Library Snapshot: March

Kindergarten Focus: Living and Nonliving

First Grade Focus: Long Ago and Today

Third Grade Focus: Four Explorers

Fourth Grade Focus: Westward Expansion

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Kindergarten: Living and Nonliving

Science SOL K.6: The student will investigate and understand the differences between living organisms and nonliving objects.

We focused on the differences between living and nonliving and the characteristics of each category as well. We read many exciting books, including We Are Growing! by Laurie Keller, What Will Grow by Jennifer Ward, Living and Nonliving by Angela Royston. We also completed several activities to show our understanding such as the picture sort featured in the above photo.
First Grade: Long Ago and Today

Social Studies SOL 1.1: The student will demonstrate skills for historical thinking, geographical analysis, economic decision making, and responsible citizenship.

Students learned about the differences between Colonial Virginia and Virginia today by listening to several books being read aloud. Each student then contributed to the creation of a book by sharing a fact and then drawing a picture to represent that fact.
History SOL 3.3: The student will study the exploration of the Americas by
a) describing the accomplishments of Christopher Columbus, Juan Ponce de León, Jacques Cartier, and Christopher Newport.

PebbleGo was again chosen as a digital source due to student familiarity with the database. The packet provided a framework for students to collect and credit information on the aforementioned four explorers.
Virginia Studies SOL VS.6: The student will demonstrate knowledge of the role of Virginia in the establishment of the new American nation.

Students learned about Westward Expansion by using print sources. What were the reasons pioneers chose to leave the familiarity of Virginia and journey towards the unknown lands that were being settled in the West? Why did some people chose to remain in Virginia? Students provided the title, author, and copyright date of all books used.