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## JANUARY 2023 SCHOOL BOARD REPORT

### Art Room Update

K-5 students have been working on taking ownership and pride over the art classroom. They have been designing and implementing decorative changes to the physical learning space. Students are centering their ideas around outer space and have created floating planets, re-painted a solar system on the mural, and even painted/designed a life-size astronaut named Andy. There are also plans to finish a 6ft rocket ship as you enter the classroom. Students have been excited about leaving their artistic mark on the learning space.

### 4th and 5th Grade Math Practice Sheets

Our 4th and 5th grade students just finished another at home learning opportunity homeroom competition. In just under 6 weeks, students handed in 536 additional learning sheets. The winning homeroom was Mr. McNaughton's with 179 sheets handed in. This class has chosen to have a hot chocolate party with all the fancy toppings. All of our students have done a great job with this incentive for learning and are currently engaging in another competition which will conclude in March.

### 3rd Grade Rube Goldberg Exploration

Before the Winter Break, the 3rd Grade team had students work on creating Rube Goldberg Projects within groups. Students used tubes, boxes, race car tracks, a lot of tape, and most importantly their creativity to help the marble travel through the student created path. This project is always a favorite of the students and it really showcases their creativity, problem solving, and collaborative skills.

### ELA and Math Teacher Team Meetings

Our Math and ELA teams have been researching ways in which we can connect all of the PK-5 classrooms when it comes to instructional strategies. Our Math team is specifically looking into ways to introduce mathematical vocabulary that align to ELA strategies. They are looking into anchor charts and vocab banners to create visuals to help cement those concepts in students' minds. Our ELA team is working on a universal condensed essential standards document in which everyone's standards are outlined and more specifically how they assess this standard. The goal of this document is for teachers to be in the same page when giving grades with uniformity across all grade levels. This means that rubrics have the same rigor as students progress through school.

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