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A great deal of success and growth was observed during the month of November in our enrichment groups. The kindergartners, 1st graders, and 2nd graders all worked toward their goals and developed their thinking skills in a variety of ways.

The kindergartners have been making new words and playing lots of word games to build their reading skills. They have practiced spelling word wall words, high frequency words, and words with the long a sound. In math, the children have learned about turnaround facts and practiced writing four number sentences for their family trees. We have also enjoyed playing some strategy games like Blokus and Mastermind.

The first graders at Sheridan demonstrated their knowledge of the rain forest through a performance they did for their classmates. We also used the new vocabulary learned through our research to play vocabulary games. In math, the first grade groups continued working on more problem solving using advanced skills such as elapsed time and giving change. They were also introduced to multiplication and really showed their mental math skills!

In second grade, the students have continued to focus on writing narratives. They wrote narratives about their Thanksgiving and another about a time that they were nervous. Again, they are expected to use a main idea sentence, at least 3 supporting events, and a strong closing sentence. The second graders in math have started developing their time and money skills by solving multiple step problems. They have also played numerous games such as Yahtzee and Flip 4 to practice their multiplication facts.

December will be an extremely busy month as we tackle some Christmas around the world projects and lots of holiday writing!