



# Danbury Elementary

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## Prize Speaking

All of our students did an excellent job at today's Prize Speaking Preliminaries! Below are the students selected to be a contestant for the Prize Speaking Program on Thursday, February 4th at 6:30pm.

David Klapyk  
Matthew Moran  
Hayden Offen  
Tucker Sumner

Ricky Moran  
Wyatt Norcross  
Brandon Peterson  
Makenna Tullar

Abigale Chase  
Emma Fortin  
Maddie Henricksen  
Kason Knight

Ilyana Joy Gonzalez  
Gabe Henricksen  
Thalhia Mentore  
Elizabeth Wentworth

Sarah Ford  
Nick Stubbs  
Tess Sumner  
Devon Towne



**And remember,  
no school on  
Friday!**



## Newfound Nutrition

### Lunch Menu Week of February 1-5, 2016

#### Monday

BHOP Pizza  
Carrots  
Garden Salad  
Assorted Fruit

#### Tuesday

BBQ Chicken  
Oven Fries  
Mixed Veggies  
Garden Salad  
Assorted Fruit

#### Wednesday

Stuffed Shells  
Broccoli Florets  
Dinner Roll  
Garden Salad

#### Thursday

Popcorn Chicken  
Oriental Fried Rice  
Oriental Veggies  
Garden Salad  
Assorted Fruit

#### Friday

Cheeseburgers  
Baked Beans  
Onion Rings  
Garden Salad  
Assorted Fruit

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## ITC @ DES

Grade 5 has been learning about the steps in the research process by using the Big6 model as they re-search famous explorers. What's the MOST important thing when tackling a research project? Have a PLAN! Think about:

- What is the task?
- What kind of resources should I use?
- Where am I going to go to find that information?
- Collect the information
- How do I organize the information I have?

The LEAST important thing? Printing out a bunch of papers from websites! Students were amused by this video about what NOT to, here is the link if you are interested:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JVEiNZuYqjQ>



Grades 2 and 3 are working on one of my favorite projects- Our Classroom Favorites! Students created survey questions in a document for their classmates to answer. A few examples-

What is your favorite wild animal? ( David S.)

What's your favorite type of car? (Nick S.)

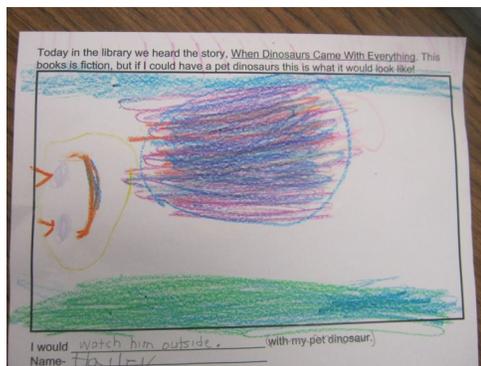
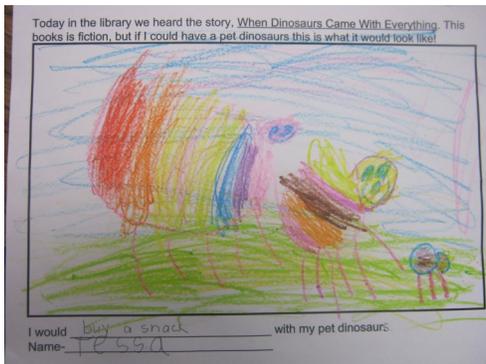
What's your favorite house pet? (Tess and Emmallee)

What's your favorite summer activity? (Hayden)

The next step will be to use an online graphing tool to record our data.

<http://nces.ed.gov/nceskids/graphing/classic/>

### Kindergarten



Grade 1 learned about selecting a "Just Right Reading Book" by using the 5 Finger Test. Some of the popular picks were-

Mercy Watson

Green Eggs and Ham

Phonic Comics Series

Pete the Cat "I Can Read Series"

Lego Early Readers

Grade 4 is beginning a research unit about famous NH people. To start things off, the students did a NH History Who Am I? Web Quest in order to find out each person's claim to fame. How many can you match up? Ask your 4th grader for the answer!

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NH History Who Am I?	
Claim to Fame	Website
Christa McAuliffe _____	_____
Matt Boehner _____	_____
Alan Shepard _____	_____
Franklin Pierce _____	_____
Eunice Goody Cole _____	_____
Sara Josepha Hale _____	_____
Dean Kamen _____	_____
Josiah Bartlett _____	_____
Tomie DePaola _____	_____

Our 14th President	Signed Declaration of Independence
First American to travel in space	Popular children's author
First teacher in space	Poet who wrote "Mary Had a Little Lamb"
Invented the Segway	Convicted of witchcraft
Professional basketball player	Invented Tupperware

## Fun in First

It's official, we have hit the middle of the school year! The First Graders have all been working so hard. As an adult, I can see growth and improvement, but it's wonderful when students can see it as well.

A proud little girl rushing over to me holding a book high,

*"Hey, Mrs. Paquette, you know this book, it's not hard for me!"*

Oh, good!

*"I used to have it in my book box but it was too hard, now I can read it, and it is not even hard, it's just right for me."*

One student talking to another,

*"That was the easiest math."*

*"Yeah, I was done like almost first."*

*"Me too! I think she (Mrs. Paquette) thought it was a test."*

A student talking to me,

*"Mrs. Paquette? Can I work on writing in MY notebook?"*

Oh, the orange one, from home? Sure as long as you are working on writing.

*"O.K. Yeah, I just started a story this weekend and I wanted to write on that."*

Really, Great! What is it about?

*"Well, I work all weekend with my dad you know."*

He turns and walks toward his desk with the biggest grin. Just before sitting he says, *"I might even share (read aloud to the class) when I'm done."*

Two kids finishing a spelling test before recess. One turns to the other and says, *"just do your S's right the first time and she won't make you fix it. You are just wasting your own time."*

Whether it is reading, writing, math, confidence or my handwriting standards, the First Graders have grown so much already! I feel blessed to be their teacher; and I am excited to see what the rest of the year brings.

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## February 2016



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
7	1	2	3	4 Prize Speaking Night 6:30pm	5	6
14	8	9	10 Early Release	11 	12 Valentines Day 1:30	13
21	15 Love to Read Week!	16 	17	18	19	20
28	22 Winter Break Begins No School	23	24	25	26	27

