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K-2: Climate Change and Continents



In January, K-2 students began a semester-long unit focused on climate change and Earth's seven continents. We explored the

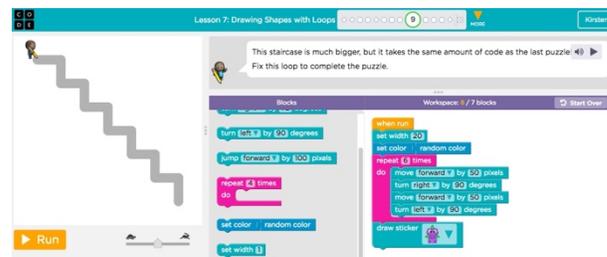
causes and consequences of climate change and steps we can take save our planet. We learned about Greta Thunberg and her efforts to get people around the world to think seriously about climate change and to take action to reverse it. We spent time learning the names and locations of the seven continents as well as cool facts about the people and animals that live on



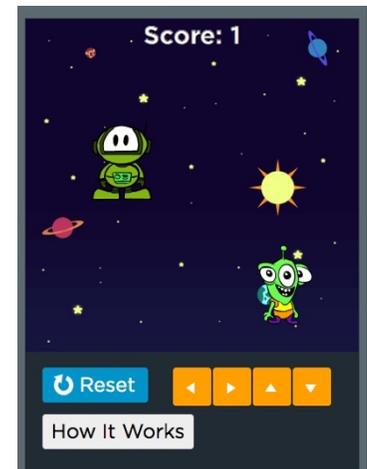
each one. Our studies continued through the Virtual Learning Days as we even discovered that some penguins swim at the beach in Africa and that tigers only live in Asia. Most of all, we learned how our daily choices impact our planet's diverse people, places, and animals. ▲

Computer Science with 3rd and 4th Graders

Steve Jobs, founder of Apple, once said, "Everyone in this country should learn how to program a computer because it teaches you how to think." Here in the media center



at Emma Elementary, all third and fourth graders have taken Jobs' advice and participated in a ten-week computer science unit. During traditional and virtual classes, students wrote computer code using Blockly (a drag-and-drop programming language) to complete challenges developed by Code.org. At the end of the unit, students even created a simple video game that they shared with their classmates. Best of all, the 10-week unit gave all students hands-on experience with perseverance, creative problem solving, and breaking large problems into small, manageable tasks. ▲

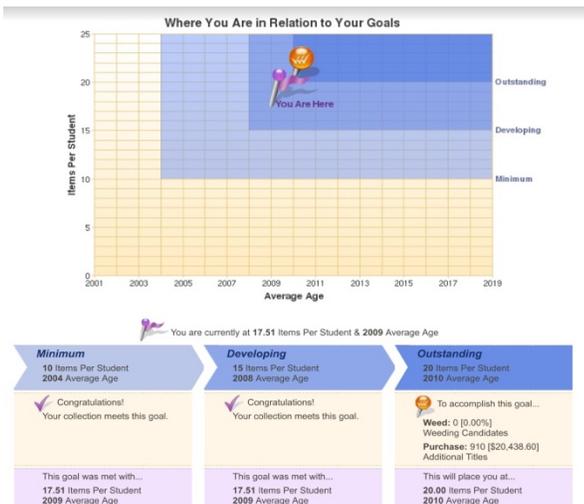


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Why Were All of Those Books Discarded?

At the beginning of the 2019-2020 school year, Buncombe County Schools media coordinators were asked to make the holdings in their media center more current. To help with the task of increasing the average age of the collection, BCS provided each school with funding based on school size. Emma Elementary School received \$1983 from BCS and raised \$1644 through two book fairs. These



funds allowed us to add nearly 160 new books; however, discarding more than 3,770 items is what really pushed our collection from the "Minimum" to the "Developing" category. All we need to do now to have an "Outstanding" collection is purchase \$20,438 worth of new books. Stay tuned for where we'll find the funds to buy them. ▲

2019-2020 Statistics from the Media Center

- ▲ Annual Circulation > 7,700 items
- ▲ Average Age of Chapter Books = 2010
- ▲ Average Age of Picture Books = 2009
- ▲ Average Age of Non-Fiction = 2011
- ▲ Average Age of All Items = 2010
- ▲ Number of Titles Added = 157 books
- ▲ Number of Discarded Items = 3,771
- ▲ Collection Size = 7,122 items
- ▲ Items Per Student = 20
- ▲ BCS Funding for Books = \$1983
- ▲ Emma Funding for Books = \$0
- ▲ Fundraising Money for Books = \$1644

Emma's Most Popular Books 2019-2020

Title	Check Outs
<i>Dog Man: Lord of the Fleas</i>	64
<i>Dog Man and Cat Kid</i>	55
<i>Dog Man: Brawl of the Wild</i>	35
<i>Dog Man: Unleashed</i>	27
<i>Dog Man: For Whom the Ball Rolls</i>	26
<i>Friends Forever</i>	26
<i>Sisters</i>	24
<i>Happy Pig Day</i>	23
<i>Baby Monkey Private Eye</i>	21