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Kindness

Love and compassion have been heavy on my heart. Perhaps it's the reflection and emphasis upon gratitude this time of year brings. I believe kindness is community building, service-oriented, and healing. The power and contagiousness of kindness are quite remarkable. When you ignite the spark, the flames of compassion, empathy, and love will spread. There is always someone who needs a lift and a blessing.

It's very apparent that the students I work with have an innate passion for service and spreading kindness. My fourth-grade students have an overlapped lunch period with me. As a result, I plan to roll out an optional opportunity to join a kindness group. After the holidays, we will meet monthly during recess and focus on spreading kindness in our school, district, and community. I think we can springboard on some of the great things that Kids Who Care has produced by spreading even more positivity. I hope your child will consider joining this small, but mighty movement. Third graders, I look forward to intertwining some extensions into our class time together.

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3rd Grade GIS

Students are really enjoying our Athenian Secret unit which is a simulation of a Greek treasure hunt rooted in arithmetic operations, logic, and problem-solving. In groups, of 3-4 students, they developed a team name and flags using mathematical symbols and letters from the Greek alphabet. Each day teams are given daily missions that unlocked secret codes and provide their team with drachmas (Grecian coins). We discussed Athenian vocabulary and we will be discussing what it was like to live in Athens. In a general sense, we will discuss the secret formula which is focused upon the Pythagorean theorem. When we return from winter break we will sink into The White Giraffe novel.

4th Grade GIS

Our Vietnam study is coming to a close. Before the break, we will be wrapping up our novel and exploring a Web Quest to learn more about the Vietnam Wall. Once we complete our Web Quest students will research other famous structures and analyze the components that make them unique. Utilizing that research students will design their own 3D Vietnam Memorial model. Designs must hold true to the original requirements: to harmonize with their surroundings, be reflective in nature, contain the names of those that passed or are missing, and make no political statements. A written component will accompany the construction too. We snuck in a fun STEM project and Friendsgiving as we sampled from our favorite novels too. In our STEM project students needed to design the tallest, cheapest, and sturdiest pumpkin stand for a local pumpkin patch. Cardstock, cups, popsicle sticks, and tape all came with a price tag. Pictures

Gifted Websites

Ohio Association for Gifted Children- <https://oagc.com/>

Hoagies' Gifted Education- <http://www.hoagiesgifted.org/>

National Association for Gifted Children- <http://www.nagc.org/>