

# Exploration Academy Newsletter

## DATES TO REMEMBER

No Before or After School  
Exploration Academy:  
February 19th - due to no school  
for Professional Development

## REGISTER YOUR CHILD FOR FEBRUARY

To register your child for after school for February, please fill the form out on the school website under the Exploration Academy tab or at the following web address:

<https://goo.gl/forms/sPLEVfEaNJ8bJu5J2>



## ACTIVITIES WE DID IN JANUARY

Visit from Decatur County Conservation taught us about Birds. Students identified birds, made bird feeders and played a relay game pretending to be father penguin racing with the penguin egg. To continue the learning about birds, students did a STEAM activities called Bird Beaks. Students sorted objects to simulate what birds eat and how they use their beaks. Then students graphed the number of items there were able to retrieve with their beaks. Different size tweezers were used as beaks.

Groups talked about things we worry about. Students came up with a list that included family, money, school, and friends. Students then used the Legend of the Worry Doll from Guatemala to make worry dolls for students to share their worries with.

Fridays provide an opportunity for the groups to be multi age for part of the time. Students play board games, use I pads, and partner read.

The homework portion for 4th and 5th is proving very valuable and successful. The homework time for 4th and 5th has been extended to insure that students are getting assignments completed.



## LOOKING AHEAD TO FEBRUARY

We are looking at starting clubs mid February depending on space available and scheduling. Clubs will include... computer club, chess/checker club, Science club, and Art club. Students will sign up and clubs will be 2 days a week.



## CONTACT INFO

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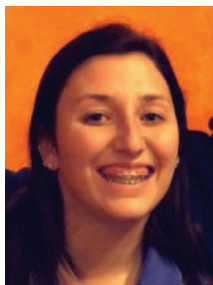




Look at the fun we had in January! Partner reading, worry dolls, games and new staff members!



## NEW STAFF MEMBERS!



Left to right: Amy Hernandez- Second grade aide  
 Riley Schwab- Assisting where needed and subbing  
 Tori Bauer- Co-Leading Homework Help with Natasha

