

201 Bioeducational News

We hope everyone enjoyed their February recess. February has been filled with special events in 201. With the 100th day of school and Valentine's Day this month, we have had opportunities to gather and celebrate as a family. On the 100th day of school, students were greeted with a special breakfast of chocolate chip waffles and mini donuts. The students were excited to try on their 100th day of school crowns. We reflected on how the school year has been so far and what we hope to accomplish with the rest of the school year! On Valentine's Day we celebrated with treats and reflected on who we love and care for.

February was Black History month and the students have been learning all about it in History. They helped their teacher create a bulletin board celebrating famous African Americans. They listened to their teacher read stories about many African American figures and then imagined what it would feel like to be treated unfairly because of the color of their skin.

Our Math Tutorial was a blast! The students really enjoyed the new game show that we have on the Clear Touch. Our Math Tutorials started with a warm up activity, then we discussed the topic that we were learning about. Finally, we ended with an engaging game or activity to motivate the students to learn about math. We continued to learn how to solve double-digit addition problems with regrouping and also learned about fact families. These were challenging topics for the students, but they will continue to learn about them throughout the quarter.

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As the year goes on, we are so lucky to welcome more students into our Lighthouse family. We have already welcomed so many new friends into our homeroom and feel so lucky to have done so. However, more students often mean homeroom shifts in order to accommodate everyone. Ms. Bauer, moved to a new homeroom this month, so we made sure to celebrate her last day. We ate donuts and played games together on her last day. Luckily, her new homeroom is right across the hall!!

This month we celebrated Valentine's Day by having a party! We handed out valentine cards and got lots of yummy treats from our peers and teachers. In Writer's Workshop we wrote about someone we love. Many students picked members of their family, or their pets. We read the stories to the class and talked about how lucky we are to have people we love in our lives!

203 Bioeducational News

What a busy month! With February being a short month, we had a lot of fun and exciting activities to fit in. With the anticipation of winter break approaching, we were able to celebrate many things together as a homeroom. It's hard to believe we are already halfway through the year and were able to celebrate the 100th day of school! The students used their imaginations and 100 cheerios to create an arts and craft picture of their choice. It was amazing to see the different objects they decided to make, including rocket ships, Beyblades, and video game characters. We also celebrated Groundhog Day and were very excited to hear that the groundhog saw his shadow and Spring will be coming soon! The last event we celebrated as a homeroom was Valentine's Day. This was such a great holiday to celebrate together because we were able to show our love and appreciation for each other and share cards and candy while participating in an afternoon party.

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Time flies when you're having fun and we had a lot of fun when we celebrated the many holidays that fell in the month of February. The first holiday was Groundhog Day. We learned about the history of this day and why the groundhog was chosen during Morning Meeting. We made predictions about whether or not the groundhog would see his shadow and we were all pleasantly surprised when he did not! We hope that this means we will get to spend even more time outside for PRO! The students in 204 participated in lots of "100 themed" activities to celebrate our 100 days together so far this school year. Some of those activities were working in pairs to build a 100 cup structure, seeing if it took more or less than 100 licks to get to the center of a Tootsie Pop, and working together as a homeroom to brainstorm a list of 100 words. Next up was the Lunar New Year and we celebrated it by participating in traditional activities. We made paper lanterns to celebrate the Year of the Rat and hung them up around the homeroom. Then each student had the chance to learn what animal year they were born in and if those qualities matched their personality or not. As if that wasn't enough celebrating, we were able to fit one more in before vacation. We had a Valentine's Day party and shared valentines with our teachers and classmates. The feelings related to giving and receiving gifts were the focus of this day. We had a lot of practice being grateful, accepting thanks, and being kind. February was Black History Month so we learned about an important African American historical figure each day in Morning Meeting. People like Rosa Parks, George Washington Carver, and Ruby Bridges were some of the historical figures that were highlighted.

205 Bioeducational News

We hope you enjoyed the February break! Even though February was a short month with vacation, there were several activities and discussions that took place in 205.

In History, the students observed Black History Month. They learned about several historical figures including: Martin Luther King Jr., Harriet Tubman and Rosa Parks, as well as the impact that each person had on the world.

The theme of the month was *Social Responsibility*. We had a class discussion of what social responsibility means and identified examples of social responsibility in the real world. In Writer's Workshop, the students wrote about how they have given back to their school and community, as well as how they could continue to give back and demonstrate social responsibility. The students shared great examples of how they could make donations to the poor, volunteer at food pantries, and help their families at home.

In Art, the students worked on an activity related to the four seasons. They each identified what the seasons are and colored in a tree and background that represented each of the four seasons. Each tree was then folded and glued to each other to display the transition from one season to the next.

We also celebrated Valentine's Day in the homeroom by making Valentine's Day cards for either a family member or a staff person at Lighthouse

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We are off to a great start in 207! The kids helped us set up the room, and transitioned to the new, smaller set up with ease. We had a 207 Valentine's Day party, and each student picked a snack for us to have, and passed out Valentines to their peers. They're socializing with one another appropriately, playing Uno, and making kinetic sand creations. They have been buying tickets at the end of the day with peers from other homerooms, as well as with their new family in 207. Everyone's enjoying our small family dynamic of 207. We hope everyone enjoyed their time off from school.