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JHWilson students piece together recipe for sweet success

LAKE WALES – After a tough week of Florida FCAT writing exams, fourth graders at Janie Howard Wilson Elementary celebrated with a sweet reward – after a little bit more brain power helped them achieve sweet success.

The students were challenged to use their tired brains and practice their sequencing skills, according to reading teacher **Liz Anderson**, who helped organize the activity with other fourth grade teachers.

Students were given printed copies of a sugar cookie recipe, but the recipe had been cut into pieces. The students worked together in small groups to use common sense and logic to re-sequence the recipe in the correct order.

“It was awesome!” said student **Kaniya Kendrick**.

Next, groups worked to cut the recipe in half, using their knowledge of dividing fractions. Then students collected materials and measured precisely.

“Vanilla sure smells good, but when Mrs. Anderson let me taste it, it was GROSS!” said **Dalton Boyd**.

The cookie-making project was a hands-on experience. Students used clean hands to mix the ingredients. Using water bottles as rolling pins, the dough was rolled out and cut into shapes that were unique to each baking group. When pans were loaded up, the JHW cafeteria staff graciously baked the goodies for students to enjoy the next day.

On Day Two of the adventure, working in their same baking groups, students participated in a school-wide scavenger hunt. Review questions in math, reading, science and writing were scattered around campus. At the starting whistle, groups were off.

“Students read passages, thought critically and enjoyed the cool air as they canvassed campus on a search for the next clue. Only a couple of dead ends caused students to reevaluate their answers,” said Anderson, their reading teacher.

“It was really tiring, but fun. My brain hurt afterwards,” said student **Jarvis Cox**, describing the scavenger hunt.



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“We were really impressed with the way all 75 fourth grade students worked together and helped each other answer questions and move quietly around campus,” said Principal **Beverly Lynne**.

Finishing the scavenger hunt successfully, and making it back to the fourth grade classroom wing was a necessity. Their cookies were there! Resting and relaxing afterward, students enjoyed decorating and eating their delicious sugar cookies.

“We were surprised we were such good bakers. We had to work together to make them come out right,” said **Vanessa Alcantara**.

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Left: Janie Howard Wilson Elementary fourth grade students work together on a “review question” that was part of a school wide scavenger hunt.

Right: Fourth grade students work in “baking groups” at Janie Howard Wilson Elementary. They pieced together a mixed up recipe and made sugar cookies to share with classmates.

For more information about Janie Howard Wilson Elementary, contact Principal Beverly Lynne at 863-678-4211.

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