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**DATE: February, 2019**

**4th Grade Math:**

Students are continuing to study fractions. They are currently focusing on understanding equivalent fractions using area models. They are learning to convert decimals to fractions and fractions to decimals. They are investigating non-congruent but equivalent parts of a whole.

Students applied their knowledge of fractions by adjusting a favorite recipe. They rewrote the recipe for twice as many people, half as many people, and the entire class. Next they came up with a creative way to present it to the class.

**Important Dates:**

Feb 15 – No School, Teacher In-service

Feb 18 – No School, Presidents’ Day

Feb 28 – Spelling Bee

March 1 – Spirit Day

March 5 – Evening Conferences

March 7 – 5th grade to Franklin Institute

March 8 – No School, Teacher In-service

**5th Grade Math:**

Students investigated the density property of decimals, which states that another decimal value can always be found between any two decimals. Students worked with metric units expressed as grams and meters as they compared, ordered and estimated decimals. Students learned about decimal place value and will apply this knowledge when adding, subtracting, multiplying and dividing decimals.

**ELA:** Students are continuing to read and discuss the book *My Daniel* by Pam Conrad. Students are continuing to create a notebook presentation about different aspects of the book. They are creating a slide for each chapter. They will present these when we complete the novel in two weeks.

Students have been working diligently on our Project Based research project. Students are required to create a page for a children’s book that addresses our driving question: What can we learn from studying an animal’s habitat, skeleton and teeth? They will be presenting their projects next week.

Students have completed their creative writing projects. Their stories are absolutely amazing! I am so proud of them. Please ask your child to share his or her story at home.

**Teacher News:**

Students began their third round of literature circles this month. They are doing a wonderful job discussing and reflecting on their books.

Congratulations to our CAP class spelling bee winners:

5th: Charlotte Sachs

Runner Up – Katie Rossi

4th – Maxim Dadukov

Runner Up –Mairead Rishko