

# YELLOW GROUP NEWS

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## Language Arts

Girls finished writing fictional stories and read them aloud. They gave each other thoughtful feedback. On GPs' & SFs' Day, girls and their guests worked together to create titles and cover illustrations.

Collaborative story writing with 3rd graders continues, and now the teams are choosing transition words to enhance their writing.

We've been working on manipulating letters and sounds by creating "word ladders" (leg - let - bet - bat - etc.).

Capitalization - names of people, places, and things; 1st words in sentences

Punctuation - periods, exclamation points, and question marks

## Math

Geometry - Developing language to describe and compare 2-D and 3-D shapes and their attributes (circle, rectangle, triangle, square, hexagon, trapezoid, diamond / rhombus, pentagon, oval

- Constructing 2-D and 3-D shapes
- Finding combinations of shapes that fill an area (e.g., 2 trapezoids make a hexagon)

100th Day of School & related activities

## Social - Emotional

Girls can do what they set their minds to, and obstacles are simply opportunities for growth. That's what we learned from listening to Olympic swimmer Natalie Coughlin at the International Women's Day assembly, as well as from related books we've been reading aloud in the classroom.

In an effort to encourage each girl to do her personal best as a student and community member, girls can earn cubes and collect them in a cup. We're happy to recognize the efforts of the girls and see their own excitement about this.

We celebrated the end of Lunar New Year with lantern making and our own parade.

## Gratitude

Beth J. and Julie A. led the girls in nothing less than a Food Network quality cookie making and decorating afternoon on Valentine's Day. • We were pleased to have so many guests share a morning with the girls at Grandparents' & Special Friends' Day! • The "Kindergarten Quilt" is gorgeous, thanks to help from Beth J., Kris O., and Lisa L. Each girl sewed a heart on it. Check it out before or at the Dinner Auction!

## Farm to Table

Girls have eagerly observed the potatoes they sprouted in water. Soon, we will plant them and see what happens!

## Upcoming Dates

3/17 - 3/18 Parent Conferences

Week of 3/20 Sharing from home topic: anything handmade by the girls

3/22, 7p.m. Alfie Kohn speaks to parents



Mixing ingredients for Valentine cookies



The girls are loving writing fictional stories with third grade buddies. First, they brainstormed characters and settings. Next, they outlined plots using story maps. Now, they are typing their stories. Stay posted for publication so you can read about the adventures of a pickle, the mystery of a lost turtle, and the drama of ghosts gone wild!

