

Botelle Elementary School

5th Grade Newsletter

January

January Accomplishments

- The first part of our non-fiction reading unit is complete! Students explored how non-fiction texts become more challenging. This could happen when some of the text features, such as the book title, chapter titles or headings are misleading. It could also be when students have to notice when each paragraph has a different main idea. Finally, we looked at the importance of persevering through challenging vocabulary, not just skipping over it and moving on.
- Fifth graders completed their second STAR and Dibbles testing of the year. Look for STAR results coming home in the upcoming weeks.
- In math, students began to apply our new acronym to help us solve word problems – RIDES.

R - reread
I - imagine
D - draw
E - equation/expression
S - solve



Students took ownership of this new strategy by creating another My Simple Show to explain the meaning behind each letter and give examples. You can check them out on the homepage of my website!

- We've been working hard on our nonfiction historical essays. Students began the unit by exploring as many different topics as possible under the umbrella topic of westward expansion. From there, students chose a more focused essay topic and organized their ideas in graphic organizers. After creating a list of helpful online and print sources they can use throughout the unit, students explored the best strategies for note taking and dove into their sources to begin the research process.

On the Horizon

Math: Our fourth unit is scheduled to begin the second week of February. Students will be deepening their knowledge of multiplying and dividing whole numbers

Social Studies: Our next social studies unit covers what life was like in Britain's thirteen colonies. We'll explore small New England towns, cities, southern plantations and slave life and we'll finish with life on the frontier. This unit will include a long-term take home project on colonial trades.

SEL: In February, our social emotional learning will focus on personal values, our best selves, and the meta-moment. To see more about the best self and meta-moment, check out the SOAR and RULER link on my website.

Other: The Geography Bee is coming this month! This year's Geo Bee will take on a new format to eliminate chance by having all students answer the same questions in each round. This first round will be used to determine who will represent the 4th, 5th and 6th graders in the school geography bee.

Important Dates

2/12: Valentine's Day valentine exchange

2/12: Early dismissal at 12 PM
(no lunch served)

2/15: No school – President's Day

Date TBD: Botelle School's
Geography Bee

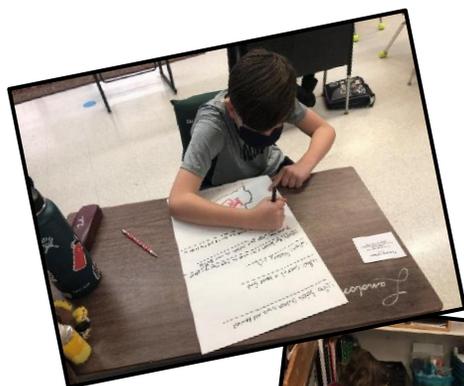


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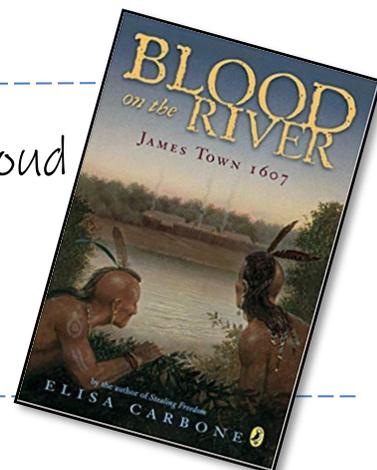
Getting ready for the
Soup-er Bowl food drive!



Congrats Lila for earning the
SOAR eagle for 5th grade!

Current Read Aloud

Blood on the River
by Elisa Carbone



Supporting Your Child at Home

- ▶ Complete a DreamBox lesson with your child to experience how the program works and see what your child is practicing.