

Fred C. Underhill School

Principal's Report

December 2024



Cardboard Arcade

On Thursday, November 21st, Mrs. Ruest, Hooksett ALPs Teacher, organized the Annual Cardboard Arcade at Underhill School! Families were invited to create a game out of cardboard to share at the Cardboard Arcade. It was a great turnout! We had really entertaining games like pinball, skee-ball, corn-hole, ball or bag toss, air hockey, and more. The students and families shared their games and they also got to play other students' games as well. Thank you to the students, families, and Mrs. Ruest for making it a fantastic event for everyone!



Counting Collections

In First Grade, the students recently completed their first counting collections. In counting collections, students are given a collection of objects to count. The activity often begins with a mini-lesson in which the teacher highlights a particular idea like how to share the counting task with a partner, an efficient counting strategy they have seen students using, or a way to record their count. Students begin counting together, negotiating the way they will count their collection and then they record how they counted. Counting Collections is a great activity to develop students' concepts of counting, quantity, and the base-ten number system.



Hooksett ALPs Kindergarten Gingerbread Crossing

This month, Mrs. Ruest worked with the kindergarteners on a STEM challenge. Students were tasked with designing ways to help the gingerbread man cross a body of water. Mrs. Ruest worked with the students on finding the best solution. The students had really creative ideas and they had fun testing out their designs.



Upcoming Events

December 16-20 – Holiday Theme Week

December 23-January 1 – Winter Vacation - No School

January 20 – Martin Luther King Jr./Civil Rights Day - No School

Respectfully submitted,

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