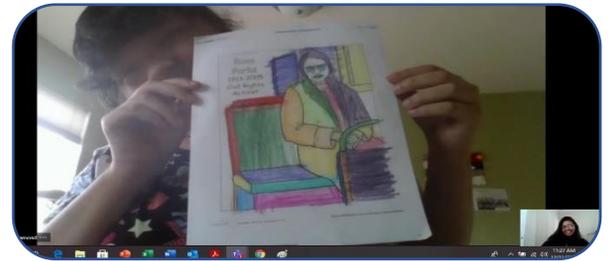


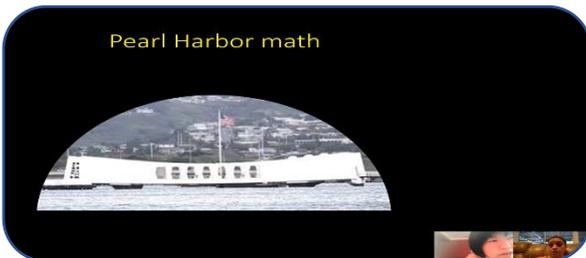
Happy Holidays from the Valley Campus

Students focus on historical events during the month of December

Rosa Parks Day was celebrated on December 1st. **POWER** class watched a video and discussed how in 1955 after a long day of work, Rosa Parks refused to give up her seat on her bus ride home. Because of this action, she became known as a civil rights activist. Many people supported Rosa, including Dr. Martin Luther King Jr, and because of her example as well as others the civil rights movement ultimately succeeded and gave people of color the same rights enjoyed by others.



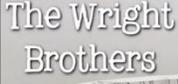
Utilizing “News2You”, the **PRIDE** classroom created a PowerPoint lesson on the historical events of **Pearl Harbor**, December 7, 1941. From this tragic event came the treaty for a “Peace of Reconciliation” in 1951. Today the United States and Japan are the closest of allies and partners. Japan is one of the world’s most successful democracies and largest economies and the US-Japan Alliance is well respected and appreciated. Questions were prompted by students and a good discussion ensued. For our ELA sessions, we watched a short video about Pearl Harbor then we read a virtual book about ships and how they have changed over time by emphasizing the vocabulary knowledge concept of **PAST** and **PRESENT**. Then students enjoyed coloring the picture of a fighting jet and typing activity of the words Pearl Harbor, battle ships, fighting jets, Japan and U.S.A.

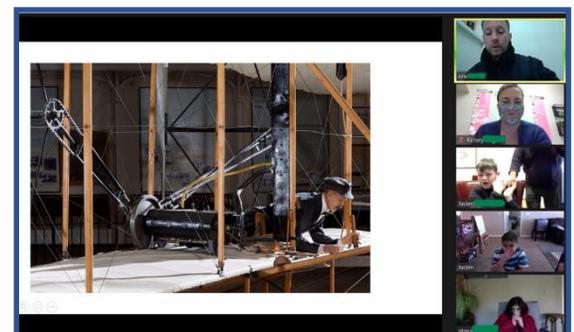


PEERS celebrated the **Wright Brother Day**, December 17, during Social Studies Class, we discussed how they invented the airplane and reasons why the Wright Brothers are remembered and celebrated. Students watched a short video of the world’s first successful controlled powered flight at Kill Devil Hills near Kitty Hawk, North Carolina. The lesson culminated by creating paper airplanes that really do fly!

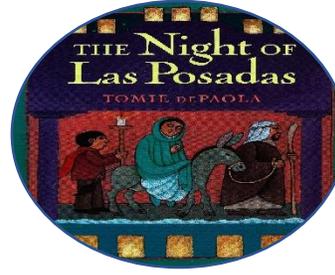
Wright brothers are remembered and celebrated for two reasons:

- They invented the airplane and proved it could fly on December 17, 1903.
- They pioneered the modern practice of aeronautical engineering. All successful airplanes since 1903 have incorporated the basic design elements of the Wright Flyer.



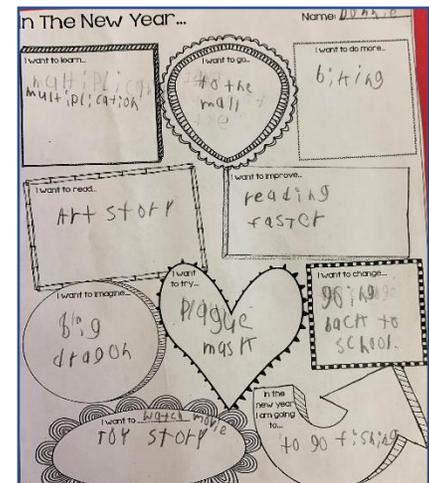
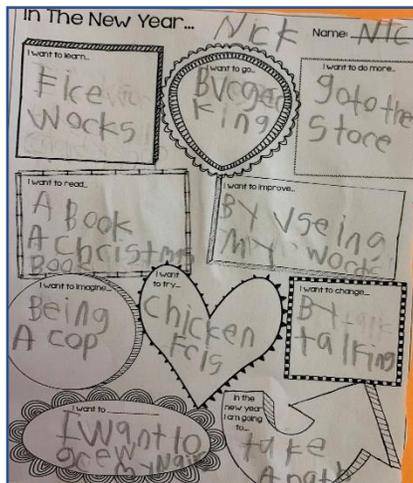


CURRICULUM CORNER From Africa to the Middle east from Asia to North America, **winter traditions** are celebrated. People of all backgrounds, religions, and cultures come together with friends and family to share, laugh, eat, celebrate, and enjoy traditions. During the month of December as part of our social studies curriculum, we teach our students about these very special Winter traditions celebrated around the world. This year we wanted to share some resources with parents so you can carry on the Spectrum traditions at home. Below are videos, crafts, and stories about the various winter traditions from around the world. We hope you enjoy completing these activities with your children this year. Merry Christmas! Happy Kwanza! Happy Hanukkah! Ramadan Kareem! Feliz Dia de los Reyes Magos!



- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=V8L4LiqOKmE> - Holidays Around the World
- <https://www.unitedplanet.org/blog/2013/01/03/from-christmas-to-diwali-winter-holidays-around-the-world> - Article about Holidays
- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0NVUAzN86Y4> – Kwanza
- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CeZKYGmuZn0> – Making a Chinese Lantern for Chinese New Year's
- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rQnkdAEoxoy> – Las Posadas
- http://i.infopls.com/botr/botr_025_21-21.pdf - Making a Dreidel
- <https://kiddyhouse.com/Ramadan/ramadancard1.html> - Making a Ramadan Card
- <https://worldstrides.com/blog/2016/12/11-traditional-holiday-dishes-around-world/> - traditional foods. Look up a recipe and try to make it!

The **PROSE** classroom learned that people around the world celebrate the **New Year** in different ways. China's New Year is a long celebration, lasting 15 days. Australia has a big firework show at midnight. In Brazil people dress up in white and go to parties on the beach while some people put flowers in the ocean and make a wish. The students completed a New Year activity and are eager to learn how to read faster, learn multiplication, and do group activities with all their friends.



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