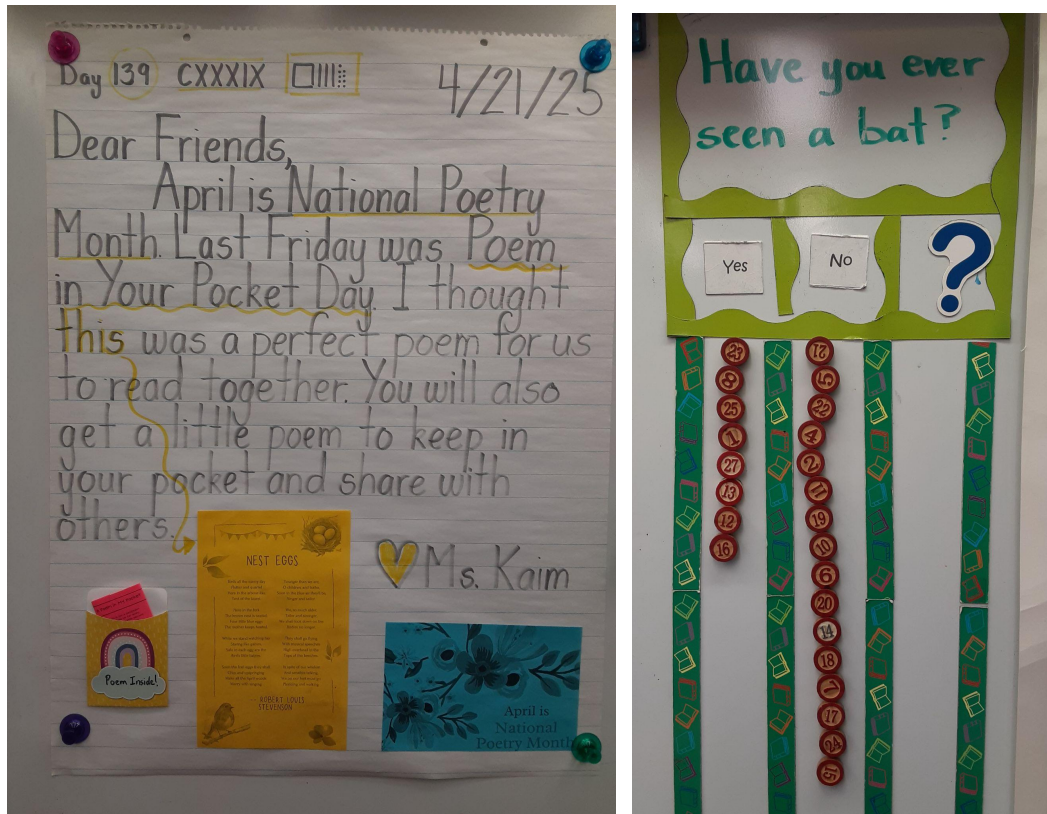


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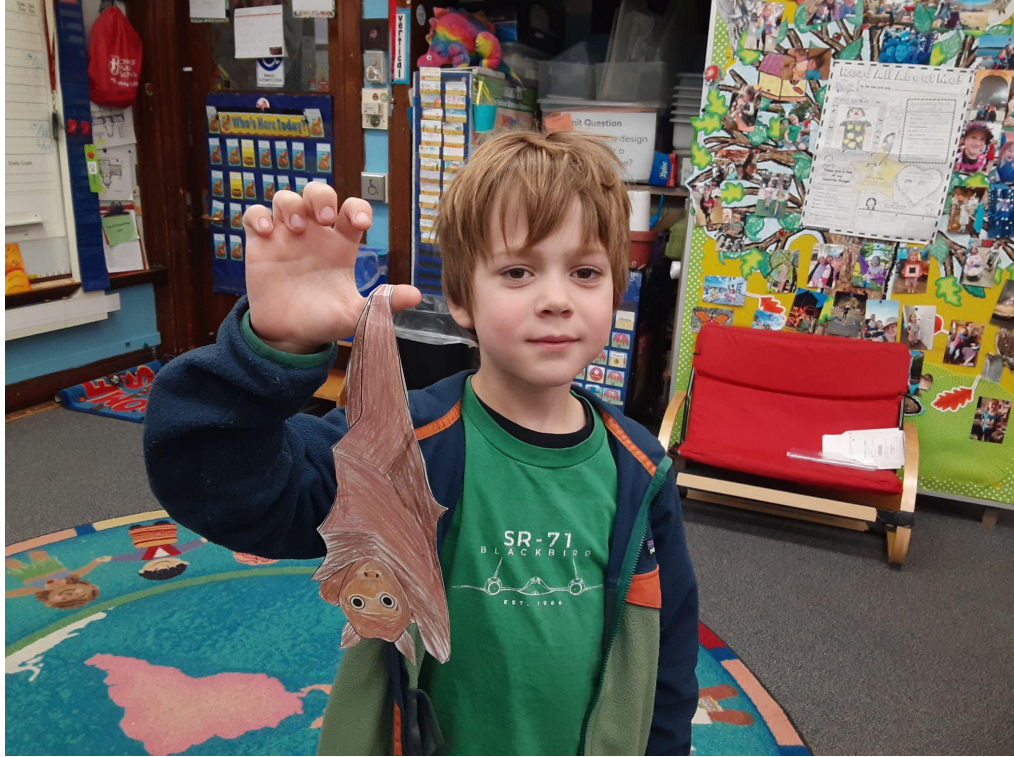


Happy Monday! In recognition of National Poetry Month, we began the day with the poem [Nest Eggs](#). The students then received a poem to keep in their pockets. [Click here](#) to read the poem in case it did not make it home with your child. 😊

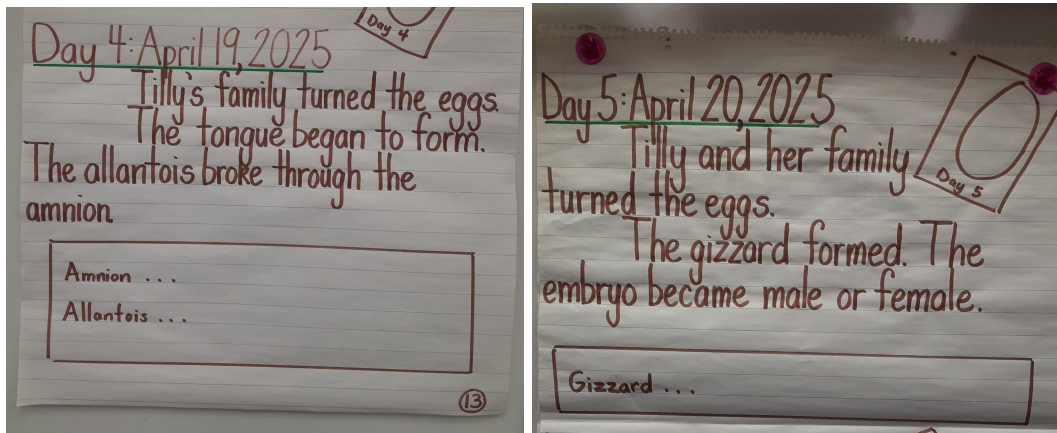
Today's Fun Fact was: The movie *Mary Poppins* is 139 minutes long. We also had a Fun Gigue: What is a boxer's favorite drink? Punch! The Question of the Day was: Have you ever seen a bat?

During our morning science/literacy/social studies/art session, we returned to the topic of bats in Australia. The first graders answered questions about the anatomy of flying foxes and then created their own hanging fruit bat. [Click here](#) to read the [Scholastic News](#) article *Busy, Busy Bat*. It helped us learn more about nectar-loving bats. Bonus: check out [this website](#) to learn more about Australian bats!



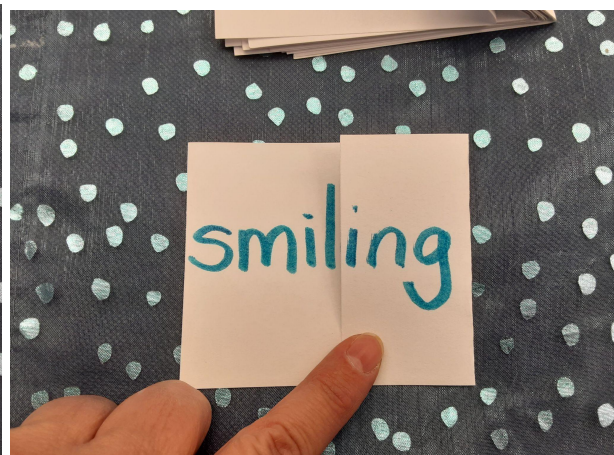
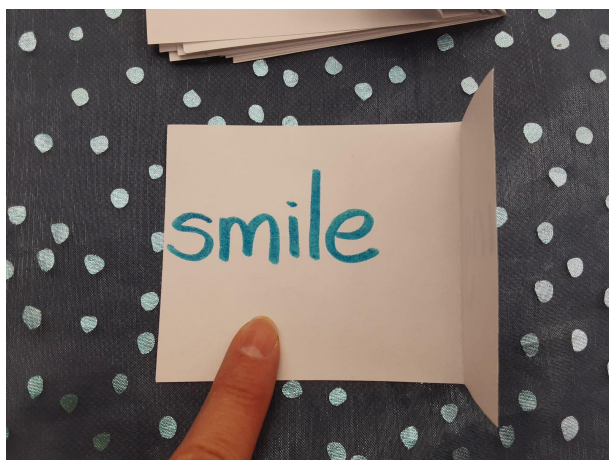


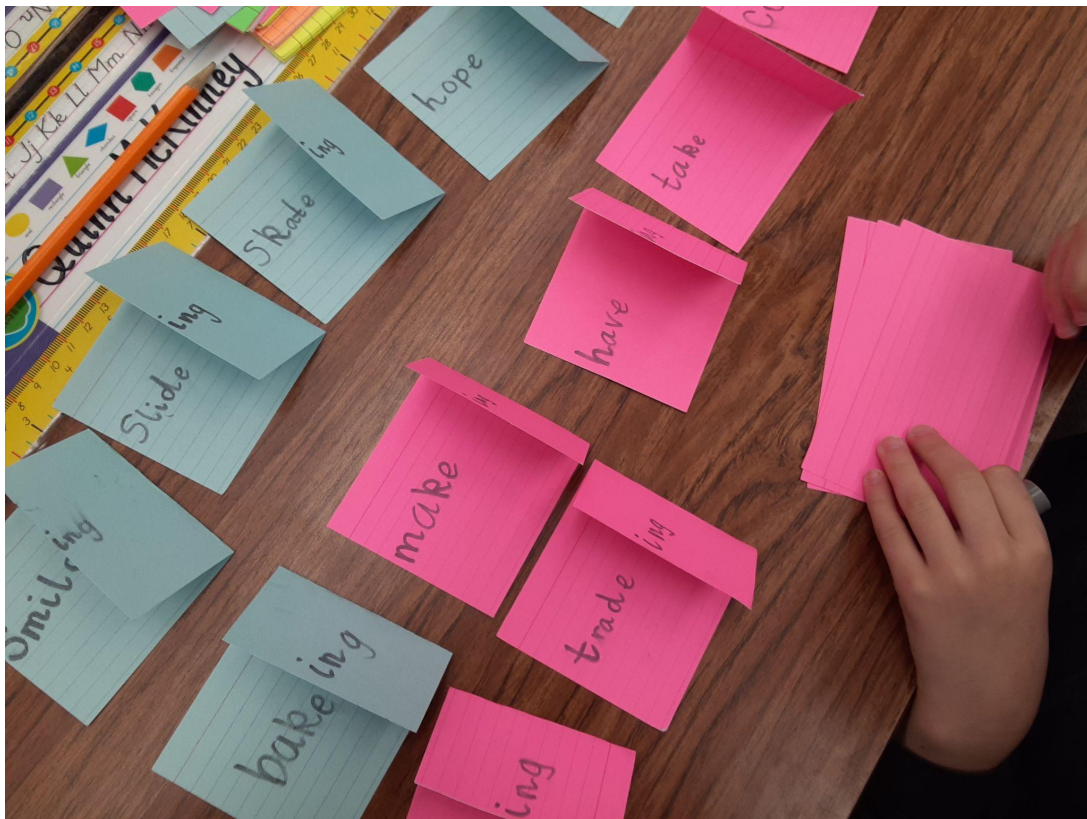
Next, the first graders learned about the Day 4 and Day 5 milestones in our eggs. We looked at Minerva Louise's eggs and our embryo development posters to help us visualize what has been taking place. The students wrote in their egg-chick books and added little egg pictures to their egg calendars. See if your child can explain the following new vocabulary words: amnion, allantois, and gizzard. 🤔





This week's spelling list contains words that follow the rule: drop the final e before adding -ing. Many of the base words are spelling words from previous lessons. We made interactive cards to learn the [Unit 27 words](#). The first graders wrote each base word on an index card. After a quick spelling check, the students folded the cards to cover the silent e at the end of each word. They then added -ing on the flap. Ta da! Smile became smiling! 😊







Next, my little friends received their new math books. We will work on double digit subtraction and continue to improve our problem solving skills in this chapter. Today, the first graders completed a Show What You Know page on their own and a Vocabulary Builder page as a whole group.

After lunch recess, the students received bonus bats after completing their student planner pages. Three students were chosen to turn the eggs in the incubator. Then, the class learned about the Day 6 changes in the eggs. Ask your child what has happened inside the eggs over the last three days!

Day 6: April 21, 2025
 Luna, Kieran, and Inez turned the eggs today.
 The egg tooth on the beak began to form. Voluntary movement started today. The embryo needs to exercise.
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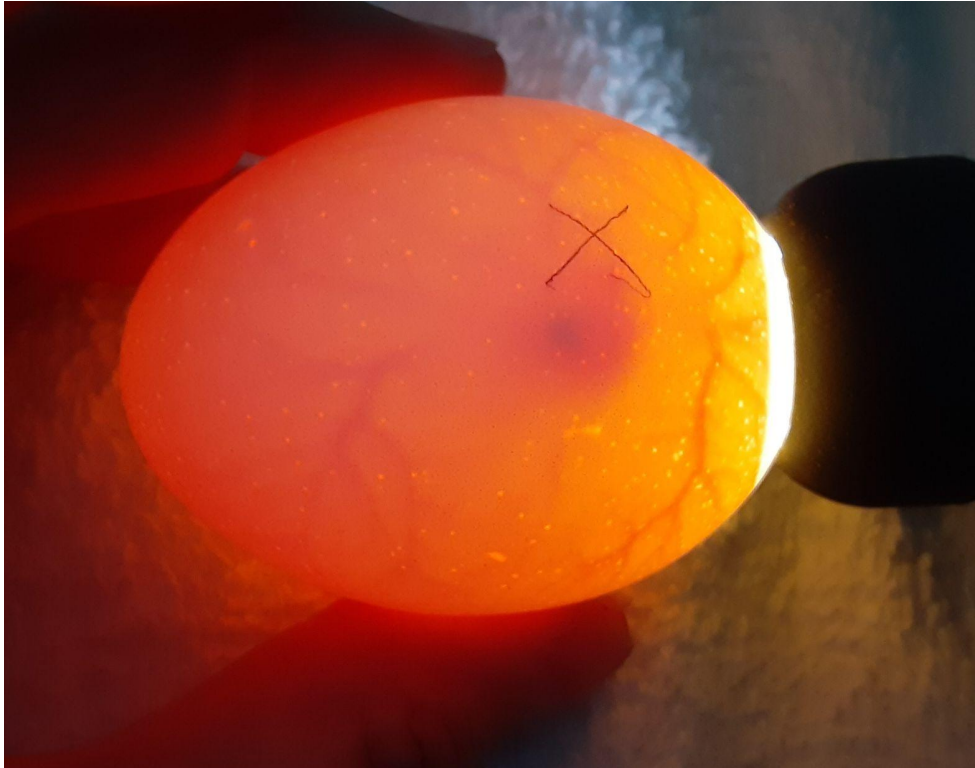


Luna, Inez, and Kieran wore their chicken hats and carefully turned the eggs before joining the rest of the class in STEAM.



While the students were in their specials class, I candled all the eggs to take a peek inside. When the first graders returned, they each worked on a mini book about coral reefs. As the students did this, they took turns joining me in the back of the room by the incubator. The first graders observed as I candled an egg with them. They were able to see the air cell, blood vessels, the embryo, and

one of its eyes! Ask your child to point out these things in the photo of the glowing egg below! We will write about what we saw in our egg books tomorrow.



Following the candling experience, the students continued coloring the pictures for their coral reef books. I began reading [The Magic Tree House: Dingoes at Dinnertime](#) aloud to the class during this time.

There will be more egg business tomorrow!

Upcoming Events

4/24 *James and the Giant Peach* Performance for Grades K-4 (during school)

4/28 Bell School Spirit Week

- 4/28 Sports and Hat Day
- 4/29 Students Dress Like Teachers Day
- 4/30 Anything But a Backpack Day/Anything But a Water Bottle Day

4/30 Taste of Australia

5/1 Bell School Spirit Week cont.

- 5/1 Pajama Day
- 5/2 Color Wars Day (First Grade Color: Orange)

5/9 [Scholastic Book Orders](#) for May/June due today (Last Chance!)

5/19 [Autobiography Project](#) Due

5/26 Memorial Day (no school)

5/30 Taste of Antarctica

TBD End of Year Celebration

6/12 Last Day of School