

# News from Room 16

January 17, 2020

**Kids Heart Challenge**—The Kid's Heart Challenge has officially began!! This year we have new themes and new challenges for the students, the school and the classes. This year our school fundraising goal is \$10,000 and for over 50% of the students to sign up online. The American Heart Association is also doing a classroom goal this year. The goal is, the class who has the most students signed up online, the teacher will get an Amazon gift card and the class will receive a recess basket.

TUESDAY is our Kick-off Assembly—**please wear RED to school.**

## Class Highlights

**Theme**— We made a list of ingredients we would need to make soup with our beans. We also discussed the cost of making the soup ourselves vs. the cost of buying the soup at the store

**Writing**—We reviewed adding details to our chapters. We also focused on using comparisons as a way to add details. As you are reading this weekend be on the look out for comparisons!

**Natural Leader**—This week we spent some time discussing what a Natural Leader looks, sounds, and acts like in the classroom. We made a poster that is on display. This led to a discussion about recognizing Natural Leaders in our classroom. This has proven to be a great discussion and I look forward to where it leads us!

## 2ND GRADE MATH

Unit 5 is in full swing! We are working with numbers up to 1,000. We started our focus on place value. Students are writing in expanded form ( $235 = 200 + 30 + 5$ ), and word form (two hundred thirty-five). We started the week with working on grouping of 10s and 100s by counting our large supply of popsicle sticks on Monday. Students worked in table groups to count a basket of sticks. Then we combined all the groups to find the total number. Tuesday, we did the same activity but with unifix cubes. They had better estimates today! We worked on writing numbers in expanded form also. Students took a checkpoint to make sure they understood expanded form. Then on Friday we introduced the first Work Place for this Unit.

## GOOD TO KNOW:

- ⇒ 1/20—NO SCHOOL
- ⇒ 1/21—Kids Heart Challenge Assembly—WEAR RED
- ⇒ 1/22—Farm to Table
- ⇒ 1/23 & 1/24—NWEA testing for 2nd grade ONLY
- ⇒ 1/24—Scholastic Book Order DUE
  - ⇒ Class Code: GPY4C
- ⇒ REMINDER: Six Flag Reading Logs are due April 17th—don't forget to log minutes read!
- ⇒ Parent Portal: login: pccsparent    Password: PCCS@1999-2020

## Wish List Items:

- Plants for the classroom—a Pothos plant, Boston Fern, and/or Peace Lily
- Bean Bag
- Whole peanuts—to feed BlueJays

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