

Ms. Norenberg's Class March News

SEALIFE CENTER FIELD TRIP

We had a wonderful trip to the SeaLife Center. While there, we attended special sessions where we learned all about bioluminescence and the tidal zones. We also spent time learning about the animals at the center and enjoyed exploring after hours. At night, we fell asleep watching the birds swim around and listening to the sea lion serenade us. A good time was had by all and we learned a great deal. We thank Exxon Mobil for providing the funds for us to engage in this incredible educational experience.

IDITAROD UNIT

In March, we really enjoyed learning about the Iditarod. Our very own Ms. Connie came in and shared her experiences as a musher. She brought in a dog sled to show us and taught about the roles sled dogs. We also had former Iditarod musher, Bruce Linton, come to our class and share his experiences out on the trail. Before the 2017 Iditarod started, we mapped the route in our school hallway and picked racers to track. After the start, we were able to stream live feed from the race checkpoints into our classroom and cheer on our mushers. Our unit was jam packed full of math and literacy as we logged miles raced/miles left in the race and read inspiring stories about mushers and dogs. We researched the mushers we were tracking and wrote about them. We also did some character education as we studied the "8 Traits of the Iditarod." As we learned about integrity, perseverance, and the positive attitudes that mushers possess, we talked about how these traits apply to our class and own lives.

KINDNESS SQUAD

Earlier this year, our class formed "The Kindness Squad." Our mission has been to change the world with kindness.

Together we have engaged in several projects to help do this. It has been so awesome observing students realizing that their kind actions are having an impact. We received a very nice letter from Operation Gratitude after writing letters to encourage our troops. They let us know how the letters impact the recipients. For another mission, we recently learned that the boxes of Christmas gifts that we packed and sent to other children through Operation Christmas Child were delivered to children in Africa and the Philippines. The students in our class also received encouragement for the video they made sharing their experiences and challenging others to change the world with kindness. The school district shared the video for others to see and then the administrators of the 21 Day Kindness Challenge featured the video on their blog which goes out to thousands of people. It was inspiring for students to see others take on their challenge. If you have not yet seen the video, please check it out at the following website (<http://www.21daykindnesschallenge.org/blog/our-february-video-pick-kindness-squad>). It is so exciting seeing students realizing that kids can do great things to impact the world in a positive manner. Go Kindness Squad! Thank you again to all who have donated items to help us with some of our secret missions

