



Mustangs News

Patterns in the Sky

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First graders have been making discoveries about the night skies just as the Wise men did when Jesus was born in Bethlehem.



The essential question we have been focusing on is “How can patterns in the night sky help us make predictions?” We began our research by writing down what we did know, and then we generated “Wondering” questions.



The next step was to search for evidence. Even students as young as six can tell you that you can't believe everything you read on the internet, so we began searching for evidence in books, trusted sites, in hands-on

labs and by observing the skies and documenting what we were seeing. The more sources that said the same thing made the evidence stronger. We received help with this process from the 5th graders who help us read the harder words and helped with spelling. We shared our evidence in meetings and discussed which patterns we had discovered. Finally, we began to make



predictions based on what we had learned. There is a lot of information available to us in our modern internet world. First graders are learning not just about patterns in the sky. They are learning how to search for accurate information based on the evidence, just as the Wise men sought out the truth.



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