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Language Arts: As a way to wrap up our World Communities unit students wrote informative/explanatory texts in which they were asked to introduce a topic, use facts and definitions to develop points, and provide a concluding statement or section. Students picked a holiday (Chinese New Year, Day of the Dead, Diwali) for this informative piece. Ask your child about the speakers they were fortunate enough to listen to this week. In addition we practiced our keyboarding skills while typing our narratives in the computer lab. Narratives (and illustrations) will be on display during Open House.

Science: After break we will start a new unit called Ecosystems: Interactions, Energy, and Dynamics. Students who demonstrate understanding will be able to:

1. Plan and conduct an investigation to determine if plants need sunlight and water to grow.
2. Develop a simple model that mimics the function of an animal in dispersing seeds or pollinating plants.

Did you see the note that came home about eggshells? We'd love your help (and your eggshells)! ☺

Math: Throughout the week students were assessed on their ability to estimate and measure accurately (to the nearest inch/centimeter). *The standards assessed this week were: MD.3- Estimate lengths using units of inches, feet, centimeters, and meters. MD.4-Measure to determine how much longer on object is than another, expressing the difference in terms of a standard length unit. MD.9- Generate measurement data by measuring lengths of several objects to the nearest whole unit, or by making repeated measurements by making a line plot.* As you could tell from this week's homework, we started working with pictographs and line plots. The second graders practiced reading and plotting data on line plots as well as answering questions about pictographs. Please keep practicing those math facts over Spring Break!



General Information

**Thank you for helping your child learn about his/her heritage and attending the MC Fair on Thursday. It was nice to see so many families at this special event.

**Thank you to Mrs. Krush for volunteering to help the second graders (and second grade teachers) set up for the MC Fair. Thank you to Mrs. Krush Mrs. Housour and Mrs. Notarus for helping to clean up. Your help was so appreciated.

**Thank you to Mrs. Nazimuddin for being a surprise reader this week. Contact us if you'd like to be a surprise reader before the end of the year.

**Five of our classmates presented at the School Board meeting Thursday night. Aliya, Kayla, Sam, Zaid, and Zayan shared all about our *Reaching the World* activities. They discussed the letters we've written to friends and family, as well as our Flat Stanley letters and digital postcards. They also shared our joint-school projects (powerpoints to learn about other schools) with India and Vietnam.

**Enjoy time with friends and family over spring break. Make memories that will last forever...We will see you in April!

**The PTA would like to remind you that between now and April 1st, you can visit Chili's in Bloomingdale, and 15% of your bill will benefit HLS PTA. A flyer was sent home earlier this week.

After Spring Break Schedule

Monday/Thursday/Friday
Mrs. Kosieniak
Tuesday/Wednesday
Mrs. Boston

READ! READ! READ!

Remember to read everyday over Spring Break! Consider helping your child get comfortable reading, writing, and understanding poetry by exploring verse at the public library! We will be reading and writing poetry throughout April.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

~April is Poetry Month~

4/3 – Welcome Back

4/19 – Open House and Book Fair