

First Grade Crew News

Nikki's Crew

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Hunger and Homelessness

As part of our food expedition and because of stuff a truck and other charitable events around the holidays we have started to talk about those who don't have enough food. This week was national hunger and homelessness awareness week so Brooke our conflict management teacher taught an activity that showed how in the world today a small amount of people have most of the food and a large amount of people have little food. The students shared their ideas about what they can do to help people who are hungry. One student expressed how lucky we are and then we shared one thing that we are lucky to have, whether it is a toy, food or our family.

We will continue to talk about hunger as we study food from other countries and cultures.

Snacks

Speaking of hunger, our class is in need of more snacks. Please send in a box of crackers or something for the class to share. Thanks, Nikki

Reading Strategies

We have learned two new reading strategies this week. Our new comprehension strategy is "Using our schema to connect to text." This means using what we already know to connect to what we are reading. Students can make connections from a book to their own lives (text to self connection) or from a book to another book (text to self connection).

Our new accuracy reading strategy is "blending sounds, stretch and reread." Students use this strategy to sound out words. They should look at the letter sounds and say each sound then blend them together.