been very busy learning how to convert fractions, decimals, and percents. Students learned that fractions, decimals, and percents are three ways to show parts of a whole. They have also been working very hard at gaining an essential understanding of percentages, by practicing on IXL. Last week we



celebrated Pi Day by answering circumference questions to find our way through a maze. The students enjoyed their Pi Day pencils and tattoos!





## Ms. Carey and Ms. Sinclair

In Social Studies, the Sixth Grade has started learning about the French and Indian War. We began this chapter by discussing the conflict over the land, and the cooperation between the Native Americans and the French. We have also been discussing why certain Native American tribes decided to fight for the French, and why others decided to fight for the British.

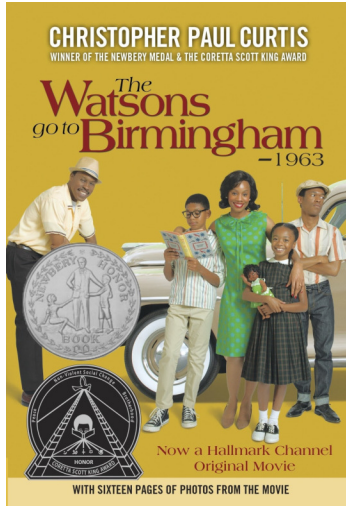


In Science, we are learning about gravity, and how that invisible force pulls objects toward each other. We understand how important gravity is, but we will be doing more research on why it actually exists. Then we will move onto air resistance, and students will have the opportunity to create their own paper helicopters!





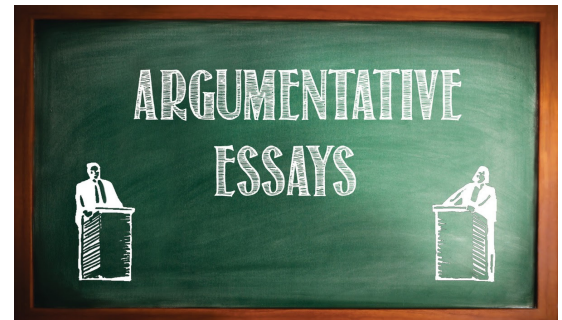
## Mrs. Centrella and Mr. Alkhazov



The Sixth Graders finished the historical fiction novel, *The Watsons Go to Birmingham - 1963*. While the ending of the book was suspenseful, and also upsetting to read, we learned about a historical event in our country that often gets overlooked. We were able to learn of the 16th Street Baptist Church bombing, as told through the eyes of our main character, Kenny Watson. Our students gave this novel two thumbs up, because the Watson family was so relatable and funny. It also informed us of social justice issues, and helped facilitate important discussions about racism and segregation.

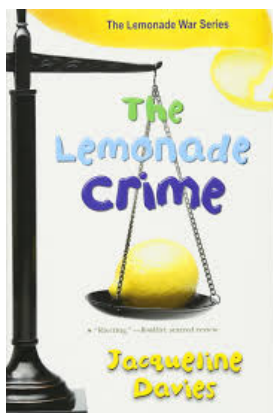
In Writing, the students finally finished their argumentative essays! They put so much time and effort into researching, planning, drafting, revising, and peer editing. The students were also introduced to thesis statements and counterarguments, and truly did an excellent job incorporating both of these components into their essays. The Sixth Graders should be extremely proud of their work-- I know I am!

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## Mr. Hayes

The students in Mr. Hayes' class enjoyed reading *The Lemonade War*, by Jacqueline Davies, so much that they voted to read the second book in the series during our Guided Reading lessons. Book two, in the series, is called *The Lemonade Crime*.



It picks up where the first book left off. Similarly to how the first novel gave students a lot of information about the business world and entrepreneurship, *The Lemonade Crime* is an informative text about the legal system.

Jacqueline Davies' entertaining writing style keeps students engaged while learning about fundamental world concepts. Did Scott Spencer commit the Lemonade Crime? For now, he's innocent until proven guilty, but the students can't wait to find out!

