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Fun at

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March 1st: Happy Read Across America Day!

"I do not like green eggs and ham.

I do not like them, Sam-I-am!"

Unlike the unnamed character who disliked green eggs and ham in *Green Eggs and Ham* by Dr. Seuss, the students at Robbins Elementary *loved* the green eggs and ham that were served for breakfast on Friday, March 1st in celebration of Read Across America Day and Dr. Seuss's birthday! Read Across America Day, which was created by the National Education Association, is a nationwide reading celebration that takes place annually on the school day closest to March 2nd, which is Dr. Seuss's birthday. Thousands of schools, libraries, and community centers across the country participate in Read Across America Day by reading the beloved books by Dr. Seuss to children and sending a clear message that reading is fun and important. Turn to the next page to see how some of the classes at Robbins Elementary celebrated Read Across America Day!

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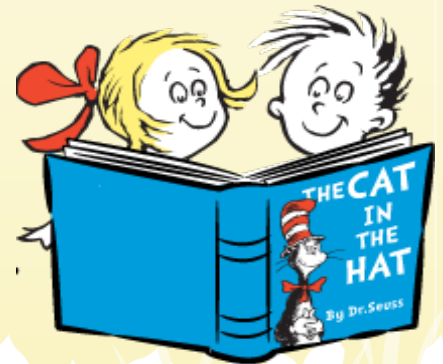
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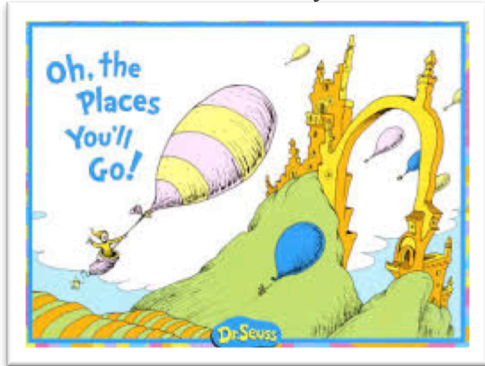
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For the Love of Seuss!

Celebrating Dr. Seuss Day at Robbins Elementary



All around the school classes at Robbins were celebrating in a plethora of ways. Take a look at how other classes celebrated:

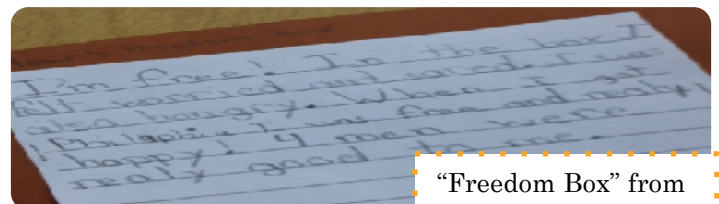
- Kathy and Jessie's first grade class read *Horton Hears a Who*. Then they wrote a good deed they did and drew a picture. They decorated the door with these deeds, titling it "A person is a person no matter how tall. Share a good deed that made you feel tall!" This week the class will do a lesson with *The Cat in the Hat* and rhyming.
- Bryanna and Christine's second grade class read *Gertrude McFuzz* and then wrote letters to Dr. Seuss, wishing him a happy birthday and thanking him for something he has done.
- Susan and Danielle R.'s second grade class will read *Oh the Places You'll Go!*, followed by a lesson on common and proper nouns this week.
- Michelle D. and Kelly's second grade class read *Hooray for Diffendoofer Day!*
- Allison and Valerie's third grade class, as well as Danielle M. and Ashley's class had a scavenger hunt around the school, looking for pictures of Dr. Seuss books that were hung around.
- Danielle M. And Ashley's third grade class will also do a writing lesson using *The Cat in the Hat*.

Black History Month!

During the month of February Black History is celebrated. This celebration remembers those black men and women that have made an impact on history. Black history has been recognized annually since 1926. This recognition began as only a one week celebration, but has now come to be celebrated throughout the whole month of February in the United States. At Robbins Elementary, many classes have celebrated in many different and interesting ways. They have learned about a plethora of different important black figures in history.

In Mrs. Vasquez's second grade bilingual class they have talked about many different men and women, including Martin Luther King Jr., Rosa Parks, and Ruby Bridges throughout the month. Over the last two weeks Susan and Danielle R. have also done three read-alouds and activities to teach more about more important individuals. The first read-aloud was a book called *Duke Ellington* by Andrea Davis Pinkney about the famous jazz pianist, Duke Ellington. The class was then asked to recall important facts about him. The second read-aloud was *Henry's Freedom Box* by Ellen Levine. This is about Henry "Box" Brown, a man who mailed himself to freedom using the Underground Railroad. The class was then asked to create their own "freedom box", trying to write about the experience from Henry's point of view. The last read-aloud was the book *Teammates* by Peter Golenbock, about Jackie Robinson, the first black baseball player to join the Major League. The class then created baseball cards, where they drew themselves on one side and had to recall key details from the story on the other.

There is a school wide assembly on Friday, March 8, celebrating both Black History Month and Read Across America.



"Freedom Box" from
Mrs. Vasquez's class

Let's Ask the Audience!

Our favorite moments (so far)!



"I think my favorite moment in class was when this one quieter student volunteered to share his writing and then a classmate complimented him with a straight face 'That's one small step for a man and one giant step for mankind.'"

Allison Gold

"I've loved getting to see the students work on their reader's theater performances, all the way from the beginning stages to their final performance for their parents. The students made such wonderful progress! I'm so proud of all they have accomplished."

Susie DaQuila

"My favorite experience was observing how exciting and integrated Ms. Ayling made the 100th day of school for our first graders. I only hope that I can one day make it just as fun and educational for my students!"

Michelle Sanders

"A little boy in our class who is usually very unmotivated and depressed got a 100 on his spelling test. He told Miss. Joannidis that he studied every night that week. This was the first time he had ever passed a spelling test! We were so proud."

Bryanna Kirner

Unit Topics Reveal!

Animals and habitats: Jessie and Kathy

Life Cycles: Michelle S. and Sabrina

Civics: Danielle M. and Ashley

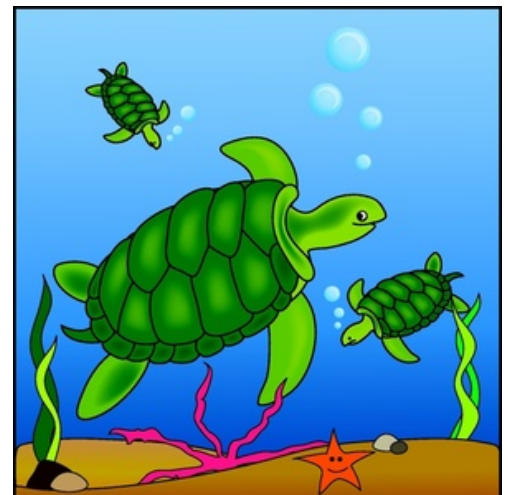
Landforms and Natural Resources: Danielle R. and Susie

Water, Water Everywhere: Allison and Valerie

Dinosaurs: Michelle D. and Kelly

Oceans: Bianca and Heather

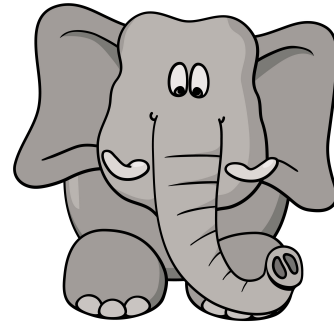
Landforms and Natural Resources: Bryanna and Christine



Important Reminders!

While at Robbins, don't forget to...

- Conduct student interview for Mrs. Johnson's class
- Teach an anti-bullying lesson
- Videotape yourself teaching a lesson
- Ask Dr. Pan to observe a lesson



An elephant never forgets, but in case you do, here are some reminders!

While at TCNJ, don't forget...

- Unit topic foam board is due March 19th for Dr. Hornberger's class
- Unit topic learning center is due March 26th for Dr. Hornberger's class
- Midterm in Dr. Pan's class is April 5th
- **Check the task schedule for personal due dates!!



Fundraiser for Robbins

Top 3 Fundraising Ideas:

- APO Service
- Restaurant fundraiser nights:
Piccolos, Cheeburger
Cheeburger, Cheesecake Factory
- Goodsearch

Things to do:

- E-mail cooperating teacher and ask what supplies her class needs
- Create donation box and poster
- Contact restaurants

"Be the change you wish to see in the world." -Gandhi

Together, we can make a difference!

Now That's an LOL!

You Know You're a Teacher When...

- You spend your time on Pinterest getting organized.
- You make weekly trips to Target's \$1 section looking for things to buy.
- You get excited about new school supplies
- You are secretly addicted to hand sanitizer
- You think caffeine should be available in an intravenous form.
- You've trained yourself to go to the bathroom at two distinct times of the day, lunch and recess.
- **MOST OF ALL...**
You want to slap the next person who says, "Must be nice to work 8 to 3 and have summers off."

HAPPY TEACHING!!



Kathy Kuhlthau
Danielle Mignella
Danielle Reilly