

Day 23: Thursday, September 26, 2024



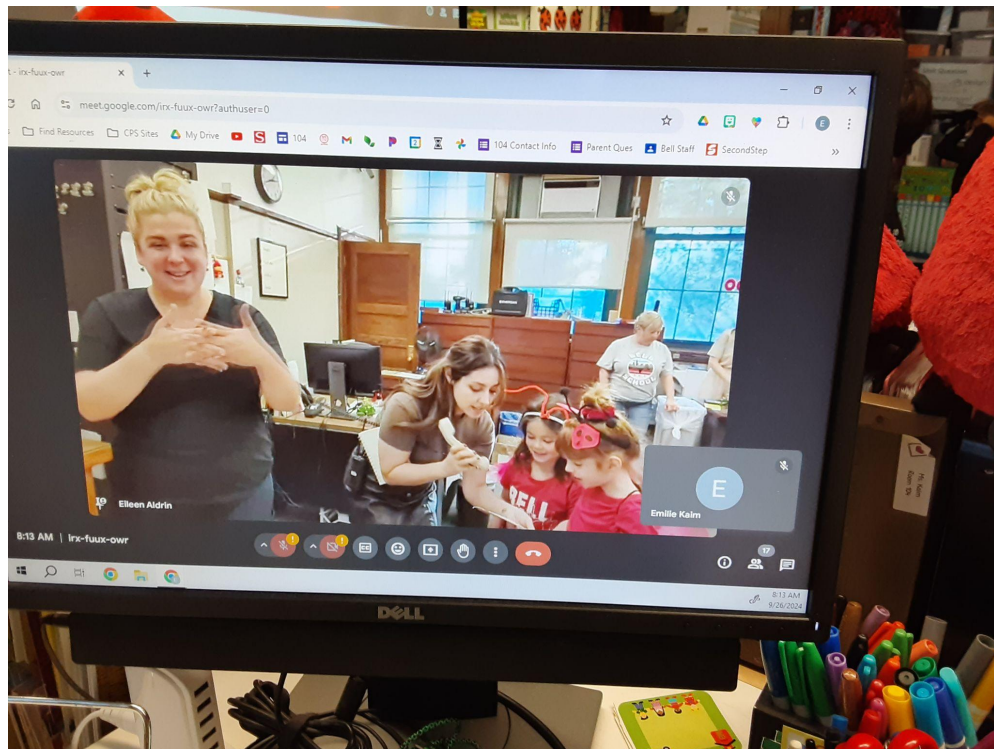
Ladybug Day finally arrived! It was fabulous to see all the first grade ladybugs lined up outside the school this morning. Our ladybug parades to and from the classroom today put smiles on the faces of everyone we passed. We wished passersby "Happy Ladybug Day!" and gave out ladybug stickers.

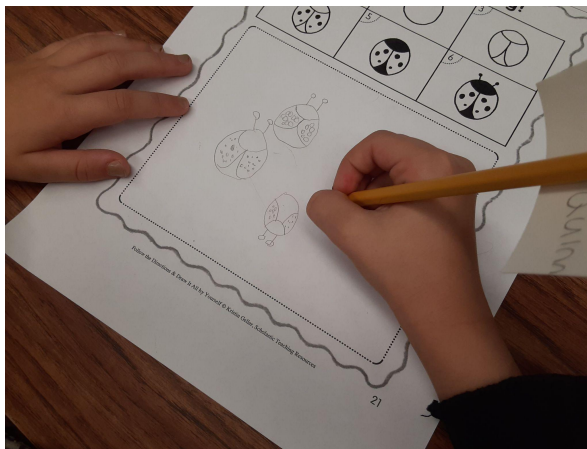
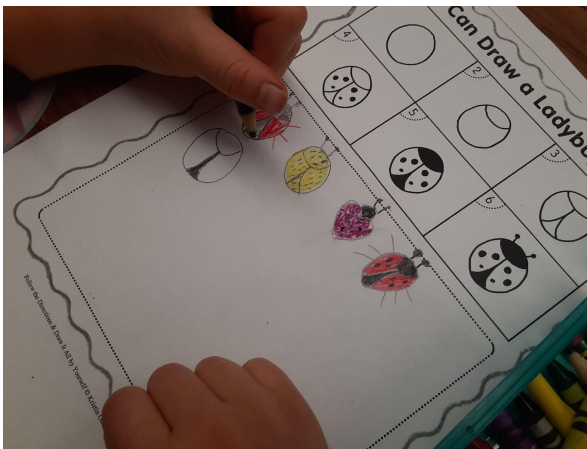


When they entered the classroom, the first grade ladybugs found even more ladybugs. Even Stella Dino and the class pets got into the spirit of the day!



After much excited milling about, the first graders unpacked. They received ladybug pencils and learned how to draw a ladybug for morning work. When we looked at the schedule during our morning meeting, we saw that it had been taken over by ladybugs. The Question of the Day was: Do you like ladybugs? Ask your child how he/she responded! It was exciting to see two first grade ladybugs say the Pledge of Allegiance during the morning announcements.





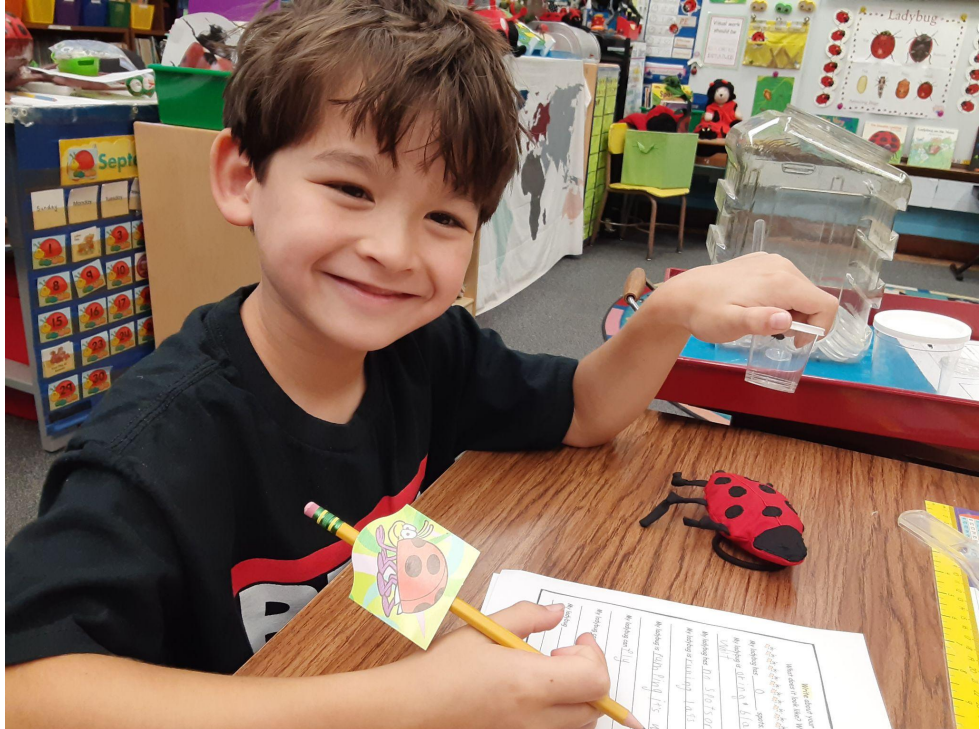
After reading the book [Bright Beetle](#), the boys and girls learned about ladybug anatomy. They were introduced to new vocabulary like pronotum and elytra. The first graders also learned about the structural and behavioral adaptations of ladybugs. Together, we completed a chart that listed ladybug body parts and ladybug actions that help them survive. Ask your child to tell you about ladybug adaptations! The first grade ladybugs also enjoyed the book [Little Buggy](#). This is a sweet story about a little ladybug learning to fly and the value of not giving up.

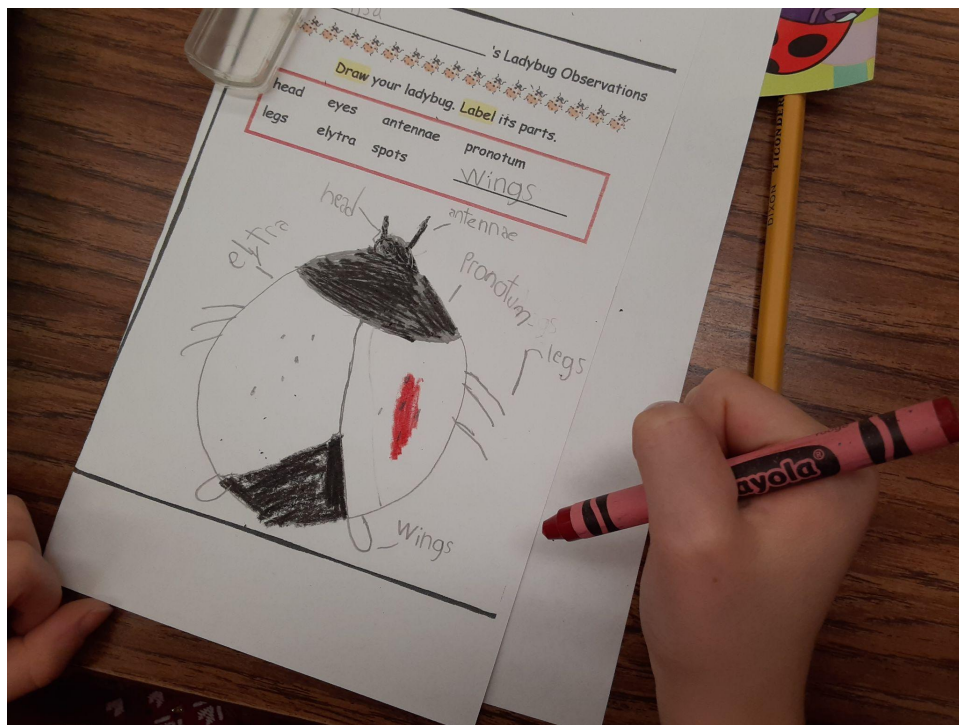
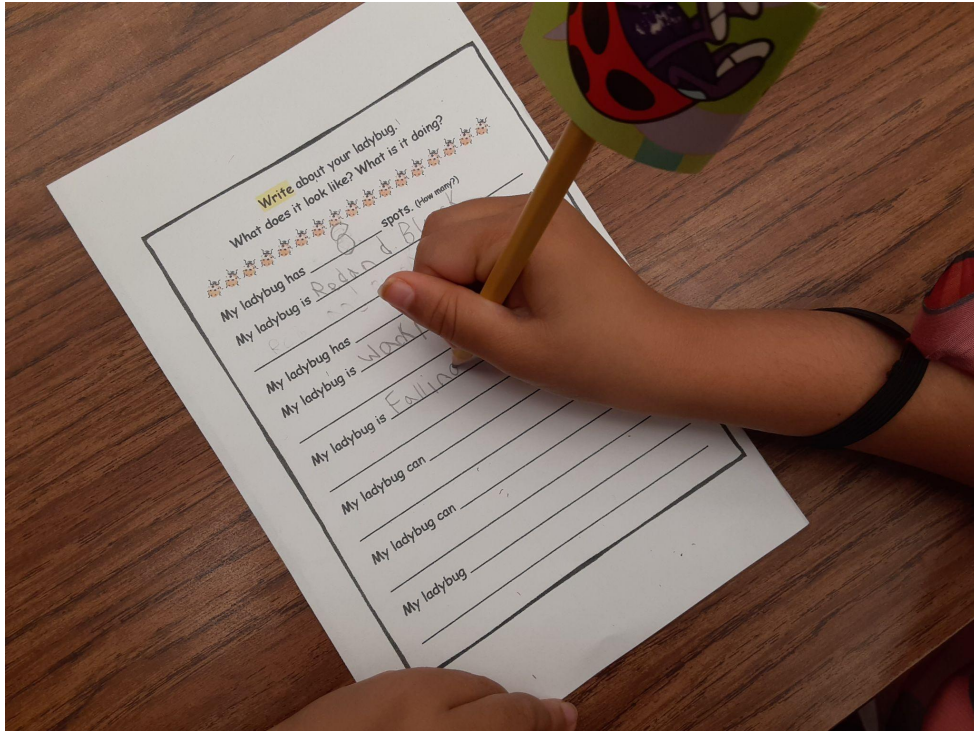


Look at these amazing ladybugs!

Next on the agenda was observing our real live ladybugs! Each child was given a cup with a ladybug inside. They made written and drawn observations about what the ladybug looked like and what it was doing. Some ladybugs were very fast and some tried to fly. Ask your child about his/her observations!







The lunchroom was nice enough to serve aphids during lunch today which was great because ladybugs enjoy eating those juicy green pests. 😊 After lunch recess, the students were happy to discover aphids and ladybug bookmarks at their desks. Then, I read [Ladybug on the Move](#) to the first grade ladybugs while they put their wings and antennae back on.

Most of the ladybugs we observed today had spots, but some did not. When ladybugs do have spots, they are arranged symmetrically, just like the rest of their body parts. The first graders created ladybugs with symmetrical spots. Ask your child how he/she did this!

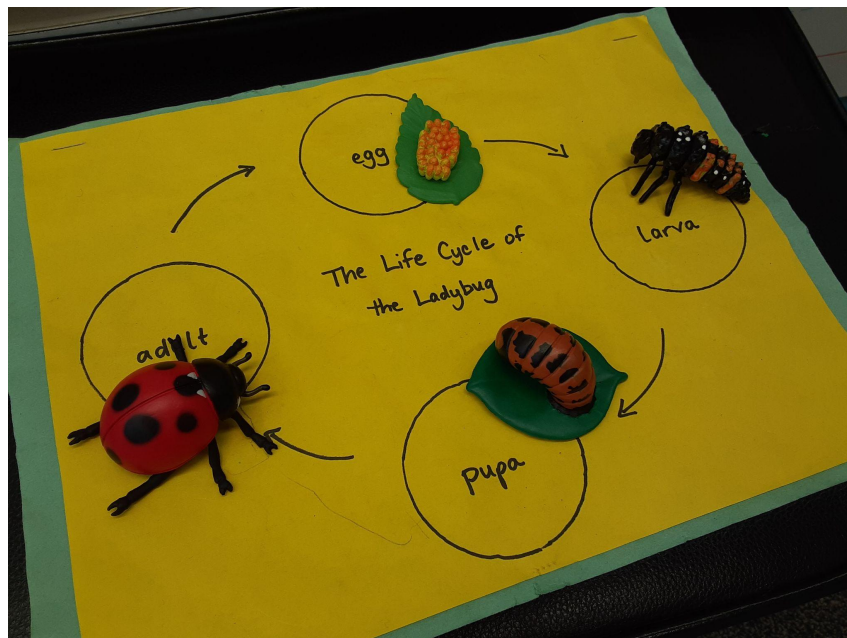








Following PE, the students learned details about the different stages in the life of a ladybug: egg, larva, pupa, and adult. They created models of the life cycle of a ladybug by labeling and coloring pictures of the stages in the ladybug's life, arranging them in order, and gluing them onto big green paper leaves. They added labels, arrows, and a title to their projects. Some students also gave the ladybugs aphids to eat.









As students completed the afternoon ladybug projects, they observed the ladybugs in their habitats and/or read ladybug books. Each student received a mini wooden ladybug before flying away home at the end of the day.



I think all the first grade ladybugs will sleep well tonight. It was a busy day!



Have a wonderful weekend!

Reminder: The Unit 4 spelling test will take place on Monday, September 30.

Upcoming Events

9/26 [Scholastic Book Clubs](#) orders for September due today

9/27 Prof. Dev. Day (no school for students)

10/3 [Bell Spirit Wear](#) orders due

10/10 Bell Walk (Look for us on the turf between 9:40 and 10:00?)

10/14 Indigenous Peoples' Day (no school)

10/18 [Scholastic Book Club](#) Orders for October due today

TBD Pumpkin Day

10/29 School Picture Day

10/31 Halloween Assembly and Party

11/4 Parent Teacher Conference Day (no school for students)

11/5 Election Day (no school)

TBD Taste of North America

11/25 -11/29 Thanksgiving Break (no school)

12/3 School Picture Retake Day

12/13 Holiday Market

TBD Taste of South America

12/23 -1/3 Winter Break (no school)

1/20 Martin Luther King Jr. Day (no school)

1/21 School Improvement Day (no school for students)

TBD Taste of Europe

2/11 Day 100

2/17 Presidents' Day (no school)

2/25 Professional Development Day (no school for students)

TBD Taste of Africa

TBD Taste of Asia

3/24 - 3/28 Spring Break (no school)

3/31 School Improvement Day (no school for students)

4/1 Parent Teacher Conferences (no school for students)

4/11 Bell Gala

4/18 Professional Development Day (no school for students)

TBD Taste of Australia

5/26 Memorial Day (no school)

TBD Taste of Antarctica

TBD End of Year Celebration

6/12 Last Day of School