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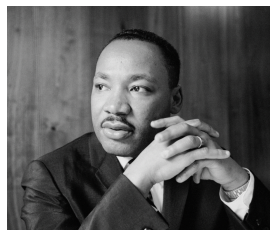
Reading

This week in Reading, students learned that when they spot a long word with an ending, they can break it off. Read the first part, then add the ending back on. Some endings (suffixes) we've practiced are -s, -ing, and -ed. Students also learned that the suffix -ed can make THREE different sounds: *d*, *id*, and *t*. Next students practiced zooming out at the end of the book to retell what happened in the story. This is something you can practice at home after you've read a picture book together. We wrapped up our Word Detectives unit this week and will be launching into nonfiction in the coming weeks!



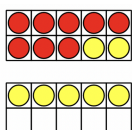
Social Studies

This week in Social Studies, first grade students learned about civil rights leader Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. to understand his legacy and the holiday honoring his life and work on January 15th. Students learned that Dr. King's actions helped to create the Civil Rights Act of 1964, and that people across our country and world continue today to be inspired by Dr. King's message of equality and justice for all people.



Math

This week first grade students continued exploring subtraction within 20. They relied on the relationship between addition and subtraction and the idea of making a ten to do so. Students explored subtraction expressions and missing-addend equations, and used taking-away and counting-on methods to find differences.



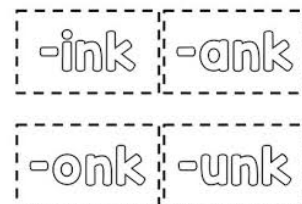
Writing

In Writer's Workshop, first graders are enjoying being teachers! We began learning about writing nonfiction stories and brainstormed a list of expert topics. We practiced teaching our expert topic to a buddy, using our fingers to keep track of our facts and doing a quick sketch on each page. Students then began writing their facts and knowledge in informational teaching books, such as "Cats," "Basketball," "Minecraft," and much more! We are learning so much from each other!



Fundations

This week in Fundations, first graders continued to learn about glued sounds. We learned four new glued sounds: -ank, -ink, -onk and -unk. We also learned some new trick words: put and two.



Winter Performance-SAVE THE DATE

First graders have been practicing many different winter themed songs in Music that we would love to perform for families in a special Winter Performance! Families are invited to join us in the Mitchell cafeteria on Friday January 26th at 8:45 a.m. We hope to see you there!



January 15th: No School. MLK Jr. Day

January 24th: Early Release. 12:15 dismissal

January 26th: Winter Performance. 8:45 a.m.



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