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SCIECNE NEWS: Ms. Hayward

Our fifth graders just finished a unit about the water on Earth. They learned that 97% of Earth is covered in saltwater, and only 3% of the water is considered freshwater. The students created a giant graph to represent the amount of water on Earth. Students also learned about the layers/zones of the oceans and the organisms that live in each zone. The next topic will be about the human impact on our environment and the Earth. Students will use a WebQuest to research information over the next three weeks to learn what they can do to help clean up and maintain Earth's processes. Sixth grade students finished an amazing engineering unit and created 48-inch hot air balloons out of tissue paper. The students then "launched" the balloons in the gym at a school-wide assembly. Surprisingly, the balloons with purple tissue paper seemed to go the highest! We then moved on to study potential and kinetic energy. The students made paper roller coasters using card stock paper and A LOT of tape. Children learned that the marble has potential energy at the top of the roller coaster and kinetic energy as it moves down the track. Their next unit of study will be about electricity and magnetism.

FIFTH GRADE ELA NEWS: Ms. Walker

In February, students have been learning about Black History Month. March is Women in History Month and they will be researching women in history who have made a difference. We are also looking forward to Read Across America next week to re-enforce the importance of reading every day. It is very important to make sure your child is reading 40 minutes each night. This type of activity helps to improve grades in all subjects



SIXTH GRADE NEWS: Mr. Morris and Mrs. Gerard



Mrs. Murphy, art teacher at Grant School is teaching a group of sixth graders how to knit! The students are part of the art club that meets during lunch on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Children can pick from a variety of projects. Some students have made dream catchers, painted, sculpted, as well as a variety of other mediums as well. In the picture are those that chose to work on knitting. We are very proud of all of their projects

DATES TO REMEMBER Monday-March 2-6 Read Across America - See flyer for themes Friday March 9 1:00 dismissal - Staff Development Thursday Monday-April 6-13 Spring Break - School Closed Monday **Board of Education** of the Village of Ridgefield Park MEMBERS Mr. Robert Thiemann, President Mr. Dave Cathcart, Vice-President Ms. Jodie Craft Mr. Ronald Hidalgo Mr. Jorge Fernandez Dr. Ricardo Martinez Ms. Mary O'Neill Mr. Nick Fytros Mr. Christopher Gibbons Mr. Thomas Vercelli **Ridgefield Park Public Schools ADMINISTRATION** Dr. Angela Bender, Superintendent of Schools Mr. James Tevis, Interim Business Administrator / Board Secretary