

Dear Kilmer Community

Welcome Back!! I hope everyone had a safe, relaxing and happy vacation. It is so nice to be back at school. Prior to our winter recess, our fifth graders created a showcase for our Kindergarteners, first graders and second graders. Our fifth graders researched and presented various winter holidays from different cultures and from around the world. The students completed deep research in collaborative teams, developed presentation boards highlighting key information and carefully crafted their oral presentations. Their interactions with the younger children were so beautiful to watch and we are all proud of the fifth graders for their professional and thorough efforts.

Our third graders are truly “experts” about the Dewey decimal system— eleven teams were playing Kahoot when I dropped in --- they successfully categorized a wide range of topics; the student enthusiasm for the nonfiction classifications was indeed fun to watch! Our kindergarteners were eager to share with me their newly checked out books. It was the first time the children were able to select any book in the media center to check out!! It was an exciting “first;” I loved their willingness to share and their joy in reading!!

Early in January we will be switching the times our children eat lunch. Our first, second and fourth graders will eat first and then go out to play while our third and fifth graders will play first and then come into the building and have lunch. We’re hoping this switch will allow our youngest Kilmer Cubs a little more time to eat—thank you 3rd, 4th and 5th graders for being so flexible! (Our kindergarteners will continue to eat first)

Happy 2019!

Sincerely, Betsi McLeester