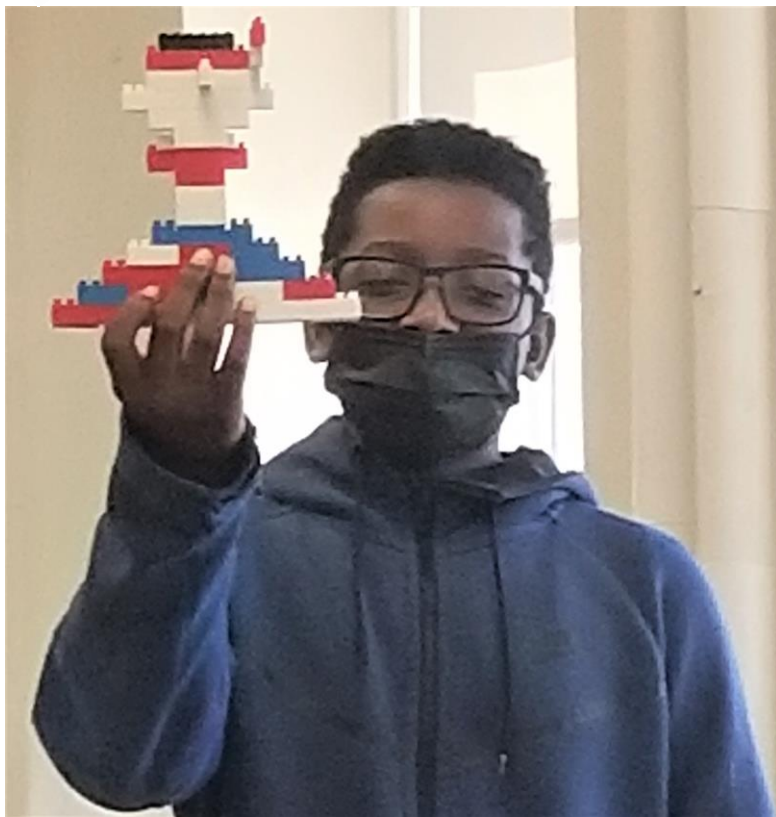


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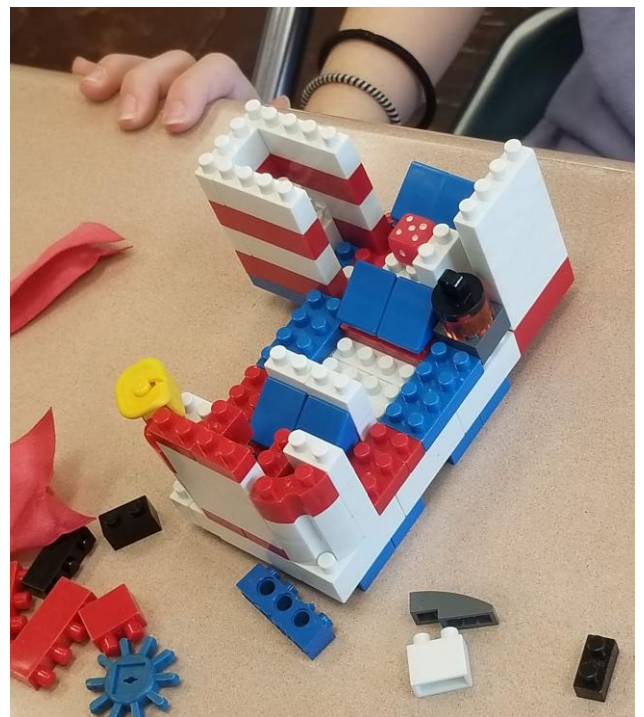
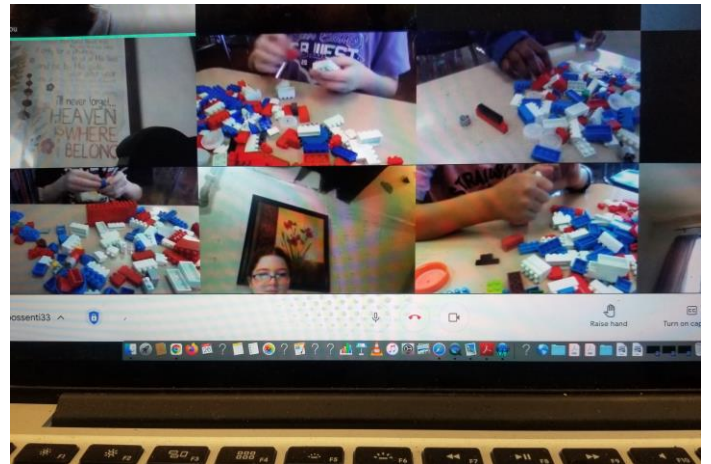


**INGENUITY AT
ITS BEST**



Students in Mrs. Possenti's fifth grade class have been engaged in many "hands on" lessons which have proven to be very exciting and thought provoking for the students. One project involved basically providing the children with a handful of Legos and giving them 20 minutes to create something with a

purpose. Mrs. Possenti was blown away at their creativity. Hunter Paine created a model of the American Ninja Warrior obstacle course and Hailey Niko made a huge ship with blue Legos representing the water shooting out of the back. Xavier built a mini town and there were so many other cool ideas. It is amazing what students can do when you let their imaginations go.



Another project involved motion and design. The kids were told to make a moving object using any household items. When they rolled the object, if it went far with no issues they mastered it. If a wheel fell off or it stopped short they had to re-evaluate, troubleshoot, and problem solve to make it better.

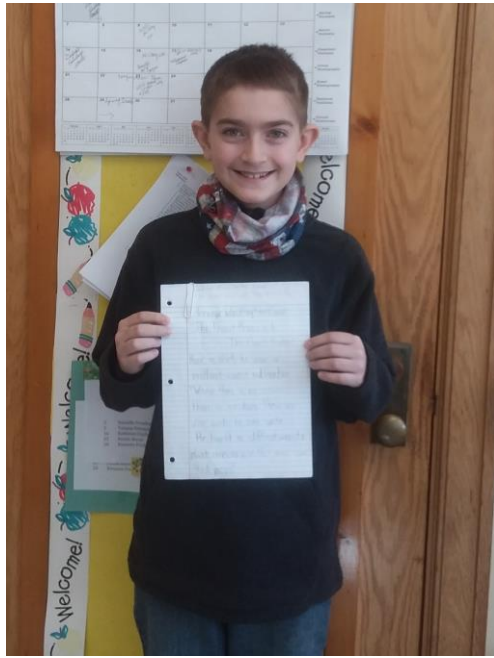


Mrs. Possenti also has a classroom herb garden. The students help water and add food when needed. They are excited when Mrs. Possenti snips off a piece of herb and sends it home with them to add to their family meal.

CONGRATULATIONS KELLAN LEPOSKI

We are proud to announce that Kellan Leposki, a fifth grade student in Mrs. Udovich's class was the Third Place winner of the 2021 Upper Darby Black History Month Poetry Contest for his poem entitled *George Washington Carver: the Peanut Man and the Plant Doctor*. Kellan will be honored by Upper Darby Township at their next meeting. Way to go Kellan!

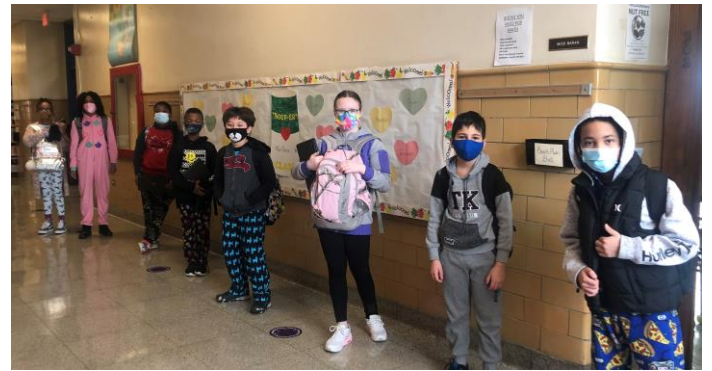




SOCIAL AND EMOTIONAL LEARNING DAY

This month UDSD celebrated International Social and Emotional Learning Day. This provided an opportunity to raise awareness of the need for social and emotional learning as well as providing tools for our students to develop social and emotional skills. This year's theme is Building Bonds, Reimagining Communities! The Pupil Services Department provided an interactive video to be shown during Morning Meeting and the children and staff were encouraged to wear their pajamas to school so all would be relaxed.

The activities focused on skills the students could practice for better self-care. Building these skills will help the children to lead more fulfilling, rewarding and happy lives and to perform at their best level. Mindfulness and stress relief exercises and breathing techniques were practiced. Yoga, a combination of breathing, meditation and physical movement was demonstrated, as well as general physical exercise which can improve overall health and wellness and confidence. The children were very receptive and really enjoyed the day.



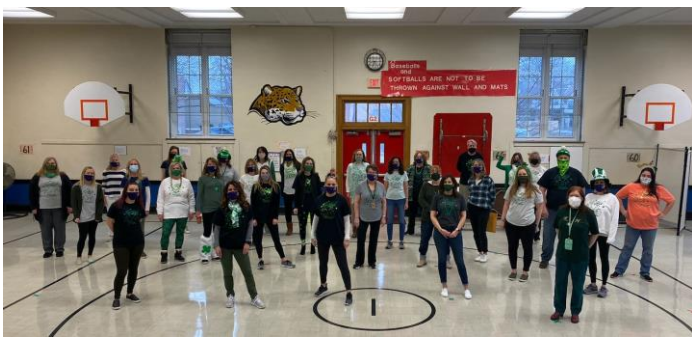
HOW DID YOU CELEBRATE ST. PATRICK'S DAY?

At Garrettford the staff decided to celebrate how "Lucky" we are to be Royals. Mr. Carey used his amazing talents to create a beautiful design and Miss Daly, with a little help from some friends, made us t-shirts to wear for the day. The activity gave us all something to look forward to and cheered us up a great deal.

Despite all the stress the past year has caused, we all agree that we are glad we are Garrettford Royals and get to engage with wonderful families.



Miss Daly set up a family fun night involving a virtual escape room similar to the game Among Us. Students had to compete in teams to answer Garrettford related trivia questions. Each correct answer earned a letter and when all the letters were put together, the students solved the puzzle to “escape” the room. The students solved the puzzle to learn that Garrettford Elementary is named after Thomas Garrett, a historical Upper Darby figure. Students on the winning team all received prizes. The evening was fun, engaging and also made the kids think and problem solve.



FOURTH GRADE FUN NIGHT WAS AN “ESCAPE” FROM THE DAILY GRIND

Our Fourth Grade students had fun while learning a little Garrettford history this month.

