**Since the last meeting, kindergarten has gone on their first field trip of the year to Playhouse Square and we enjoyed the play very much.  It was called "Goodnight Moon and the Runaway Bunny."  The students have taken winter reading and math MAP testing and the teachers are working as a team to use these scores to best drive our instruction in the coming months.  On Wednesday, February 3rd, we celebrated the 100th day of kindergarten!  We had various 100-themed centers that day or throughout the week for the students to complete.  Some classes chose to dress up as though they were 100 years old and others made and wore T-shirts with 100 items!  It was great to have different activities happening throughout the grade level!  Thanks for all of your help in planning fundraisers and other special events for the school!  It is much appreciated!!!**

**The First Grade students are enjoying all the winter activities that Edison has to offer!**

**First Graders LOVED the PTO Bingo night! They loved the prizes and socializing with their peers!**

**They also have loved selling chocolate during this special time of year!  As we prepare for Valentine’s Day Parties, the teachers are very thankful for the parents support with helping the children make valentines to pass out.  Academically, the students are hard at work.  The First Grade Teachers, have divided up their classes and have made MAP band classes.  This means each teacher has taken a certain RIT score band.  We have students switch rooms according to their MAP RIT SCORE.  The teacher teach that MAP RIT band is using direct instruction at the level of need!  We are so excited to see growth! The topic we are working on is Main Idea!**

**In math, we have started double digit addition! It is a hard concept, with dedication we are making gains!**

**Thank you for your support! With your help, the Edison Eagles Soar!  YOU MATTER!**

Second grade will collaborate with each other to differentiate phonics instruction.  Students will be grouped by academic needs to focus areas that need improvement.  We plan to do this three times a week for 1/2 hour periods.  We are working hard, Students first!

**3rd grade is working on multiplication, fractions, and data collection/analysis for Math.  In Reading, we are working on main idea/details, sequencing, and context clues.  We are also preparing the children for the spring AIR test by using laptops to answer comprehension questions.  In Science, we are working on topics like states of matter, weather/precipitation and the water cycle, and simple machines.  In Social Studies, we are working on history and economics.**

Hello from Grade 4 ~We are currently learning about rocks and how they are classified in science. We are learning about inventors, African Americans, immigrants and other people that helped to shape Ohio. In math we are using all operations when learning about fractions. In reading we are finishing author's purpose and starting cause and effect. Book reports this month may be biographies, check with your child's teacher. This if February Fun month so we have themes daily check your calendar for how we are enjoying each day. Along with Black History month we are also celebrating Valentine's Day this Friday, President's Day and of course Thomas Edison's birthday this Thursday. Don't forget to do your nightly reading!

**In ELA, we are reading different novels and applying skills we have learned from the Wonders curriculum. We are also using our writing skills to write a five paragraph essay about what we learned in our D.A.R.E. class. D.A.R.E. graduation ceremony is on March 9th at 7pm. In Math, we are converting fractions to decimals, simplifying fractions, and adding and subtracting fractions.  In advanced Math, we are starting integers and the coordinate plane. In Science, we are wrapping up ecosystems by creating food chain models and dioramas. In Social Studies, we are celebrating black history month by learning about heroic African Americans and studying the location, capitals, and abbreviations of the states.**

**The entire 5th grade will be going on a field trip on February 24th to Severance Hall in Cleveland!**

**Mrs. Hinton's class: Our class book has been published!  -- We received our copies of Ohio Cities from A to Z last week!**