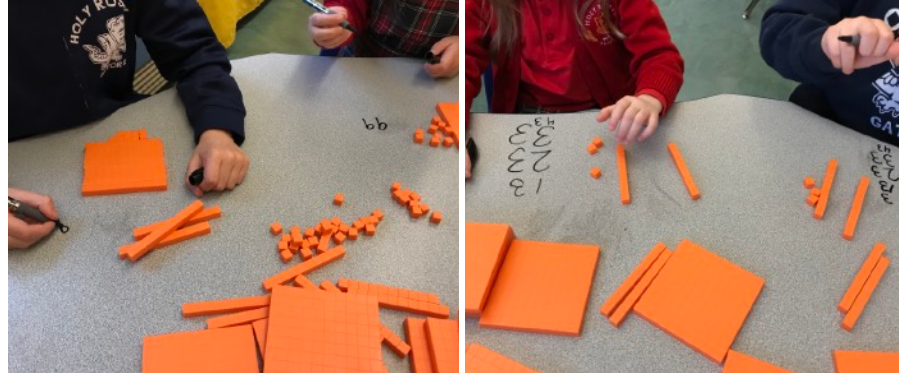


PEEK AT OUR WEEK

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"Beloved, let us love one another, for love is from God, and whoever loves has been born of God and knows God."

-1 John 4:7



Upcoming Events

- February 14th
Class Valentine's Day party at 11am
- February 17th-18th
Mid-Winter Break: No School
- February 21st
Bingo Bash at 6pm
(registration will close on Feb. 15th, so sign up now!)
- February 25th
1A Parade of Presidents at HRS at 9am
- March 10th
Field Trip to the International District (Wing Luke Museum & House of Hong for lunch)
-permission slip attached to the hardcopy of this newsletter!

Reminders

- * Please make sure your child reviews the Spelling Words and dictation sentence each week!
- * Students have been practicing counting by 1s, 2s, 5s, and 10s to 120...perhaps practice in the car, while waiting at the grocery store, etc. to continue their confidence and growth in this area!

Some curriculum updates

Language Arts

Our spelling words this week are so, go, no, home, hole, rope, joke, bone, stove, and poke (we are focusing on words with long o, either at the end of a syllable (like "go") or those that end with "Super E." Our challenge word is valentine! Our dictation sentence is "Look at the cat now."

We will be reading informational texts this week centering around space, identifying the main idea and details of a text, and practicing using question marks when writing sentences that are asking something. Students are also practicing editing their writing--looking for any errors and correcting them.

Science

We are finishing up our unit on penguins this week! Be on the lookout for your child's "Penguin Book" and "Penguin Research Book." Students absolutely loved learning about penguins, and there are quite a few first graders who now have a new favorite animal!

We are so excited to celebrate Valentine's Day together this week! We will be passing out valentines, eating a fun snack, and spending the week reflecting on and acknowledging all the love in our lives! Keep any eye out for a special surprise in your mail later this week from your child!

We will also be celebrating our 100th day of school next Friday, February 21st! Students are asked to count out and bring in 100 of an edible item to contribute to a 100th day trail mix for homework on that day (if you are able to!). Ideas include: 100 M&Ms, 100 marshmallows, 100 pretzels, etc. This will be homework next Thursday (and I'll send another note home as a reminder)!

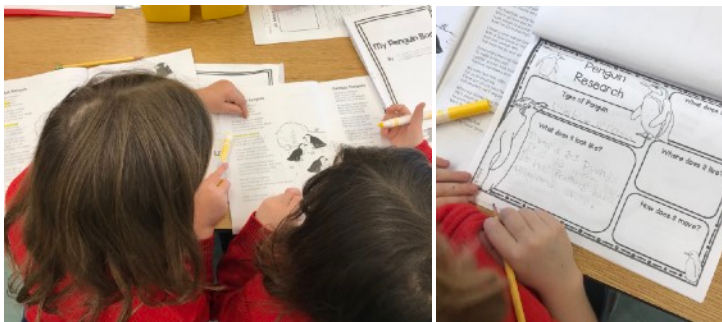
A PEEK INSIDE 1A

STAR OF THE WEEK

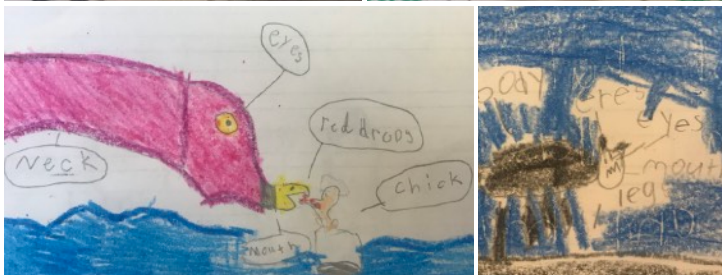


SOLIANA

Our Star of the Week last week was Soliana! We learned that Soliana loves penguins, pizza, and Christmas. Soliana's favorite fruits are mangoes and pineapples, and she loves to visit the water park with her family. Soliana wants to be a doctor when she grows up. She is a loving, helpful, and sweet friend! We are so happy to have Soliana as a part of our 1A family!



In pairs, students used a "Penguin Research Book" to research a penguin of their choice. They highlighted important information and recorded the facts they learned!



Students created animal diagrams as they wrote a non-fiction text about their animal. We've been studying the various animal groups: reptiles, amphibians, mammals, birds, and fish.

