

Risso Review

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Olivia, Eve, Hayden, Hailey and Abigail work together to construct the tallest Magna Tile tower in Risso history.

Important Dates

- February 6th - Valentines Day Party (spirit wear day)
- February 12th - LOVE day (spirit wear day)
- February 13th-16th - No School - Mid Winter Break
- February 17th - Field Trip to the Hands on Museum
- February 20th - 100th day of School (spirit wear day)

February Donation List

We are in need of the following donations:

- Black Papermate flair pens
- Disinfecting wipes
- Composition notebooks (no spiral please)
- old newspaper (needed by Feb 5th)

Thank you in advance ☺

Learning Focus This Month

Science and Social Studies

- Groundhogs day
- Traditions of Valentine's Day and the importance of LOVE
- Researching the continent of Asia and learning about Chinese New Year
- Learning about the 1st and 16th presidents and American symbols

Math

- Learning the names & values of coins along with the presidents/American symbols that are on each one
- Working on fluency with basic addition and subtraction
- Beginning our teen number study - composing teens as a ten and some ones (ie $10+6=16$).

Literacy

- Handwriting Practice - working on writing capital letters and sentences.
- Reviewing strategies to read emergent level 'pattern books' Learning how readers: -look for familiar chunks they know (chunky monkey)
- Working on publishing our second set of personal narrative stories and getting ready to begin our focus on opinion and persuasive writing



In January we began work on our Milk Jug Igloo! Please continue to send in dry & cleaned out water/milk jugs! We cannot wait to complete this exciting project together!

CHARACTER CORNER

★respect★responsibility★optimism★
work ethic★getting along★kindness



The Wrinkled Heart Lesson

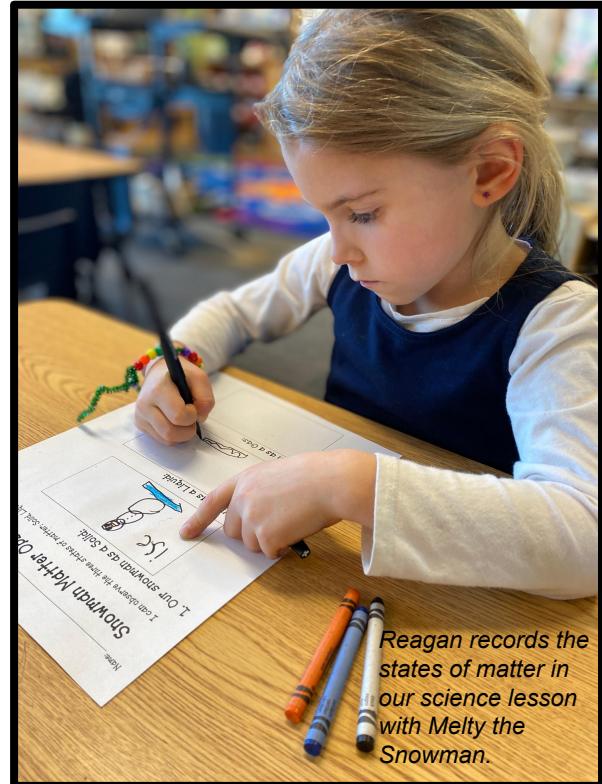
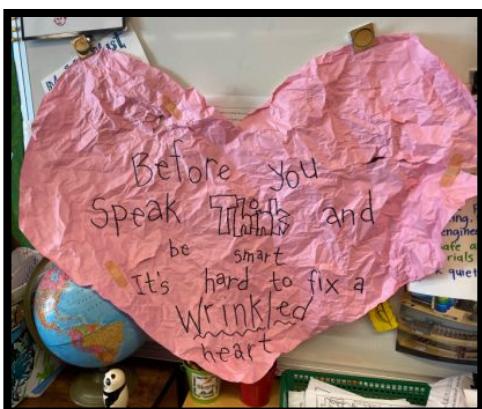
Using a large paper heart, students will see how unkind words can hurt by crumpling and tearing the heart. We will then practice **apologizing and acts of restoration**, noticing how kindness helps the heart grow and heal. Although the heart can return close to its original shape, it will still have wrinkles—showing that hurtful words can leave lasting marks that take time to fade.

This concrete, visual activity helps children understand that words can be used to **build others up or hurt their feelings**, and that kindness, empathy, and responsibility matter in our classroom community.

Students will learn and practice the motto:

**“Before you speak, think and be smart—
it’s hard to fix a wrinkled heart.”**

The heart will remain displayed in our classroom for the rest of the year as a reminder to always **choose love and kindness**.



Valentine's Day Party

Our party will take place on February 6th! We will make Valentines collection bags this day and plan to pass out Valentine's on our 'Love Day' – February 12th. A

\$3-\$5 monetary donation will be so helpful in covering the costs for this party! Thank you to those who have already donated.

