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In December, all grades K-5 learned about **Digital Citizenship**.

This included learning how to stay safe online, what kind of information not to give out:

(Your full name, your address, your age/birth date or your passwords)

We also learned about **cyberbullying** and what to do if you are bullied online. We also talked about how words hurt and we should choose to **be kind** and if we hurt another's feelings it's not funny.

Digital Citizenship also included how to be a good citizen online, to be **ethical** and downloading music for free is stealing or copying a report or information would also be stealing. Always give credit to your sources.

We covered this in December because in January the students received **Google Accounts** and we wanted them to be safe online and not to share their passwords.

Kindergarten- Compared fiction and nonfiction books. Learned the 1st 3 letters of the author's name is located on the book's spine. We practiced with scrap paper writing the 3 letters and stood in ABC order. We played 7up and as new students joined the line we put the books in the correct order.

1st grade- We continued reading Caldecott winning books. awards for great illustrations, and read 2 non-fiction books. "Snowflake Bentley" is a **biography** about Wilson Bentley who was the first to take pictures of snowflakes.

2nd grade- We used the database PebbleGo to begin research on a person of their choice. We learned about **biographies** and where to find them in the library.

3rd grade- We used the **databases** Grolier and PebbleGo to research an endangered animal. Students printed an article from each database and practiced taking notes.

4th and 5th - Both grades learned about **Overdrive**. A **free** way to download audiobooks and eBooks right from the school library webpage. Your student's account number is their student ID, the same number he/she uses at the cafeteria and their password is their last name with the first letter of their last name capitalize. Ex. Maggiacomo will work but if you type maggiacomo then it will not work. If you have any questions about Overdrive, I'm happy to help you. Students can download up to 3 books for 21 days and they don't have to remember to return them. They will stop working after they expire. I recommend downloading the books while you are in wifi. You can return the title early if you wish to select another book. You will want to delete it off your device when the book expires because it does take up memory space even when you can no longer access it.

We also have been learning the **Dewey decimal system** by putting cards I made in order that form a picture when students are correct. Not only does this help students in the library but also it's a 5th grade math skill. The cards are also used to play a game similar to Go Fish but with Dewey numbers and topics and where to find certain subjects in the library. For example, 636.8 = cats 796= sports

Happy Reading,
Librarian Kathy Maggiacomo