



# The ASU Leader

## Elementary Edition

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### Upcoming Events:

- Feb 1: Second Semester begins
- Feb 5: Parent-Teacher Conferences
- Feb 8-11: Tsagaan Sar Holiday
- Feb 24: ASAs Begin; PTG Meeting
- Feb 29: Spirit Day

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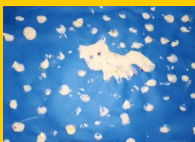
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## NHS Food Drive: Primary & Secondary Partner Up

Over the last month the elementary school has chosen to cooperate with the secondary school to raise awareness and gather supplies for families in need. For the fourth year in a row the National Honor Society at ASU has created an opportunity to support the less fortunate. Last year our efforts provided nearly 1400 essential items to more than 75 families through a kindergarten funded by the "Hariltsaani Huginjil" Foundation. At ASU we believe that helping our community is one of the most vital things we can do as leaders in Mongolia.



Elementary donations as of January 26, 2016. Donations will be boxed up by secondary students on Friday, January 29, to be delivered in time for Tsagaan Sar

This year we hope to raise more than 1500 items for the Veloo Foundation and we can only do this with your help. The National Honor Society is hoping that every student can bring one thing, or more, to support this drive. Our focus is educating our students, while cultivating and building a sense of community, responsibility, and empathy towards the lives of others in our community. Thank you for your continued cooperation to

support this worthy endeavor. We know that this will be a meaningful activity and will have a positive impact on many families.

### Principal's Message

## New Calendar Year Offers Opportunity to Reflect, Set Goals

In many countries, the beginning of a new calendar year is a time for reflection on the past and commitment to self-improvement. We make what is often called a "New Year's Resolution," a promise to do something better or improve ourselves in some way. This idea of self-improvement goes well with our Expected School-wide Student Outcomes. We want our students to be "involved

citizens" and "self-directed lifelong learners." All of us need to reflect on the past from time to time and decide what we can and will do better this year, for ourselves and for those around us. Let's take this opportunity to find ways to be a better community of learners, discovering the strengths in ourselves and others, and working together positively and effectively to improve ASU.

# 1B Students Make Connections to *Chicken Soup with Rice*

This month, we are reading *Chicken Soup with Rice* by Maurice Sendak. The book is a series of poems, one for each month of the year. The little boy in the story is always doing something with chicken soup. So far this month, we have read the poems for January, February, and March.



Margad works on her calendar for the new month of the year, January. Her pattern is beautiful.

When we read the January poem, we noticed that the character in the story was ice skating



Umardyn-Od takes time to look at the camera while he adds color to his calendar.

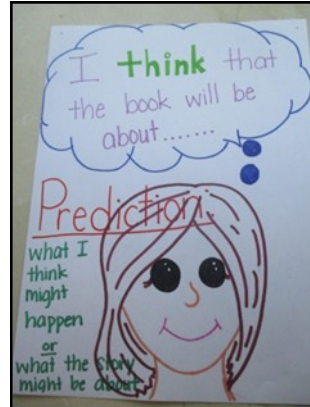
with his bowl of soup. So, we learned about ice skating and watched video clips of famous figure skaters from the United States.

When we read the February poem, the little boy was celebrating with a snowman. We discussed what

materials we would need to build a snowman and how we would go about doing it. We also wrote

about snowmen in our *Chicken Soup with Rice* Journals.

When we were reading the poem for March, the wind blew down the door of the little boy's



LEFT: This is our poster about making predictions. We make a lot of predictions as we read. RIGHT: *Chicken Soup with Rice* journals...we like to write about what we read.

house and spilled his chicken soup. As a class, we talked about the weather in the picture and what the weather is like on a windy day in Mongolia. We learned a little bit about wind and what kinds

of things it can blow around, such as a kite.

Who knows where the remaining months will take our activities and discussions. Be sure to ask your student!



Andy reads *Chicken Soup with Rice* on the throne in 1B!

## Students in 1A read Caldecott Medal winner *The Snowy Day*

Students in 1A are studying an inspiring and award winning picture book this month, *The Snowy Day* by Ezra Keats.

The book won the 1963 Caldecott Medal for being the first full-color picture book to feature a small black hero. The Caldecott Medal



is awarded annually "to the artist of the most distinguished American Picture Book for Children published in the United States during the preceding year." It is awarded by the Children's and School Librarians Sections of the American Library Association.



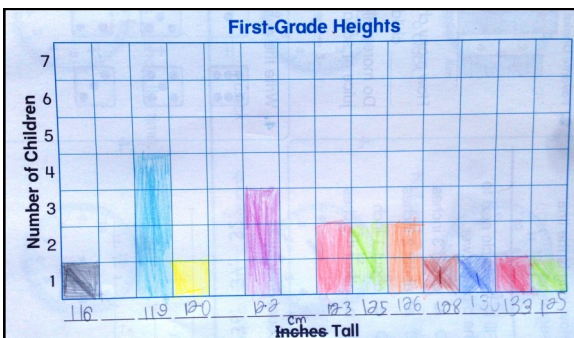
Students have participated in a series of interesting activities that complement and accompany the story. They have included: the sequencing of events using sentence strips and pictures, identifying action words used in the story, determining cause and effect using an anchor chart, and relating the story to oneself. The study of this book will be highlighted by students making snowballs and snowman in the soccer field by the end of the month.

### Most Recent Titles that won the Caldecott

- 2015: *The Adventures of Beekle: The Unimaginary Friend* by Dan Santat
- 2014: *Locomotive* by Brian Floca
- 2013: *This Is Not My Hat* by Jon Klassen
- 2012: *A Ball for Daisy* by Chris Raschka
- 2011: *A Sick Day for Amos McGee*, illustrated by Erin E. Stead, written by Philip C. Stead
- 2010: *The Lion & the Mouse* by Jerry Pinkney
- 2009: *The House in the Night*, illustrated by Beth Krommes, written by Susan Marie Swanson
- 2008: *The Invention of Hugo Cabret* by Brian Selznick
- 2007: *Flotsam* by David Wiesner
- 2006: *The Hello, Goodbye Window*, illustrated by Chris Raschka, written by Norton Juster

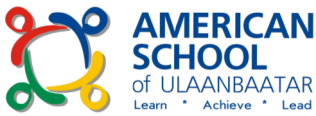
## Math in 1C: Measure & Compare Heights

Students in 1C have been learning about measurement in Math: from temperature, to objects in the classroom, to the heights of all students in the class. Liam and Eun Chan had the greatest difference in height and can be seen in the picture to the right. The graph



shows that most students in 1C were around 119cm ~ 122cm tall. The students had a great time measuring each other and recording the information!





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**Expected School-wide Student Outcomes**

ASU students will be...

Academic Achievers

Critical Thinkers

Involved Citizens

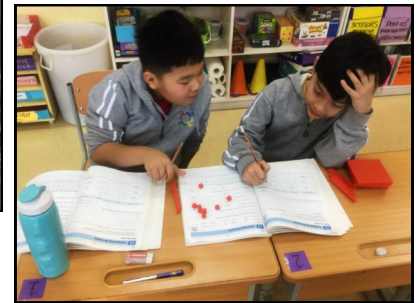
Effective Communicators

Self-Directed Lifelong Learners

## Fourth Grade Students Eat their Way into Decimals

Fourth graders began an exciting unit on decimals and fractions this month. The classes started by

down to thousandths. They had a great time cutting an apple down to these tiny fractions. They will continue their study of the properties of decimals and currency before moving onto metric measurement in February.



learning to "eat their decimals"! Students ate apple slices from tenths to hundredths and even

## Seasonal & Academic Artwork visible around our Campus

