



*Mrs. Kyker's Class Newsletter*  
*February 14 2020*

*Happy Valentine's Day!*  
*Thank you for all the donations*  
*for our class party. The students*  
*had a great time!*

**Science:** We began our next unit titled Spaceship Earth. This is an astronomy unit to help students develop a new perspective on the world they're standing on. They will be given evidence that the Earth beneath our feet is actually moving through space, both spinning on its axis, and traveling in orbit around the Sun. The students will see how these movements account for the patterns we see in our sky.

**GR 4 Math:** This week we worked on multiplying a fraction by a whole number using associative property and visual models. Please continue to practice multiplying fractions at home.

**GR 5 Math:** This week we looked at how a fraction can also be a decimal number. We multiplied fractions times a decimal number by converting first, then multiplying. We ended the week with using fractions to convert measurements.

**Reading:** We are continue our study of interpreting and analyzing literature. This week we compared different literary texts by looking at how books can have similar themes.

**Writing:** We started the corresponding writing unit on Literary Essays. Students will begin developing a 5 PARAGRAPH ESSAY explaining the theme of piece of literature. We started this process together by examining an example from both 4<sup>th</sup> grade and 5<sup>th</sup> grade.