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# Virtual Learning Academy

School Committee Presentation

June 22, 2021

*“Virtually almost anything is possible.”*

# VLA in a Nutshell

- x A Bit of Information About Ed Kaufman
- x Overview of VLA
  - Staff and Students
  - 5 Day schedule
  - Teacher collaboration and consultation
  - Scheduled predictable materials pick up
- x DLI Support/Digital Learning
  - Students learned and used new digital tools
    - Google Classroom, Google Slides, Seesaw, Flipgrid, Pear Deck, etc.



# VLA in a Nutshell





# Bumps in the Road and Repairs

- Communication Not in Person
  - More opportunities for face to face Google Meets and Breakout Rooms
- Social Interactions - less opportunities for unstructured time (lunch,etc.)
  - Snack and Chat
  - Morning Mingle
  - Lunch Bunch
- Screen Time - out of balance
- Fewer Opportunities for hands-on learning
  - Projects, Demonstrations
- In the moment “check-ins” and Group/Partner Work



# Building Community/ Creating Rich Learning Experiences

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These are at the heart of what we accomplished in the VLA this year.

The incredibly hard work, dedication, creativity, communication and collaboration of the VLA staff allowed these to happen.

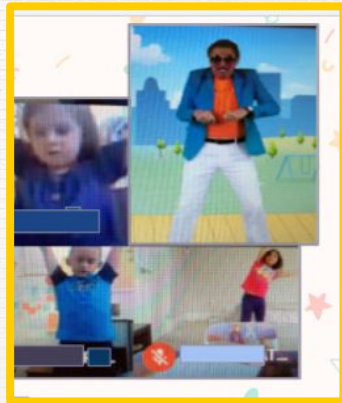
Example: Faculty Meetings



# Building Community- Individual Class

## Classroom Community

- Class meetings
- small group work
- classroom discussions
- getting to know students and families



## Classes scheduled Social Interactions





# Building Community- Spirit Days



# Rich Learning Experiences- Author Visits



Author Visit: Reena Korde Pagnoni



Author Visit: Jerry Pallotta



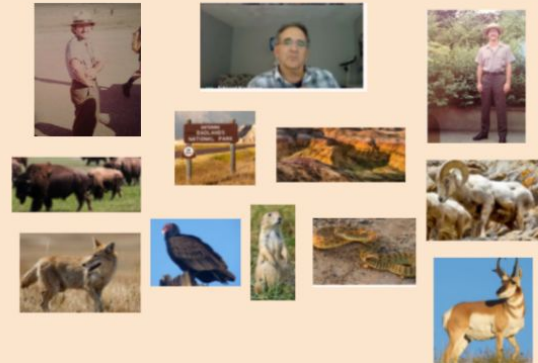


# Rich Learning Experiences- Virtual Field Trips

Survive and Thrive  
Hands on Science  
Activities with Dr. G



Meet Ranger Ed - our VLA principal



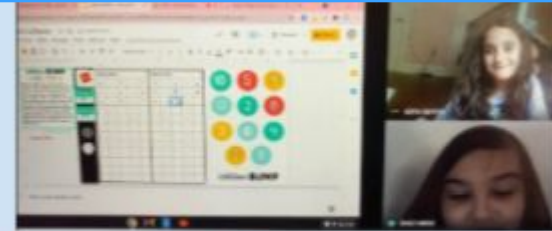
# Rich Learning Experiences



S.T.E.A.M Projects

## THE RAMBEE BOO SERIES

\*THE RAMBEE BOO SERIES is made up of different collections. The first collection is comprised of 6 books, which includes all the books released in 2020 and 2021.



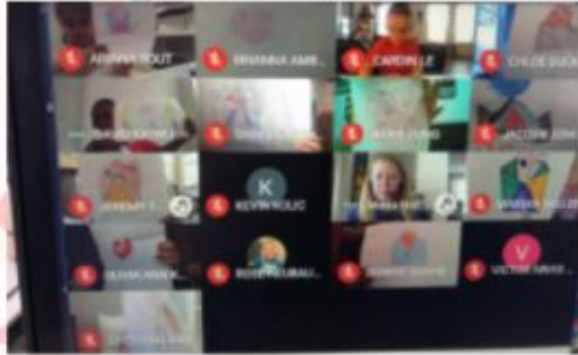
Math Games with partners



# Rich Learning Experiences



## Drawing together



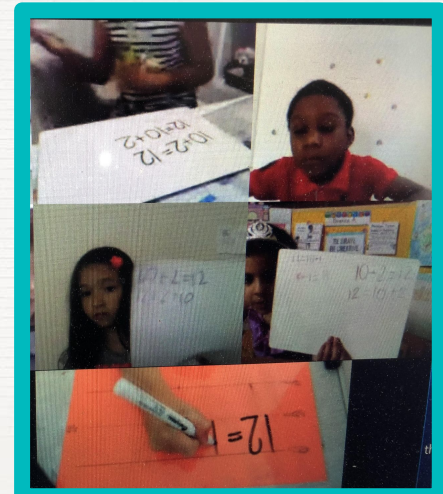
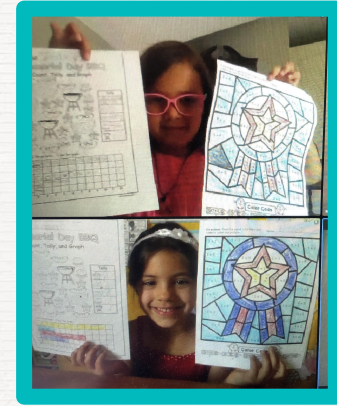
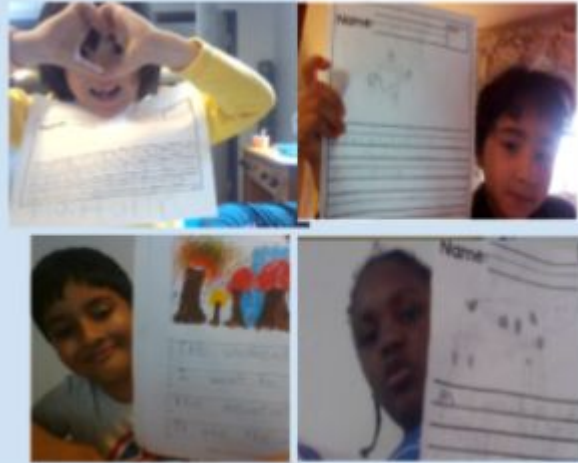
Playing  
games  
to learn  
our sight  
words



Snowman painting  
project



# Building Community -Showcasing Work



# What was your favorite part of 5th grade this year?

My favorite thing about 5th grade was all of the books we read! It was really fun reading them with the class and taking notes! I also loved staying at home and taking class!  
-Helen

my favorite thing about 5 grade is that I got to see new faces and I had an awesome teacher  
-Alex

My favorite thing about 5th grade this year is; our amazing teacher and how nice she was. My second thing is Free Write Friday because you got to write whatever you wanted and you could kinda be free.  
-Olivia

My Favorite thing of 5th grade was free write Fridays because of the freedom we had to just do our own thing.  
-Seny

I liked getting to do school online I liked doing slideshows and getting to go in breakout rooms and I like all the books we read I also like getting to see kids from different schools. -Elias

I also like free write Friday because we can write what we want and that's really fun. -Elias

My Favorite thing(s) about 5th grade is all the people I've met over the year in school! I've met so many people I ever would have met if I wasn't in this class. One of my main concerns for middle school was not knowing people, but now that I've met all these people, I don't have to worry about that. I hope to see some of these people and be friends with them in middle school! - Linnea

Another favorite thing about 5th grade is the breakout rooms! I liked the breakout rooms because you can have one on one time with one of your classmates which can be fun to talk to each other and learn new things about people. you also get to use too being in partners with different people! - Linnea

My favorite part of 5th grade is staying home on the computer doing my school work. I have an amazing teacher. I get to know new people from different schools.  
-Emma

My favorite things about VLA fifth grade were: Free write Friday, being at home, the writing exercises, the slideshows, the specials, science, and the partners. -Lillian

More of my favorite things in fifth grade are: Meeting new people from other schools, and having a fun teacher, Dr. Walcott! -Lillian

I really liked math and free write Friday  
-Patrick

My favorite thing about 5th grade was the people in class, everyone is so nice, and when we would present our slides or writing pieces to everyone because I'd get feedback that would either help me write better or let me know that I'm writing well. -hailey

My favorite part of Fifth Grade was meeting all the new people and Free Write Friday. It was cool seeing everyone's way of writing. -Ainsley

I also liked the science presentations. Those were really really fun, especially having fun with animations and backgrounds! - Ainsley 😊

Another favorite part of 5th grade was the exercise things, it was pretty stressful but I still liked it because we could present it, plus presenting stuff was kinda fun even if I didn't want to do it at least I got the feedback. - Olivia

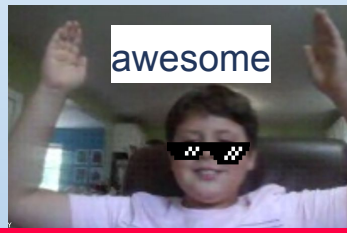
My favorite things about 5th grade is the new things we learned in science. Also, the slides because we could share them. Also, the writing exercises because we got feedback and it made me a better writer.-Gabrielle

My favorite part of 5th grade was seeing all the teachers and students I saw over the school year. I also loved free write Friday and the books we would read! -Kimberly

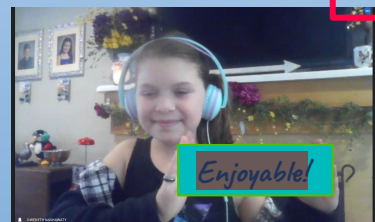
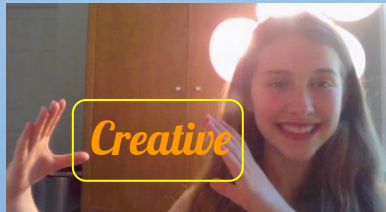
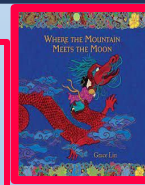
My favorite thing about fifth grade is the Free Write Friday presentations and just working on the writing also. I liked writing about my experiences and about my sister because I usually like writing non-fiction. I liked to listen to people present their writing because I got to learn what people write about. I also really liked listening to some of the stories and they were very creative. -Aubrey







Inspired by "The Paper of Happiness" from our read aloud, *Where the Mountain Meets the Moon*,  
"What is one word you would use to describe this year?"









# *“And Still We Rise”*

*Written by Ms. Finley's 3rd Grade class*

*Inspired by Maya Angelou*

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the first video by Elliot,  
the videos will loop through.

