### News Splash From Prendergast Pond

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### Reading, Writing, Research:

This week research partners worked very hard to organize all their sticky notes into groups of related facts. Then the sticky notes within each group were arranged in a logical order and written as sentences. Partners then began creating a PowerPoint slide for each group of facts. Next week the students will continue typing their paragraphs and begin inserting a picture for each of their slides.

#### Math:

This week we have been exploring algebra concepts using a models-based approach called "Hands On Equations". The students have been using problem solving strategies, such as "guess and check" and mathematical reasoning to solve for X.

## The Catch of the Week: GYM SHOFS



Many students have been complaining that their gym shoes are too tight. Please check with your child. We still have about 6 more weeks of school. That's a lot of gym classes with sore feet.



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### Dates to Remember...

Mon. Mar. 31st Library Books due

**Thu. Apr. 24<sup>th</sup>** Spelling Homework due; Spelling Test; Food Play

**Fri. Apr. 25<sup>th</sup>** Reading Log Due; April Birthday Party

**Sat. Apr. 26<sup>th</sup>** Donkeyball Game at Northridge Middle School

#### Home & School:

Our snack closet is empty. If you are out shopping this weekend, please consider picking up a healthy snack for our class. The snack does not need to be fancy. Pretzels, crackers, or cereal is fine.

