PreK and K Reflections from January 4-15, 2021

Happy 2021!
Our fine motor works have been rotated and some swapped out. Despite the lack of snow, many works have colors related to winter and ice or are snow themed.

Math has us exploring weight, balance, 2D and 3D shapes, more and less, counting by 10’s, and making making 5 in various ways. At circle we practice counting on from various numbers by 1’s and now sometimes by 10’s. We passed Zero the Hero day number 80 and are eagerly awaiting our 100th day of school.

We continue with individualized language sorts, group phonemic awareness, handwriting and an early reader book of the week. We are working on pointing to each word as we decode, finding punctuation, and making connections to the stories. They have told me they like books about animals, especially ones that go fast.

My discussions with them around Monday’s MLK day was to suggest some discrimination within our class based eye color. They felt that totally unfair, which set the stage to share the experiences of 6 year old Ruby Bridges. Rosa Parks and the bus boycott was also discussed. K -2 students have an additional project going from the afternoon and we will talk more about the important work of MLK next week.

Forest Fridays have us grouped with students in grades 1-5. Our focus the last two Fridays has been around trees. On the 8th we played a look close game to share our observations about friendly firs, spiky spruce and white pines. They are all around us and your children can tell you about each. On the 15th we looked at the attributes of some deciduous trees (bark, twig structure). On the trail we gathered clues and challenged other groups to help figure out what they were. Birch was known by all, beech a close second.

I hope you enjoy the photos of our youngest students working and learning at CIS.
Monday: Honoring Martin Luther King, Jr. No School
Tuesday: Face Time with Island Commons
Wednesday: Remote learning day
Friday: End of first semester

Thank you for sharing your children

Miss Nancy