



January

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## TUCK TIMES

"HOME OF THE BIG BRAINS & BIG HEARTS"



### 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade GIS

In 3<sup>rd</sup> GIS January started with the construction of a vision board and reflection upon the short- and long-term SMART goals we set at the start of the year. We started building background knowledge for our new novel by researching information on topics like Africa, cheetahs, and the savanna. During our reading of the first few chapters, we are modeling literature circle roles so we can conduct student centered discussions on specific sections of the book. Roles of super summarizer, word wizard, cool connector, and discussion director were modeled. As we get deeper into the novel students will participate in a vocabulary investigation and put together a creative presentation to help us connect to the word and how it is used in context. Following our White Giraffe novel will be a problem-based learning (PBL) project involving the design and testing of a prototype.



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### 4<sup>th</sup> Grade GIS

We kickstarted the year with a one-word project. Students were asked to select a word which would act as a theme for the year and would help guide daily thoughts and decision making. Words like, "strength", "kindness", "hope", and "organization" were selected. We also created a vision board as a way to reset and reflect on what we've accomplished and what new goals we wish to set.

In the next few weeks students will be focused upon crafting their 3D Vietnam Memorial. They will draft an essay that showcases their knowledge on the war and current memorial while also building on these ideas to create an improved version. We decided it would be fun to create our own makeshift competition like they did in 1981 when Maya Lin won amongst 1,432 entries. Guest judges will critique memorials on creativity, neatness, sturdiness, symbolism and the actual paragraph they wrote. In addition to learning about genius time, we will shift our focus to math by completing a multiplication shopping spree and participating in a weekly Math Madness competition for grades 3-5! I'll be sharing more details about this in the next few weeks.

### Winter Conferences

The same procedure for fall conferences (scheduling on the computer) will take place again. The link to schedule will go live on Feb. 1<sup>st</sup>. I will be available on Tuesday, February 22<sup>nd</sup> and Thursday, February 24<sup>th</sup>. A co-conference with you and your child's classroom teacher is preferred, but I can accommodate individual conferences too.