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Montgomery County Public Schools

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WHAT'S HAPPENING

Dates to Remember

January 15

No school for students

January 25

Early release day for all students

-No school for PEP INC

January 26

No school for students

Winter Festival

Look out for information on our Winter Festival happening February 12-16th! We will be celebrating all week long with activities at school and an open house on Friday, the 16th. All families and friends will be welcome and encouraged to come for some food and fun.

Stay Connected

To hear about school closings and delays, check out Montgomery County Public Schools' website at http://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/

and sign up for emergency alerts using ALERT MCPS through your email or phone!

PRESCHOOL PROGRAM

It's time for our Awesome Animals theme in PEP! Our students get to explore life science through books about all kinds of land animals, sea animals, and insects. They use Promethean flipcharts to match baby animals to their parents, and to sort animals that swim, walk, and fly. They are especially enjoying acting out the sounds and motions of animals as they read, sing, and play. Students and staff alike get exercise by crawling and buzzing around with Bugs! Bugs! Bugs!, by Bob Barner, and acting out hibernating in a bear cave with Bear Snores On, by Karma Wilson. Our hallway bulletin boards are resplendent with animal art projects. Hooray for Awesome Animals!

SCHOOL AGE

High school students are reading "Sadaku" and the "Thousand Paper Cranes." Connections to the book include investigating elements of Japanese culture and US history in the 1940's.

In science, students are studying weather and climate. Specifically what it means when it is said that the temperature is "X" but feels like "Y" Concepts of wind chill and humidity are being discussed.

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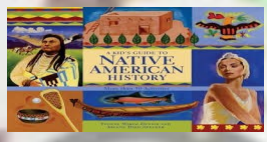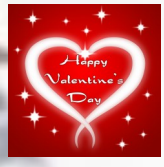
The School Age students started off Quarter 2 by learning about Native American history month and the history of Thanksgiving Day. We learned about the science behind snowflakes by reading *Snowflake Bentley* by Jacqueline Briggs Martin, winner of the 1999 Caldecott Medal. Wilson "Snowflake" Bentley is one of the first known photographers of snowflakes. He perfected a process of catching flakes on black velvet in such a way that their images could be captured by using a special microscope with a camera. Next we learned about some of the holidays celebrated during the winter. We learned about the traditions surrounding these holidays and the foods that we eat. We then read stories about how animals and plants survive the winter. We ended Quarter 2 by focusing on Martin Luther King Jr., who was born in the month of January.