

STAND UP FOR JUSTICE

As an educator for the past 30 years, I consider teaching to be my career, not a job. My last 20 years have been well-spent educating students in Title 1 schools in Collier County. Currently, I am working at Parkside Elementary School, where our vision is to ensure that we are “Empowering Students for Lifelong Success.” We work to achieve that vision by fostering an environment where students are able to develop character traits that exemplify respect, kindness, and good judgment.

Being a Haitian immigrant has given me great insight into the backgrounds and obstacles of the multicultural students that I have taught throughout the years. My cultural background has prepared me to value and appreciate the histories and experiences of many cultures and diverse groups of students.

As a mother of three boys, I pride myself in being an educator inside and outside of the classroom. A common motto I instilled in my boys when they were young is, “Be a leader not a follower.” This statement is easily said, but at times, difficult to carry out. I chose to follow in my parents’ footsteps by having my boys read books about great leaders from around the world who stood firm for racial, religious and cultural equality. I believed that reading those books was just the beginning to opening their eyes to the issues surrounding equality. My goal was for them to take the knowledge they gained and use it through open dialogue, being able to debate and critically think of ways to improve society as a whole.

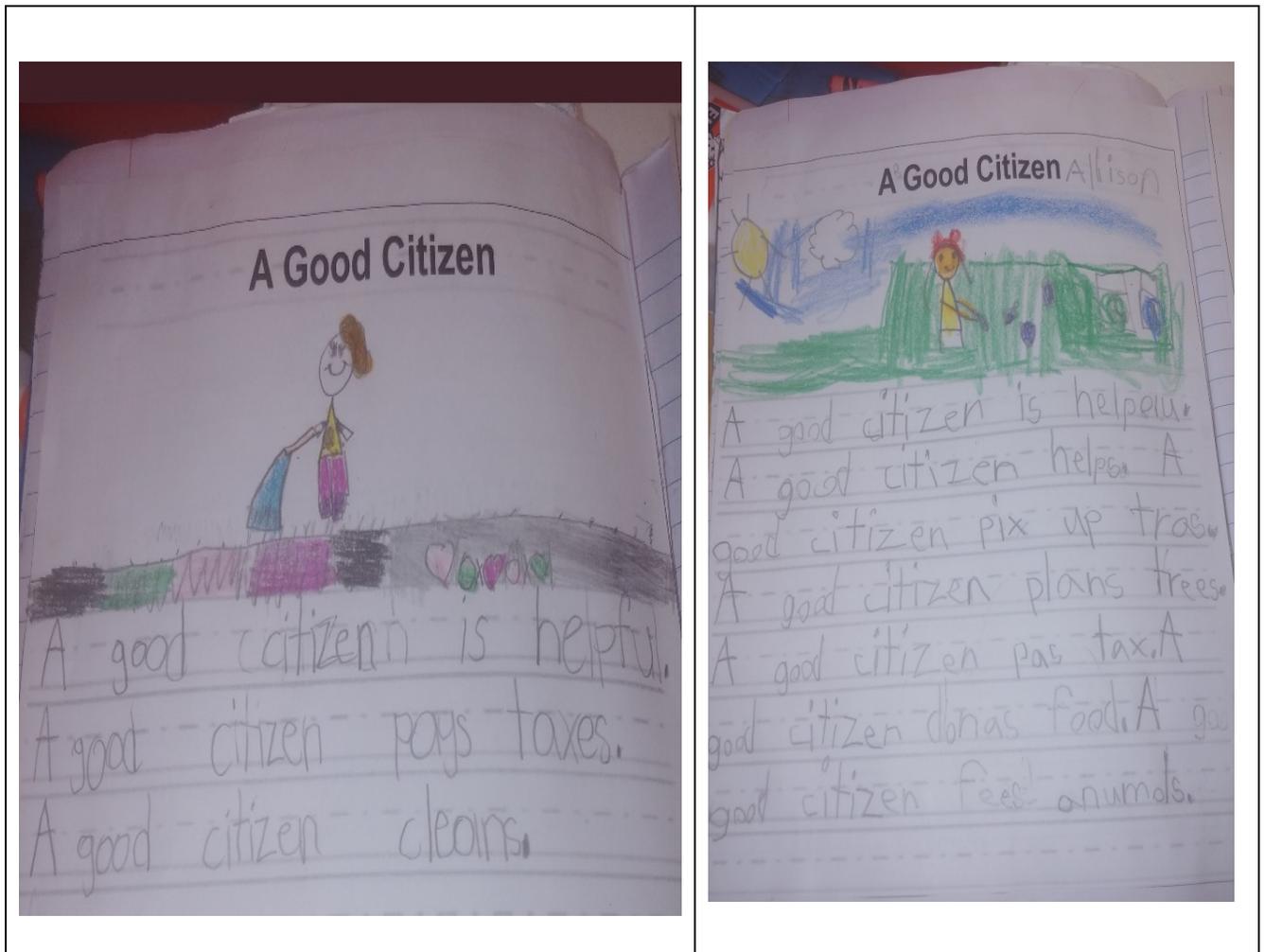
As a first-grade teacher, I take seriously the foundation that I create and continue to construct for my students to empower them for lifelong success. Like I have done with my boys, I continuously work hard to foster a culture of LEADERSHIP within my classroom. For the past 8 years, I made a conscious decision that I would implement cultural diversity within the classroom. The world is comprised of diverse societies that should not and cannot be isolated and ignored. My students learn through storytelling, shared and different experiences. Spending time reading, discussing, and analyzing leaders help them feel connected to these individuals and give these young thinkers the motivation to be leaders too. I wholeheartedly believe that by having these discussions and teaching our children early on to practice leadership skills every single day, whether it be in sports, at home and within their communities, they will become visionary leaders of society.

It is never too early to begin discussing respect for diversity. It is also not enough to teach only similarities among people. As a society, we have the tendency to exclude young children in discussions about bigotry, discrimination, diversity, and social justice because we think it is too complex. Throughout the years, I have used a plethora of books to discuss these topics. After reading a book or researching about a leader, students are encouraged to honor their identity without judging or discriminating based on differences. Teaching about these concepts can lay the foundations for more complex understanding as they grow academically. Young children have a strong sense of fairness. Throughout my career, I witnessed many children alter their way of thinking because they were exposed to diversity in a positive way.

Examples of Students' Experiences

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Support Opinions with Facts

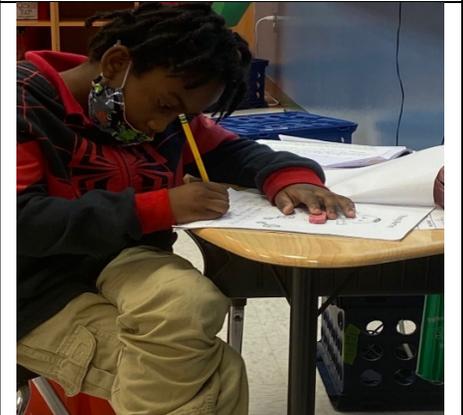
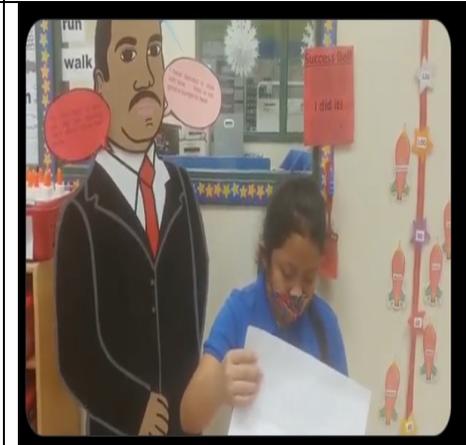
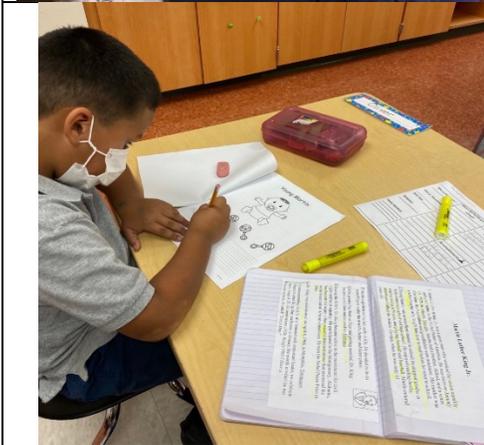
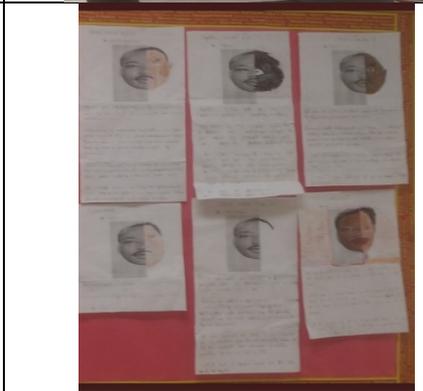
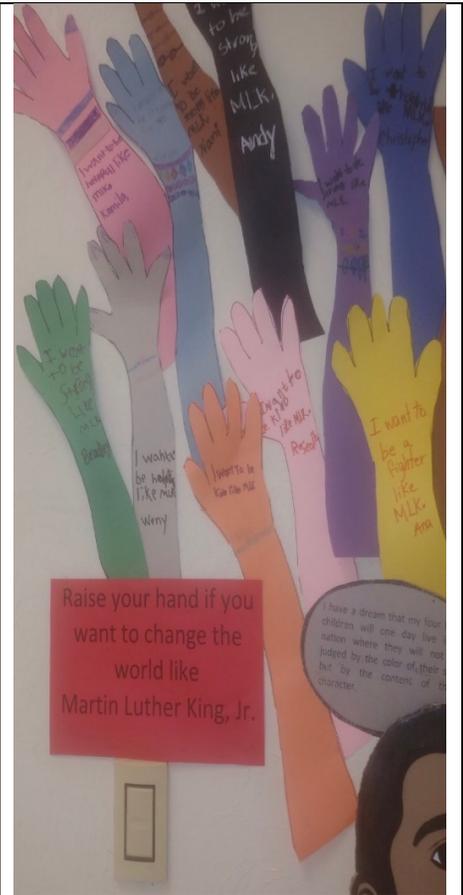
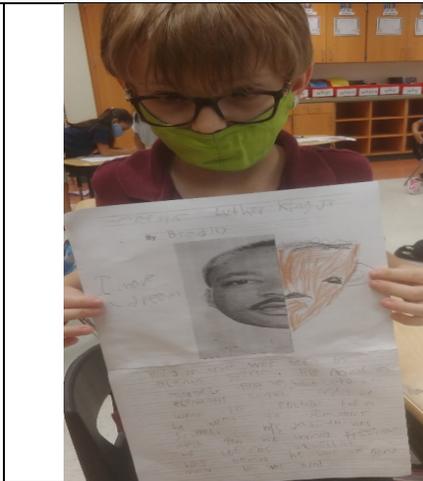
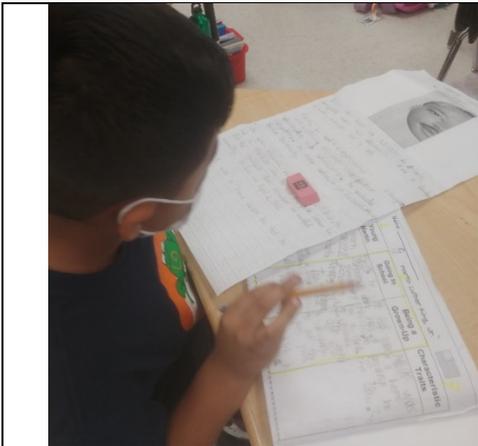


Use Different Sources to Gather Information

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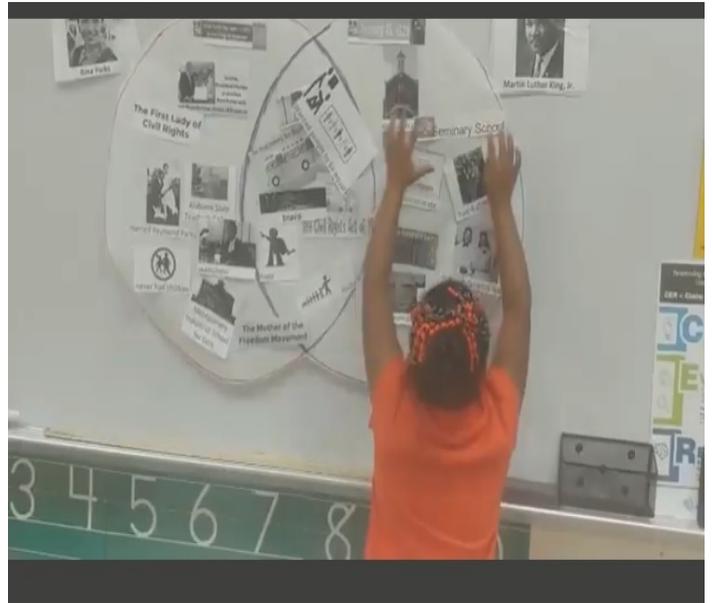
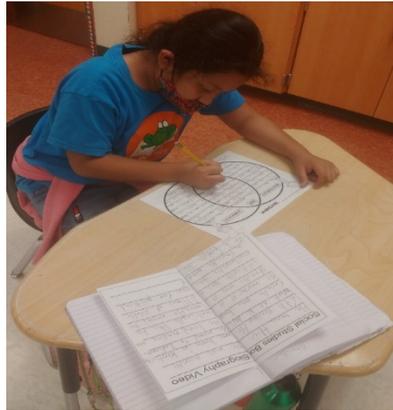
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Compare Leaders

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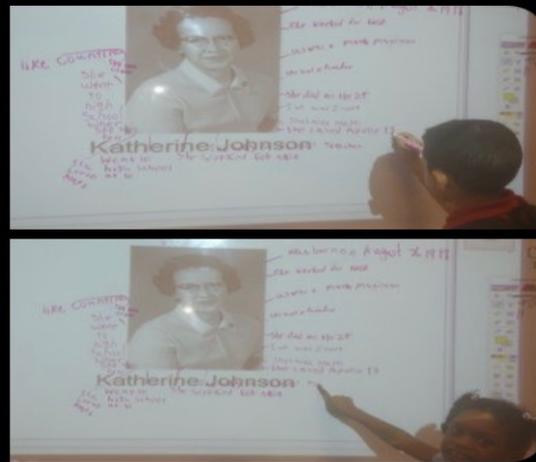
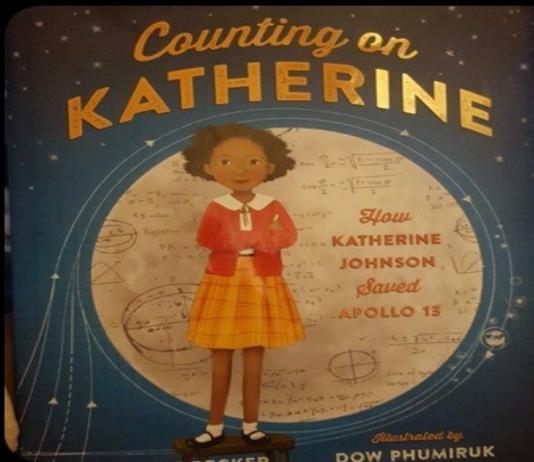
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Currents Events

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Today, we celebrated the life of a mathematician who died yesterday. We read *Counting on Katherine* by [#HelaineBecker](#) and her biography. Then we created a web to recall important details about [#KatherineJohnson](#). [#NASA](#) [#ParksideProud](#) [#Apollo13](#) [#BlackHistoryMonth](#) 🤝🤝 [#CurrentEvents](#)



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Celebrate Community Leaders

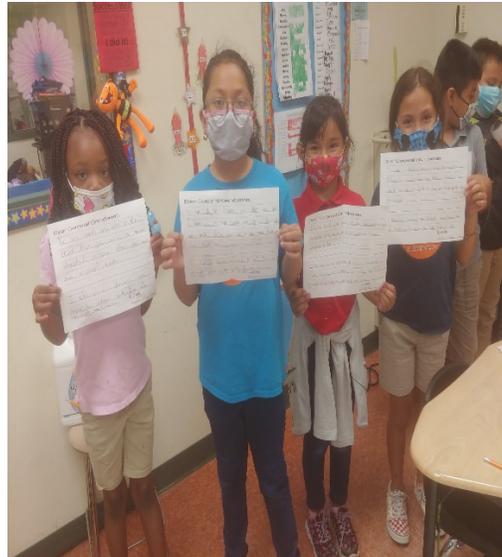
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Mrs. Rameau @MrsRameau · Nov 11, 2020

We are #ParksideProud of our #Veterans. We wrote letters and surprised Mr. Radcliffe and Corporal Grundeman. #VeteransDay2020 #Writing #SocialStudies #Reading #CCPS



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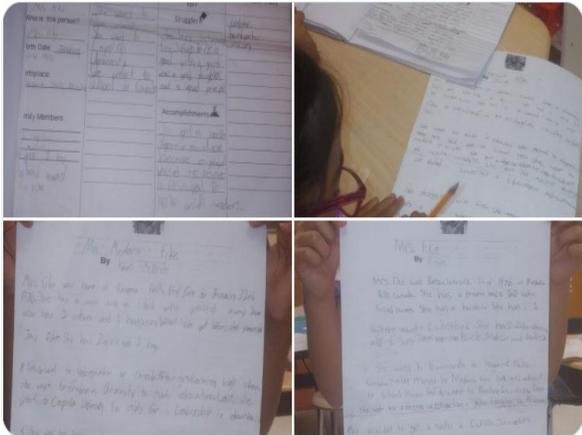
Recognizing Leaders in our School

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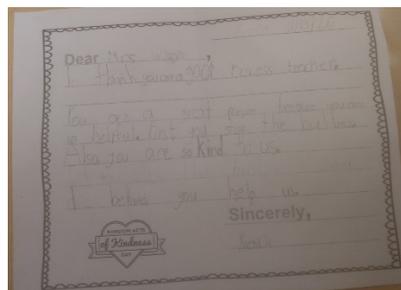
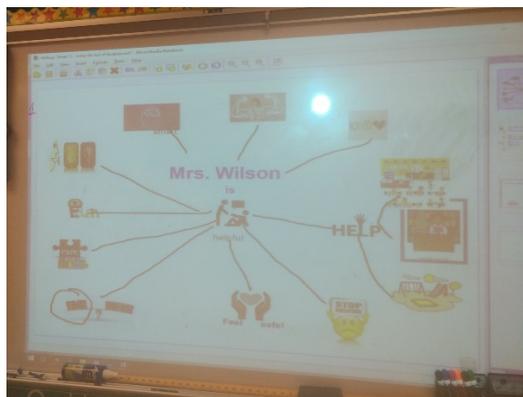
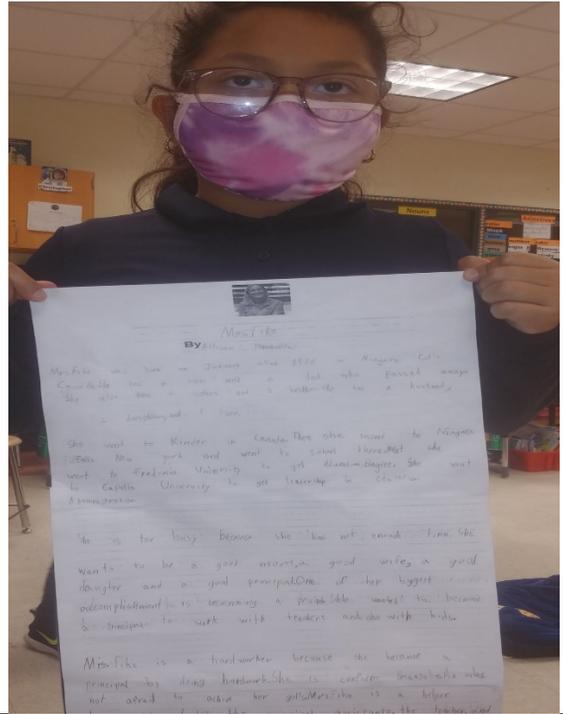
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Mrs. Rameau @MrsRameau · Apr 15, 2021

This week, our first graders interviewed our principal, Mrs. Fike and took notes. As a class, we used a graphic organizer to sort the notes. Then, they wrote her biography. #ParksideProud @jm2bfike



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Mrs. Rameau @MrsRameau · Nov 13, 2020

Our 1st grade class celebrated World Kindness Day by #writing #opinion letters to Mrs. Wilson, our recess teacher. Yes, we believe she is a very caring person. #OREO #worldkindnessday2020 #KindnessDay @collierschools @ParksideProud

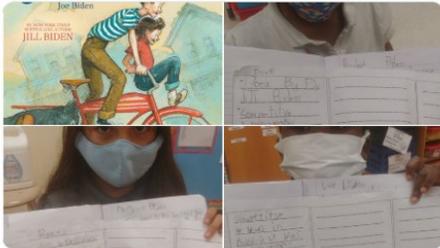


Learn about Future Leaders in their Country

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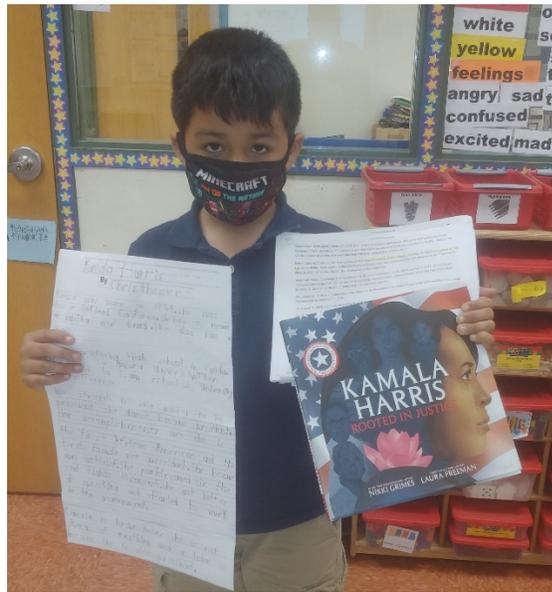
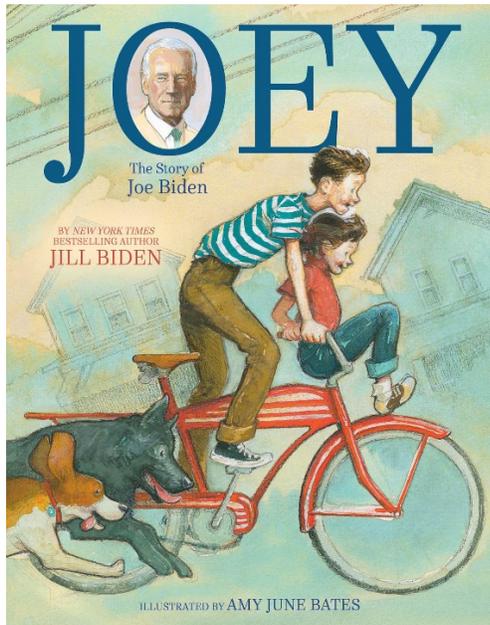
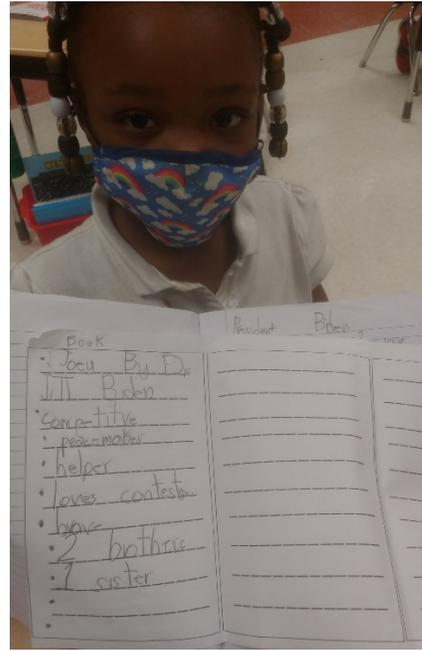
This week, in [#SocialStudies](#), we are learning to think like historians. We are using primary and secondary sources to learn about our new president, [#JoeBiden](#). Today, we read *Joey: The Story of Joe Biden* and took notes. [#ParksideProud](#) [#History](#) [#writing](#) [#Reading](#)



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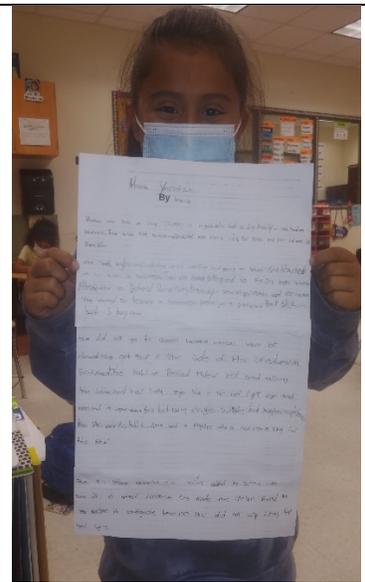
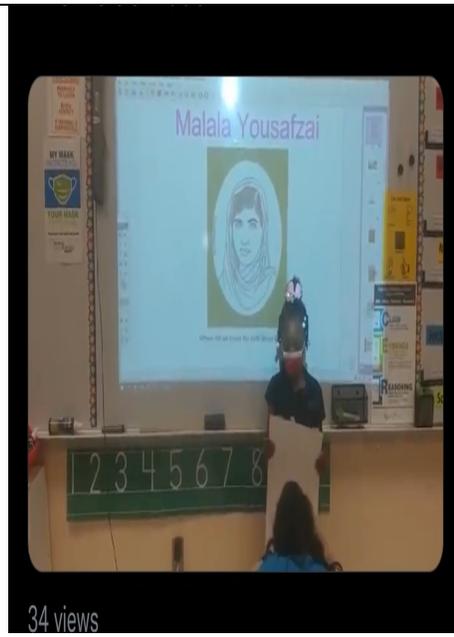
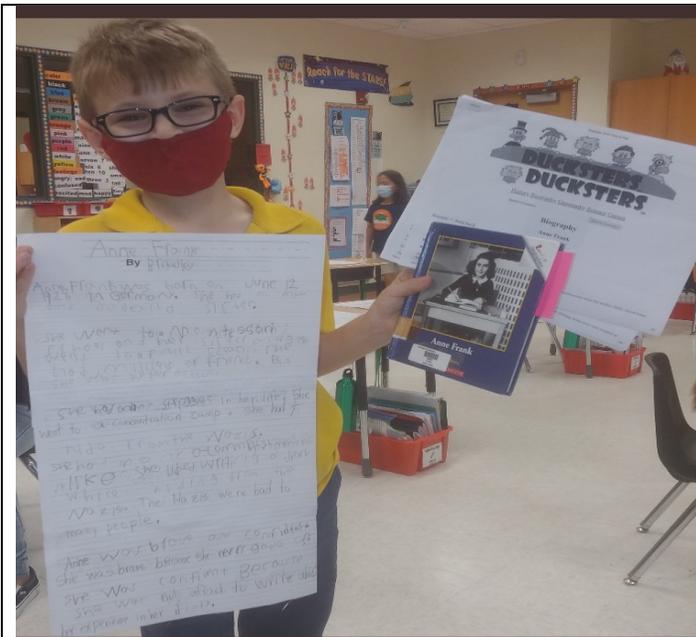
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 We shared your class work in the latest issue of the Citizen U Bulletin: primarysourcenexus.org/2021/01/citiz...



Explore Other Leaders from the World

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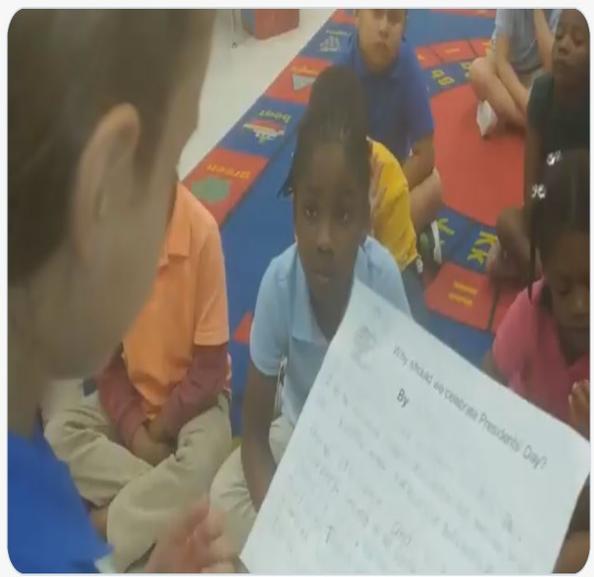
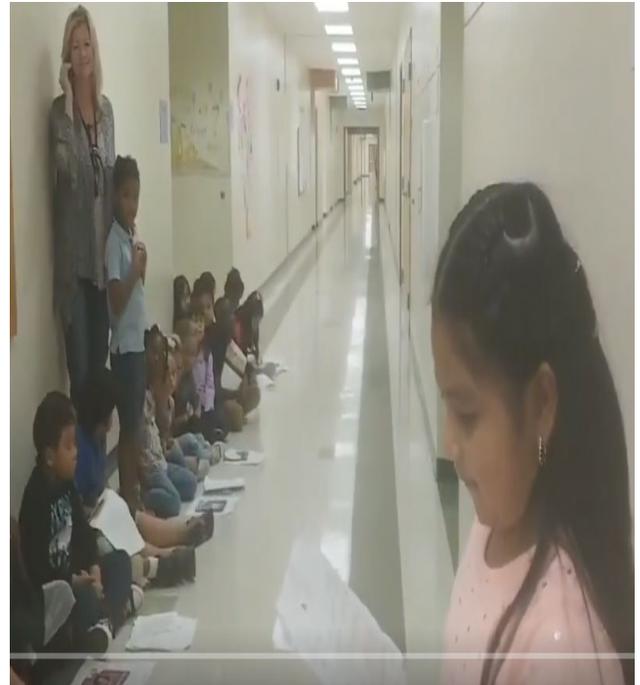
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[#OprahWinfrey](#) said: "Challenges are gifts that force us to search for a new center of gravity. Don't fight them. Just find a new way to stand." Thanks Braelynne for challenging yourself and doing the best on your [#WomensMonth2020](#) report. [#ParksideProud](#)

[Coach Herrera & Coach Jones](#) @EstatesPE · Mar 23, 2020

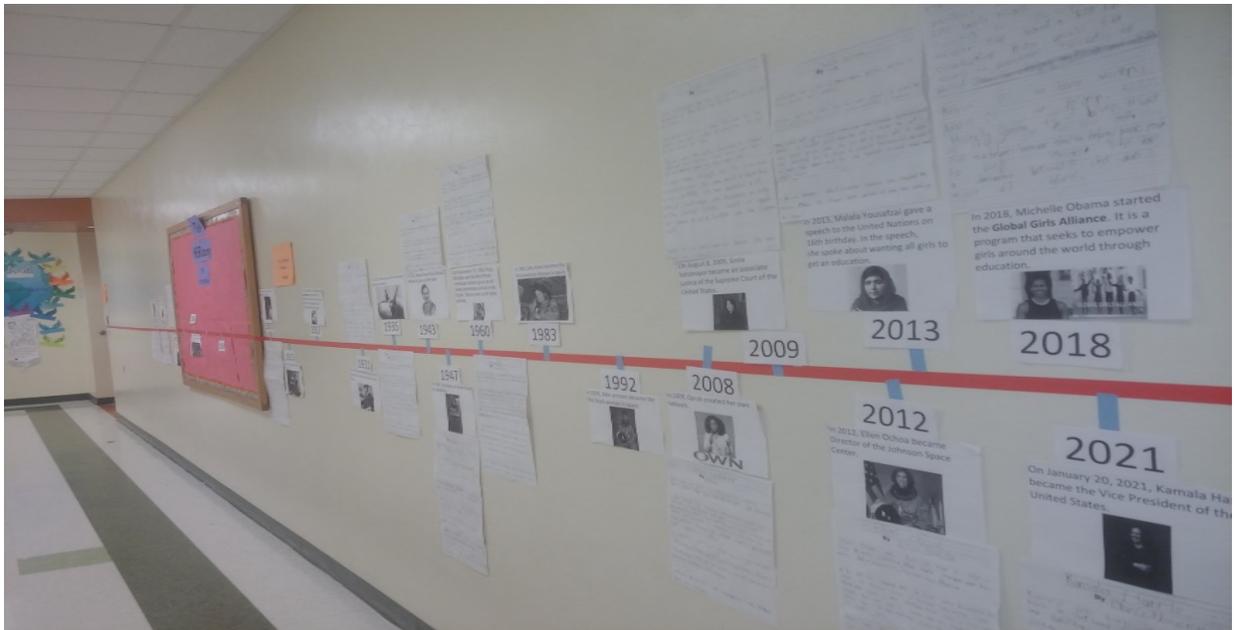
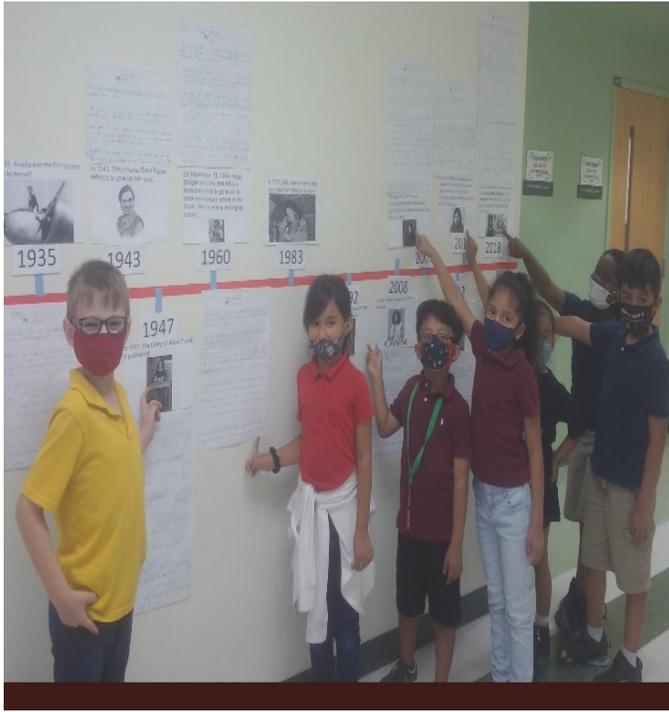
Mrs. Rameau Braelynne is finished her Women's History Month research paper! Thank you for motivating her this week!!! 🏆 [#ccpsfamily](#) @MrsRameau



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Timelines of Leaders

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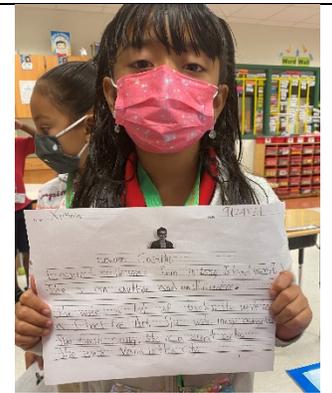
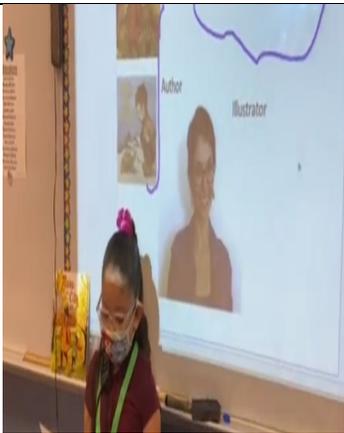
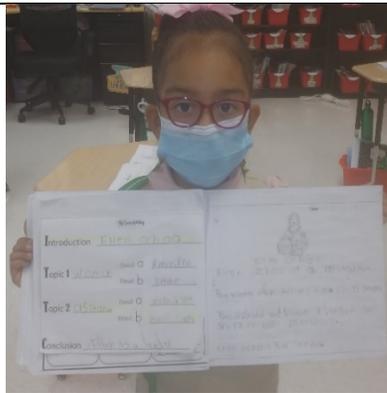
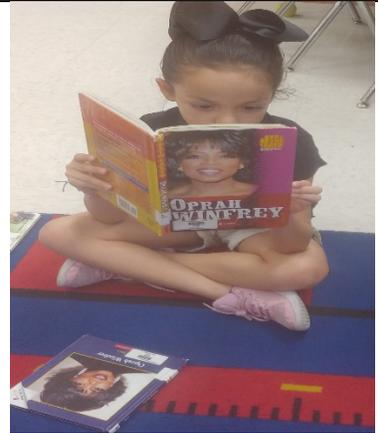
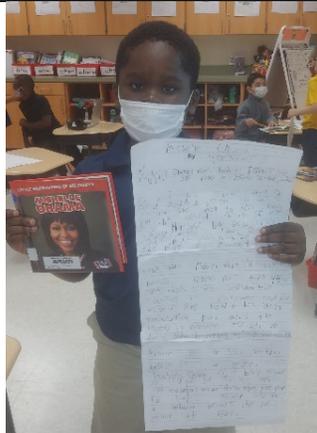
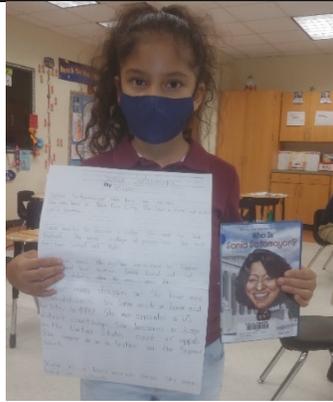
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Leaders in Science

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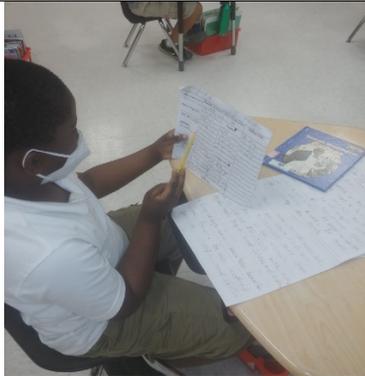
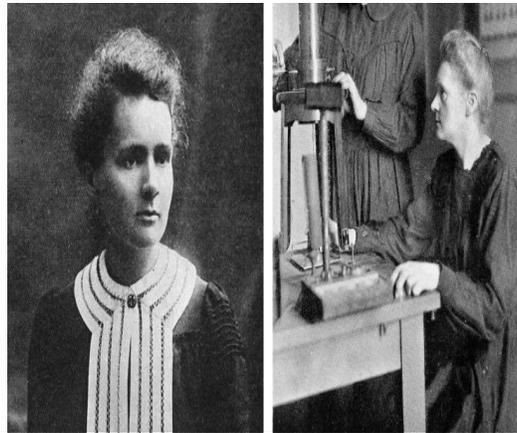
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Mrs. Rameau @MrsRameau · Mar 27, 2020
 #MarieCurie, once stated: "Nothing in life is to be feared, it is only to be understood. Now is the time to understand more, so that we may fear less". I am so proud to share your excellent report for #WomensHistoryMonth. #ParksideProud 🌟



Mrs. Rameau @MrsRameau · Oct 9, 2020
 We are celebrating #HispanicHeritageMonth. We researched the life of a great astronaut, #EllenOchoa. Today, a few students were able to share their #informative writings. #Science #socialstudies #writing #scientists #research #NASA #ParksideProud



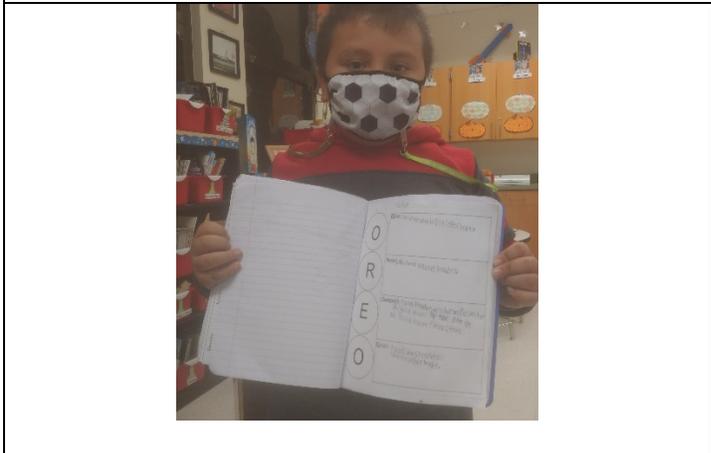
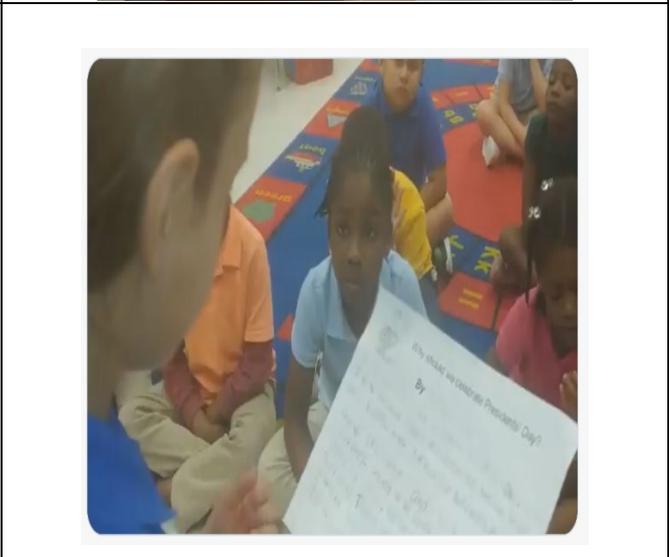
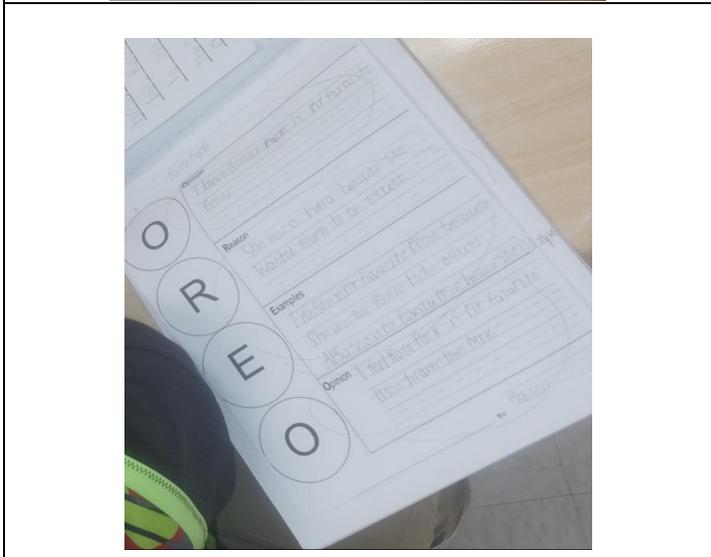
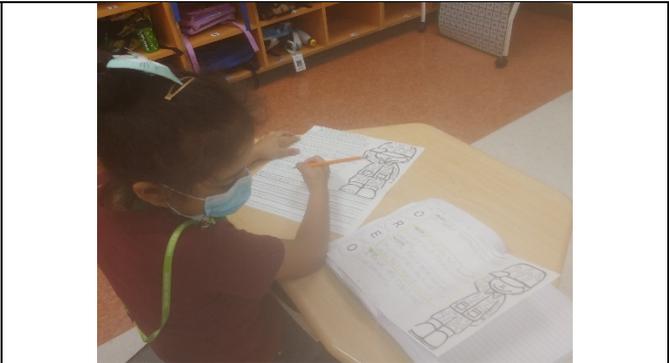
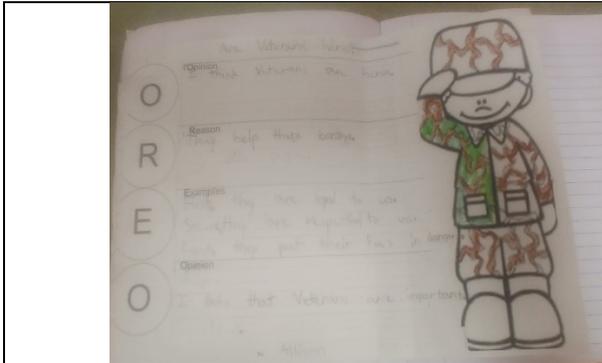
Opinion Writing

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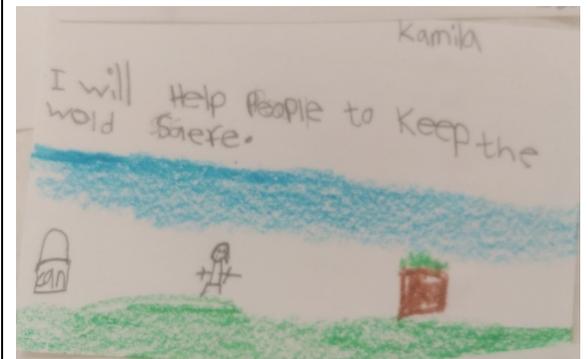
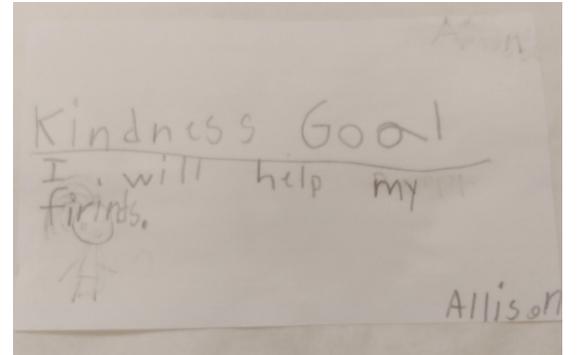
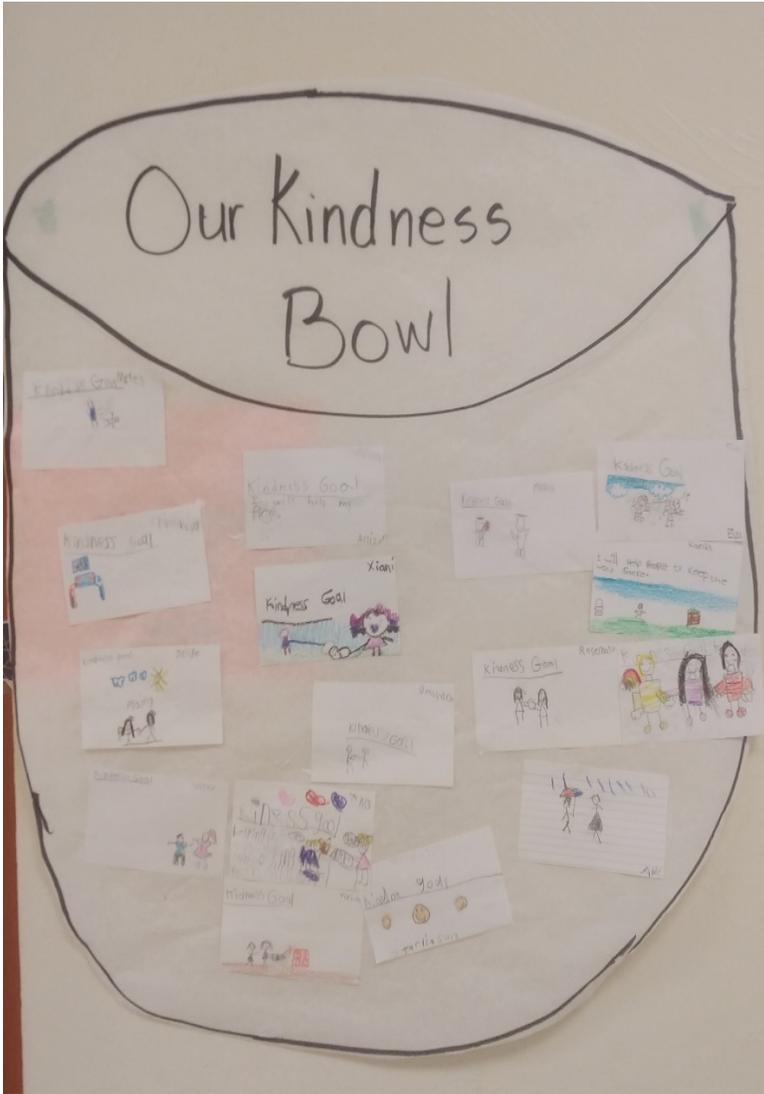


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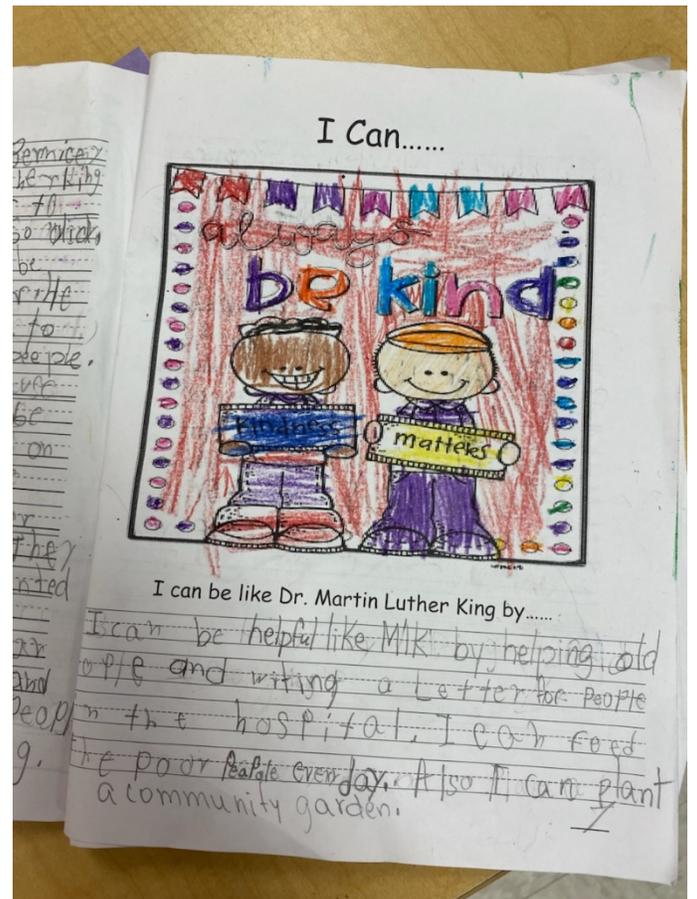
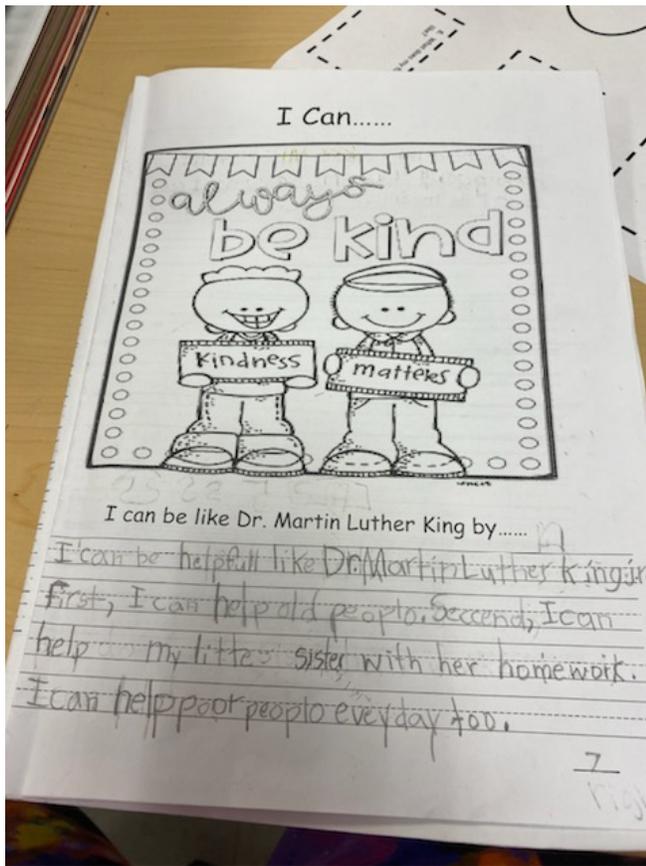
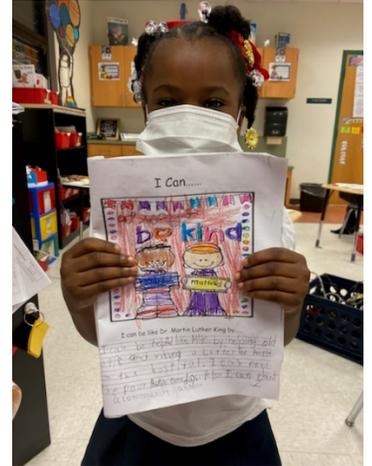
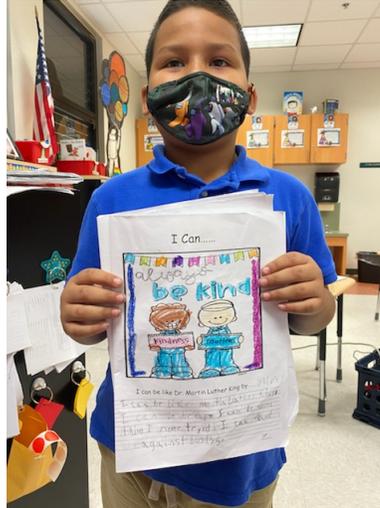
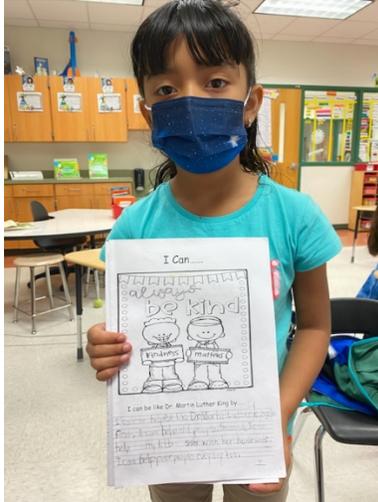
Today, we learned that people choose their leaders by voting. We also wrote about the importance of voting. In class, we even casted our [#votes](#). [#ParksideProud](#) [#socialstudies](#) [#OpinionWriting](#) [#OREO](#) [#2020Elections](#)

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Ways to Become Leaders



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