Liberty Patriot Stars

STUDENTS AT LIBERTY ELEMENTARY PARTICIPATE IN JUMP ROPE FOR HEART

January
4—Students Return to School
15—End of Quarter 2
18—No School - MLK Day
19—PTO/SAC Meeting @ 3:30pm
25—Report Cards are sent home

February
14—Valentines Day
15—President's Day—No School
22—Progress Reports go home

March
2—SAC/PTO @ 3:30pm
8—Book Fair

Spring Break
March 15 through March 19

22—No School-Teacher Work Day
26—End of Quarter 3

April
2—No School—Good Friday
5—Report Cards go Home
13—SAC/PTO Meeting @ 3:30pm

May
3—Progress Reports
31—No School—Memorial Day

June
4—Last Day for Students

It Takes Heart to be a Hero!

Students at Liberty Elementary are jumping at the chance to fight heart disease and stroke, our nation's No. 1 and No. 3 killers.

Please take time and look for the form in your child's backpack. Students will jump at school for the American Heart Association which funds cardiovascular disease research, public and professional education programs. Jump Rope for Heart is co-sponsored by the American Heart Association and the American Alliance for Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance. All donations should be turned in by February 14th, Valentine's Day.

The average heart beats 100,000 times each day. One of the best ways to take care of your heart is to make exercise a regular part of your everyday life. Jump Rope for Heart teaches students how exercise benefits the heart and shows students that volunteering can be fun and beneficial to the whole community. They learn how they make a difference by providing important community service and having a great time.

Money raised will go to fund potentially lifesaving research and educational community programs. Please help the students help others. When a student asks you to give a donation, support Jump Rope for Heat with whatever you can afford to give. If not this year then maybe next year.

Congratulations

CAREER POSTER CONTEST

Congratulations to our Liberty Elementary School Administration, Sheila Brown and Carrie Whaley for being recognized by CCPS and CCSLA as the Principal and Assistant Principal of the year from Charlotte County! What an honor! We are so proud of you!!

From Mid-October to Early December, our 5th grade students created their career posters for the workforce organization poster contest.

The workforce organization publishes an annual calendar of career posters done by 5th grade students, several southwest Florida county school districts participate. Last a school year, out of thousands of posters submitted, one of our Liberty Students' poster was picked and added to the published calendar. We await the workforce judges' decision to see if another Liberty Student earns that honor again this school year! Big Thanks to our Liberty 5th graders for doing an awesome job on their career posters. Every student that entered a poster earned a small prize, and Special prizes for our top picks. Special kudos to Kali Williams, Kaley Fitzgerald, Abigail Berg, and Sophie Martinez.
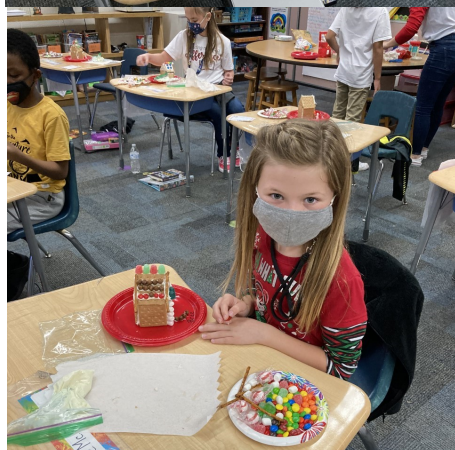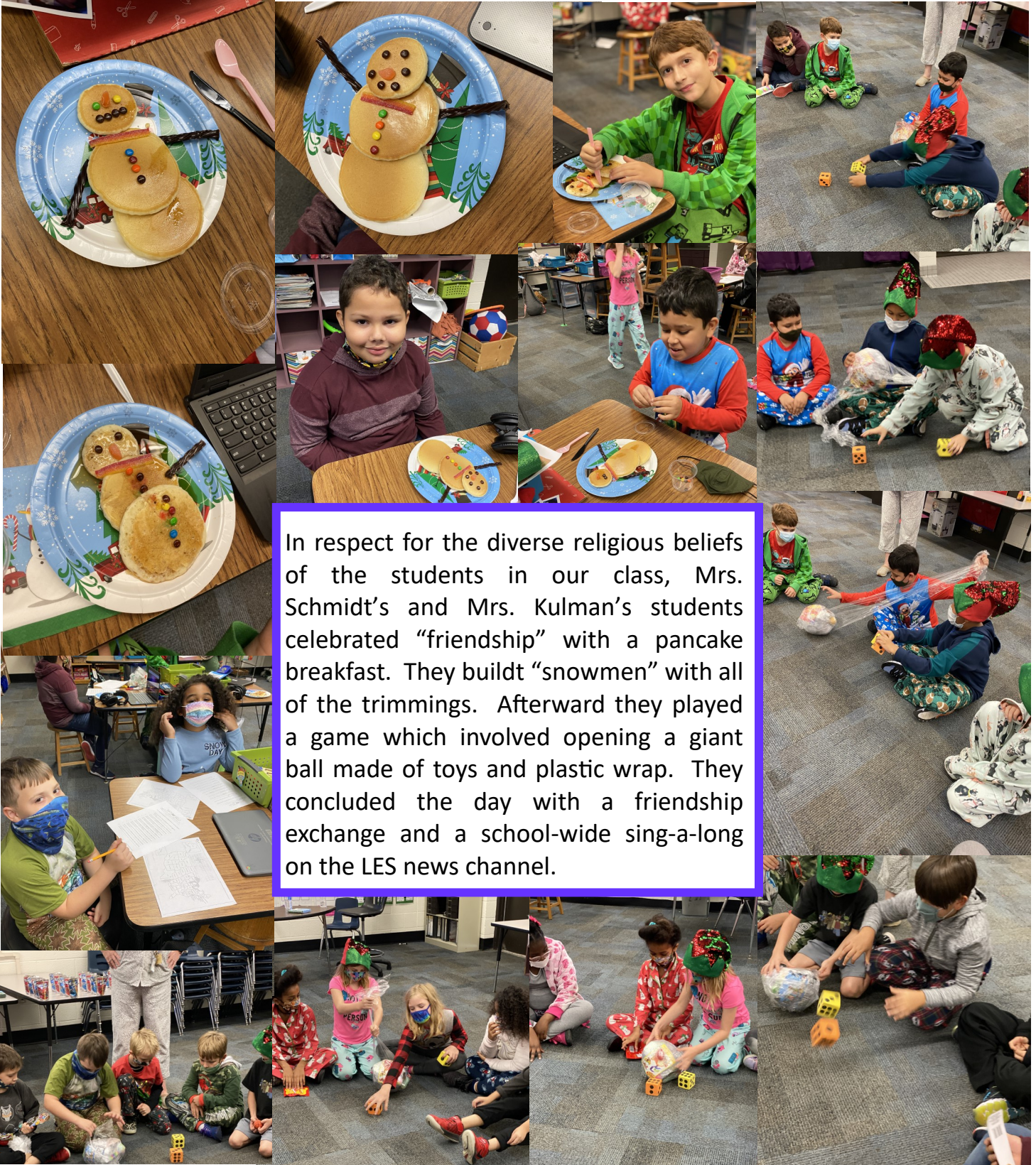

Mrs. Steagall's Second Grade Winners
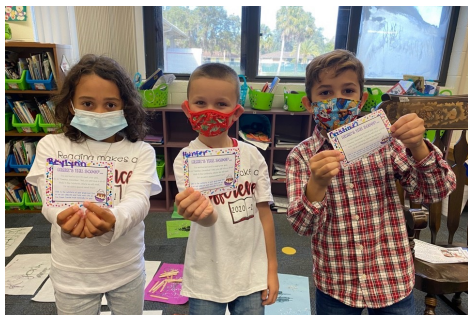
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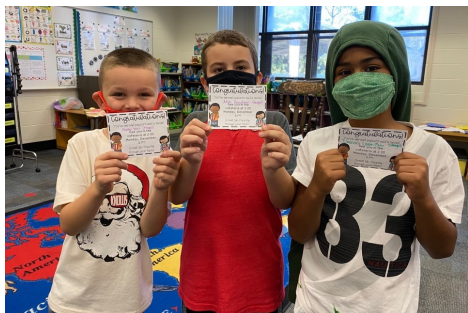
100% Fluent in Reflex addition and subtraction!!!!

Farewell! Goodbye 2020 Welcome 2021

Mrs. Steagall's Class

**Mrs. Ward's Class**

gingerbread house

FriendShip ❤️

In respect for the diverse religious beliefs of the students in our class, Mrs. Schmidt's and Mrs. Kulman's students celebrated "friendship" with a pancake breakfast. They buildt "snowmen" with all of the trimmings. Afterward they played a game which involved opening a giant ball made of toys and plastic wrap. They concluded the day with a friendship exchange and a school-wide sing-a-long on the LES news channel.

Celebrate SUCCESS

Celebrating our hardworking readers! These students met their end of year AR goal before winter break. They earned an ice cream sundae party!
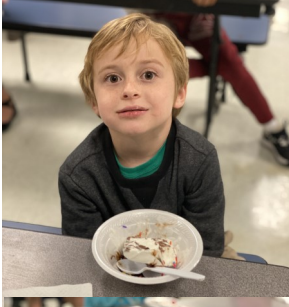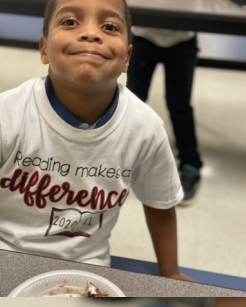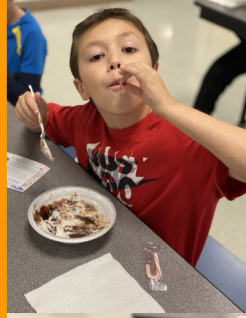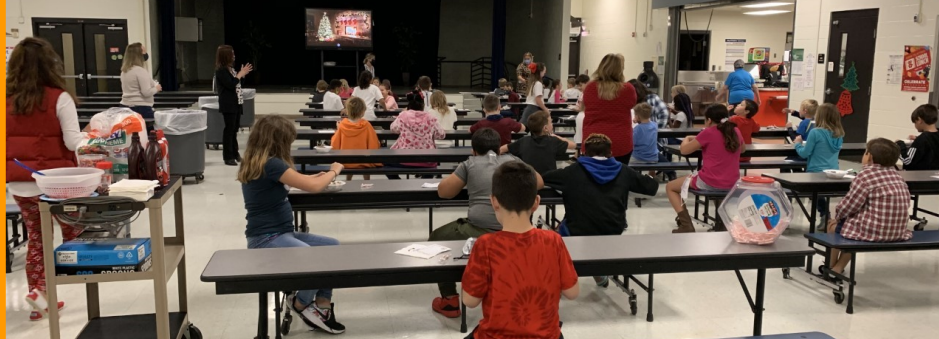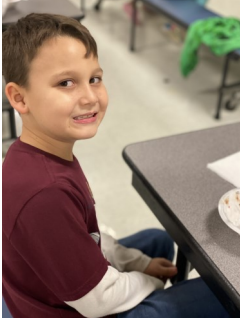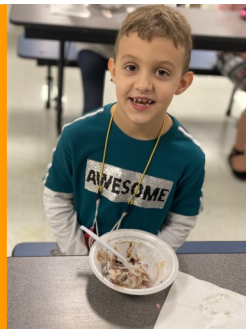
ClassLink

All of our online programs can be accessed through our county CLASSLINK portal. Once students are logged into their Classlink account, all of their websites will be available as icons.

To log into CLASSLINK at home:
1. Go to the LES homepage.
   http://www.edline.net/pages/_Liberty_ES
2. Click on shortcuts
3. Click on Classlink
4. Enter username and password.

username _____

password _____

WHY READ 20 MINUTES AT HOME?

Student A Reads	Student B Reads	Student C Reads
❖ 20 minutes per day.	❖ 5 minutes per day.	❖ 1 minute per day
❖ 3,600 minutes per school year.	❖ 900 minutes per school year.	❖ 180 minutes per school year.
❖ 1,800,000 words per year.	❖ 282,000 words per year.	❖ 8,000 words per year.
❖ Scores in the 90th percentile on standardized tests.	❖ Scores in the 50th percentile on standardized tests.	❖ Scores in the 10th percentile on standardized tests.

If they start reading for 20 minutes per night in Kindergarten, by the end of 6th grade, Student A will have read for the equivalent of 60 school days, Student B will have read for 12 schooldays, and Student C will have read for 3.

(Nagy and Herman, 1987.)

WANT TO BE A BETTER READER? SIMPLY READ.

Accelerated Reader

Accelerated Reader is a program that allows students to earn points for reading and comprehending books. In order to earn points, a student needs to read a book and understand what the book was about. Then log on to AR using the account provided by their teacher, to take a quiz on the book. Most picture books have 5 questions, and most chapter books have 10 questions. If the student receives a 100% they will earn full points for the book, however if they receive less than a 100% they will receive a portion of the points. Most picture books are worth 0.5 points and chapter books vary in point value based on difficulty. **Quizzes can only be taken at school during school hours**, but we encourage students to read their AR books at home. Kindergarten students will begin taking AR quizzes when they master 100 sight words. You can find out if a book has an AR quiz by visiting www.arbookfind.com.

So how can students celebrate these points?
Each grade level has a point goal to reach by the end of the school year. If they reach that goal, they will earn an AR t-shirt and an ice cream party. As students earn points, they will have opportunities throughout the year to purchase items at the AR store using their points.

Reflex Math fact fluency
Problem *Solved!* ™

Reflex helps students of all levels to develop fluency with their basic facts in addition, subtraction, multiplication and division. Math fact fluency is the quick and effortless (automatic) recall of basic math facts. This makes learning new math skills much more attainable for students.

Adaptive and individualized instruction

Engaging games that keep students coming back for more

Intuitive and powerful reporting for educators

Students can earn a **Movie and Popcorn party** twice a year if they achieve and maintain 100% fact fluency on Reflex. Students login and practice math facts through colorful interactive video games. Once they have answered enough facts correctly for the day, they will earn a green light. This should be **done at least 3 days per week**.