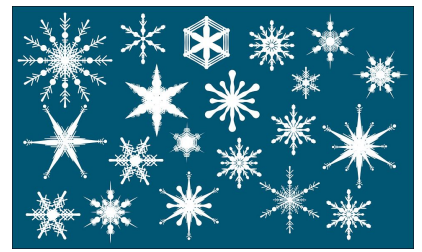


# News from Mrs. Barnett's Classroom

## January 17, 2020



### Weekly Highlights

**Daily 5-** This week we focused on identifying whose point of view the story is being told. Students learned keywords to help them identify the point of view. 1st person keywords are I, We, Me. 2nd person keywords are you, your, yours and 3rd person keywords are he, she and using names of characters. Students practiced identifying the point of view in whole group and during Read to Self, Read to Someone and Listen to Reading.

**Writing-** In writing we added How To pages and lists to our books. Students learned about introductions and worked on writing their own introduction. We noticed when looking at our mentor books that introductions can start with questions, start with an action, begin with a little story that pulls the reader in and start with a big idea about the topic.

**Social Studies-** Students brainstormed ideas for what we should do with the beans that we grew last year and harvested this year. They came up with a lot of ideas and we have decided to make a dry soup mix and sell it. We had to figure out a recipe to use, an ingredient list and figure out the cost of the soup mix. Then we had to figure out how much money we would like to make per container. This was tricky but the kids hung in their while we figured it out together. On Thursday we read "I Am Martin Luther King Jr." by Brad Meltzer and talked about what an important person he was and why we have Monday off to celebrate him.

**Natural Leader-** Today we celebrated our first 2 Natural Leaders of our classroom. Cole Nieder and Avery Brix! Cole was nominated by Kaspar who acknowledged him for being helpful to a friend when no one was looking, being respectful to teachers and friends by listening and making good choices. Avery was nominated by Ava for doing the right right thing even when no one was looking and being respectful to teachers and friends by listening and making good choices. Congratulations Cole and Avery!!

### Math Highlights

This week we started Unit 5 Geometry. We worked on identifying, naming, describing, comparing 2D shapes including triangles, rectangles, hexagons and trapezoids. Students demonstrated an understanding of the difference between defining and non-defining attributes of 2D shapes. On Wednesday and Thursday we introduced 2 new workplaces. The first one was "Last Shape in Wins". Students took turns placing one pattern block at a time onto a large rhombus-shaped grid. They worked on strategizing to win. The second workplace was "Pattern Block Puzzles: How Many Ways?". This workplace worked on using pattern blocks to fill in a shape three different ways and discuss the differences. Students then had to record the numbers of various blocks used. On Friday we played the game "There's a Shape in My Pocket". Students had to pose questions to narrow the field of potential shapes. We worked on our mathematical language of vertex, parallel lines, corners, equal and unequal sides. Students homework is the Last Shape in Wins game. You do not need to send in anything on Monday. Have fun with the game and encourage problem solving and strategies.

**Math Vocabulary-** attribute, compare, parallel lines, vertex, defining, non-defining, strategies, problem solving, hexagon, triangle, rectangle, rhombus

**Math Homework-** through p 73 and IXL for 10 min

## Important Dates

- **Mon, Jan 20-** NO SCHOOL/ Martin Luther King Jr Day
- **Tue, Jan 21- Jump Rope for Heart Assembly @ 8:15 am in the gym**
  - **Be sure to have your child wear RED**
- **Wed, Jan 22nd-** Farm to Table @ 11:35 in the barn
- **Thur, Jan 23rd-24th** NWEA testing for 2nd graders after lunch (pack a good lunch for your child and encourage them to eat all of it : )

## Important Information and Friendly Reminders

- **Waste Free Wednesday-** Waste Free Wednesday returns next week with an added challenge -- eliminate single-serve packages in addition to plastic baggies. Students will be learning about the benefits of buying in bulk. Some of the benefits are saving money, smaller eco-impact, and takes up less storage space.
- **Winter Wear-** even though we haven't had snow in a while, we do go outside when it is cold. Please continue to send in your child's snow pants for them to wear when we go outdoors. Thank you so much!
- **Scholastic Book Orders- Class Code PFRL8 Due Date 1/31/20**

- **A note from Mr. Flinn-**

The Kid's Heart Challenge has begun and the American Heart Association needs your help. Please help PCCS reach our goals of raising \$10,000 for the Kid's Heart Challenge. *If you can't raise money, you can still help PCCS reach our goal of having over half the students sign up online. The class that has the most students sign up online will receive a recess basket of new equipment. Be sure to sign up online!*

<http://www2.heart.org/goto/prairiecrossingcharter>

Also, next Tuesday is our Kid's Heart Challenge Assembly and we are planning to have a **Red Out**. So please remember to have the students wear **red** on Tuesday!!"