**Congratulations** to Aiden Gudenkauf, the third grader who collected the highest amount for the walk-a-thon! Also, congrats to Ryan Lex for winning the boys bike! Ryan was also a top collector.

**Reading:** We are wrapping up our LEAD 21 unit on science. Students are working on an Inquiry project where they are researching a science concept (gravity, force, friction, etc.) and applying it to the real world. Students are each responsible for finding information and creating a PowerPoint slide. Slides will be compiled and put into a class PowerPoint.

**Math:** Students have been working on place value, representing numbers with base ten pieces, telling time, and elapsed time scenarios. In the lessons ahead, students will be learning about finding the area of a given space. They will investigate area through a lab that will test the absorbency of different brands of paper towels. Be sure to ask your child which brand was best!

**Science:** We wrapped up our unit on Magnets and Electricity. Students especially enjoyed building the electromagnets where they were able to apply both concepts to a real world problem.

**Social Studies:** Students have been working on identifying the continents and oceans. They have also been working on using the cardinal and intermediate directions, reading a map, and learning a lot of geography vocabulary!

**Writing:** Students wrote a personal narrative on a memorable life experience. They completed the different steps of the writing process and are excited to share their final piece.

**Technology:** Students have been working on publishing their personal narratives. They also learned how to insert a scanned image into a word document.

**Dates to remember:**

Nov. 4: ITP Testing; Please make sure your child comes to school well-rested, with a good breakfast in their belly. ☺

Nov. 10: “Fight like a Saint” assembly, Happy Birthday Ryan Lex!

Nov. 14: End of Trimester 1, Eisenhower Night at Dbq Fighting Saints game!

Nov. 26: BOX tops round two due!

Nov. 27-28: No School; Happy Thanksgiving!

Nov. 30: Happy Birthday Alex Kress!

**Ask your child…**

* To tell you what time it is on an analog clock
* To share something they learned while researching during Inquiry
* What we Kahooted about!?!
* To share with you how our community is part of something much bigger!
* To sing the continent song ☺
* To summarize Earthquake Terror, our thrilling read-aloud book

**Thank you to all parents who attended PT conferences. I enjoyed meeting with you to discuss your child’s progress!**

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