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DECEMBER 2022 SCHOOL BOARD REPORT

4K-1 Winter Concert

On December 8th, we hosted our 4K-1 Winter Concert. Our students performed to a packed gymnasium. The concert was filled with holiday cheer, festive costumes, a moose that can fly and adorable singing. Our students were surprised with a special guest, Santa, at the end of the performance.

News From the Library

We had a busy November and beginning of December in the elementary library this year! Students in Kindergarten and first grade have been practicing the routines of checking out books and settling in for story time each week. In grades 2-5, students have been busy with some makerspace activities paired with a related story to inspire their designs. For example, all students in these grades read the book *Balloons over Broadway* by Melissa Sweet based on the true story of Tony Sarg, the puppeteer of the first Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parades. After seeing and hearing about his inventive processes, each student designed their own parade balloon which was displayed from the rafters of the hallway skylights outside the library. In addition, the 3rd graders discussed the story of the Gingerbread Man and read a couple of "fractured fairy tales" with similar storylines. They discussed the issues that befell the Gingerbread Man and with their growth mindsets in place, they problem-solved independent solutions to crossing the river safely. Some made boats, some made bridges, and we filled up the sink in the work room to test out their prototypes. There were students making coded bracelets and ornaments out of pipe cleaners and pony beads; there were students building holiday symbols out of legos. We have been so excited and impressed to see their process and hear their thinking as they made adjustments to accomplish the grand ideas that they envisioned!

At the same time, the elementary students were engaged in a KNOW-ember Reading Challenge. This challenge required 600 minutes of reading logged throughout the second half of the month. We had participation in all grade levels as well as staff, and ended up with 42 student completions and a building total of almost 40,000 minutes! Another reading challenge in December will begin Monday Dec. 12 and take us through winter break.

K-2 Reading Intervention Celebrations

Students in Mrs. Conroy's reading intervention class are becoming more confident readers. These past couple of weeks, students have been recording themselves reading challenging books and then sharing these videos with their families and classmates. It is a huge confidence boost for our students to be able to celebrate their learning and reading with their families and peers.