This week will be our first deep dive into our book clubs in our reading class. We will discuss and analyze our book club books in the same way that we have been discussing in our mentor text, *Hatchet*. We will take a look at themes within the book club books. Students will be reminded that themes are lessons that are taught across the text. Discussing themes that come up in books that you are reading at home can support this learning at home. In writing, we will continue to work on personal narratives. Students have been using rubrics to rate their work and the work of their classmates. Most students have published at least one of their personal narratives.
The next part of the math unit will be focused on division strategies as we prepare to move into multiplying and dividing fractions and decimals. Students have been solving a variety of multiplication facts using strategies from fourth grade. The focus of our Investigations Unit 1 is students acknowledging smaller multiplication and division problems that they recognize in larger problems. At this point in our learning, many of the fifth grade mathematicians are moving to using long division to solve problems. We are practicing during morning work. Some students are gaining extra practice through using IXL as well. Please let me know if your student is not able to access IXL at home and I will be sure that you receive their log-in information. Some of our more accelerated students are completing multiplication and division practice using decimals as well as working on the order of operations in equations.

Math: Division Strategies

Last week we taught our book buddies math games that we created. It was a great opportunity to demonstrate that we truly are leaders at Brent!

Jeff Kinney Pre-orders: I will begin collecting money for students to order the newest Diary of a Wimpy Kid. I will pass the orders along to Ms. Bettina on Friday, October 7th so that we are sure to make the deadline. There is one order form per class. Please see attached.
Library of Congress
Author Event Pre-Sale
November 1st: Jeff Kinney
2016 Nationwide Book Launch

Deadline for book pre-order:
Monday, October 10, 2016

Diary of a Wimpy Kid: Double Down (Book 11)
$10.00
(Discounted Price)
Books signed by Jeff Kinney

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