

Greetings MES Families,

This year is a **leap** year! This means that instead of only 28 days, we have 29 days in the month of February! Unfortunately, there's still only **two** weekends left before our next RAP deadline. Don't forget to borrow your books and start working on your RAP soon!

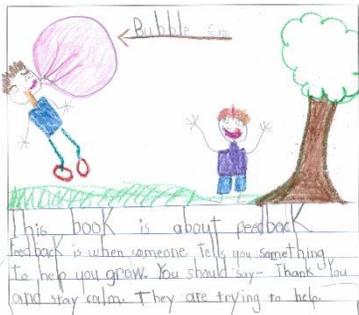
Here are some fun statistics for the months of December 2019/January 2020:

- ** 554 or 84% of our students at MES picked up a book and participated in this month's RAP!
- ** **100% of the 5th Grade class** finished their RAP! Congratulations to the students, their parents and their 5th Grade Teachers: Mrs. Isaacs (A6), Ms. Wright (B1), and Ms. Salas (B6)!
- ** The Kindergarten class scored a close 94% participation rate! Congratulations to the students, their parents, and their teachers of K1 (Teruya), K2 (Messer), K3 (Wong), and K4 (Muraoka).
- ** There were 7 teachers that were able to get **100% participation** among their students. They are: Mrs. Wong (K3), Mrs. Muraoka (K4), Mrs. Shiroma (A3), Ms. Bayudan (B7), Mrs. Isaacs (A6), Ms. Wright (B1), and Ms. Salas (B6). Congratulations to the teachers, their students and their parents!

First semester prizes were also given out to students who completed all of their RAP reports since September. We were able to give out semester prizes to 451 students, or 70% of our student body. That's really quite amazing, given how busy everyone is. **Congratulations** to these hardworking students and their parents and teachers for encouraging them to read!! We will also be giving out second semester prizes. Please encourage your child to finish their February, March and April RAP report!!

***** The RAP Bulletin Board has been updated – please visit the board and check out our students' hard work!!*****

Here is a glimpse of some outstanding RAP reports we saw this past month:



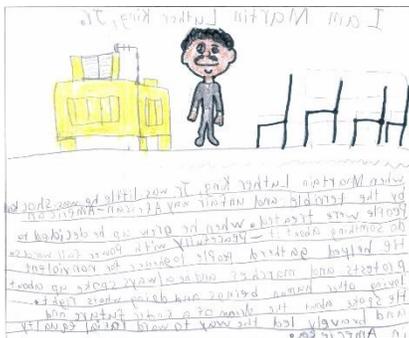
For Grade K, Carmella T. from Mrs. Messer's class, read a book titled, "Thanks for the Feedback" and noted that "...when someone tells you something to help you grow. You should say "Thank (y)ou and stay calm. They are trying to help."

For Grade 1, April K. from Miss Nirei's class, created a colorful diorama from a book she read, called "The Gingerbread Boy." The book is written by Paul Galdone.



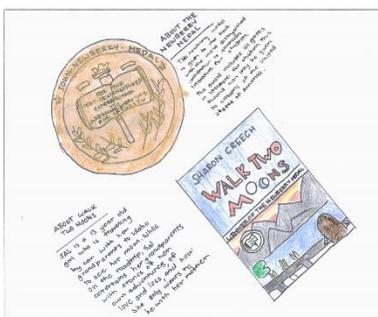
For Grade 2, Hiwa N. from Ms. Alvarez's class, read a biography of Princess Pauahi. She wrote about how the princess's legacy included starting Kamehameha School, which was "named after her great grandfather." The author of this book is Julie Stewart Williams.

For Grade 3, Kaden A. from Mrs. Sumida's class, read a book named "Allosaurus and Other Jurassic Meat-Eaters" and created a diorama of a dinosaur in prehistoric times. The author of this book is Daniel Cohen.



Jessica X., from Grade 4 and Ms. Bayudan's class, read a book titled "I am Martin Luther King." She wrote that Martin Luther King "helped gather people together for nonviolent protests and marches and he always spoke up about loving other human beings and doing what's right." Brad Meltzer wrote this book.

Vyson O., from Grade 5 and Ms. Wright's class, read a book that is titled, "Official Grand Prix Pine Wood Derby." He wrote that it took him four days to put the car together; but at the end, he was proud to have finished it.



Faith D., from Grade 6 and Mrs. Akau's class, read a book called, "Walk Two Moons." The book is about a 13 year old girl, who tells her grandparents "stories of her own adventures, of love and loss, and how she only wants to be with her mother."

Many of our students made 3D exhibits for their December/January RAP. You can visit the MES library to see it or click on this [link](#). Our next **RAP deadline** is **February 25th, 2020**. We look forward to reading your RAP reports soon!!