

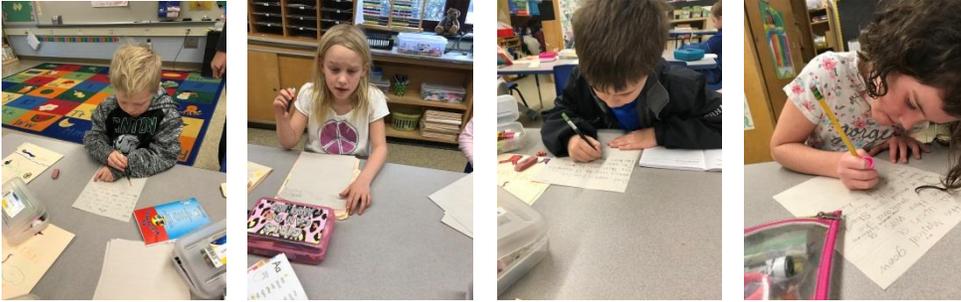
# Keeping Up with the Kennedy Student Learning.....

Students in Mrs. Eagles Kindergarten class worked cooperatively, during "Work Time" (choice time), to build a community that included an apartment building and a zoo. They labeled their zoo enclosures with the animals' names. Mrs. Eagles had read a story about neighborhoods earlier in the day.



Mrs. Dunlap's 1<sup>st</sup> Graders played math games to reinforce their addition and number sense skills. They also started Writer's Workshop and were super excited to write their own stories.





Grade 5 students in Mrs. Booth's Science class were testing a simple design to filter particles out of water. Then they proposed one change to their design to improve it. They were excited to see how clear the water was on their new and improved designs.



Mrs. Paciorowski's and Mrs. Booth's Reading Buddies worked on a Steam project which challenges students to create an indestructible house out of STRAWS, popsicle STICKS, and index card BRICKS. The houses will be tested against the Big Bad Wolf (hair dryer) next week.



Author Brian Lies was reading his book Bats and the Beach to Ms. Jaruszawicus' 2<sup>nd</sup> Graders. He also shared all the steps to publishing a book.



Mrs. Hershman's Kindergarten students made pictures from magnetic shapes and pattern blocks as part of an extension activity after reading the Journeys Big Book, Mouse Shapes.



## **Volunteers needed: Literacy Committee**

We are looking for volunteers to serve on a literacy committee. Members would generate ideas and help to organize schoolwide events related to literacy. If you are interested, please contact the office. We would like to start after the holiday break.

### **SPIRIT WEEK**

Student council is sponsoring Spirit Week next week:

**Mismatch Monday:** Forget your fashion sense. Wear whatever you want. The crazier, the better

**Tropical Tuesday:** Think warm thoughts. Wear your vacation hats and Hawaiian shirts

Western Wednesday: Break out your cowboy hats and boots

Throwback Thursday: Ask your parents for their fashion sense of long ago.

Frosty Friday: Get cozy in your favorite pajamas.

## Make Time for Reading

Now that the weather is getting colder, students will be spending more time indoors at school. We will be launching a schoolwide initiative to begin after the break called, *Make Time for Reading*. Students will be using the indoor AM recess as an opportunity to read. We will be monitoring the minutes that the school is reading and total it at the end of the year.

## After-school STEM Enrichment classes – Session II

### Signups

Winter session after-school STEM Enrichment classes will begin the week of January 15<sup>th</sup>! Your child won't want to miss out on the fun! Your son or daughter can improve their concentration and problem-solving skills by learning to play chess in **Chess Scholars** or explore mechanical engineering in **Let's Build It Robotics** by constructing their very own robots. And new this session, **Let's Code It Programming**, where your child will explore the world of computer science using the simple, block-based programming system called Scratch. No previous experience is necessary. For more information on class days, times and cost or to register your child, please see flyers on the JFK webpage.

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## YOU ARE PAWSOME

These students are recognized for modeling our school wide expectations. Winners for this week are: Jonathan Mutesasira, Jonathan Gao, Scarlett Marquez, Ryan Elrick, Samantha George, and Aiden O'Toole



## LOST and FOUND

LAST CHANCE..... We will be donating the items right before the Holiday Break in December

