

# R.t.I. PROJECTS

## (Tier 1 and 2)



## LANGUAGE ARTS

### **Grade 3**

After reading and discussing the nonfiction text, *What Do Authors Do?* by Eileen Christelo, Third Graders followed the same creative process featured in the book. The end result? - their own picture book text. The young authors remained positive throughout the lengthy and sometimes frustrating process of planning and lots of rewriting. Some of the students took the process one step further adding their own illustration. During Trimester 1, the creative learners were visited by Ray Bendici, a writer and photographer for Connecticut Magazine.

### **Grade 4**

Fourth Graders were visited by Helen Sapadin, a volunteer with Fidelco Guide Dog Foundation. Helen and her foster dog, Roya, stopped by to demonstrate what guide dogs do for their blind partners. School secretary Rose Angeloni stepped away from the busy office to instruct students how to compose and word process friendly letters, which were then sent off in the mail to our Fidelco guest speaker.

Fourth grade students also created online videos designed to persuade people to read a book associated with our StoryTown theme: Facing Challenges. Check them out using the following link: [www.schooltube.com](http://www.schooltube.com) (click on "find school" then type "Totoket Valley"). Each video is about 1 minute long. Enjoy!

### **Grade 5**

T.V.E.S. Fifth Graders learned the elements of a well-written newspaper article (headline and the "5 W's and one H"). Students wrote articles based on assigned chapter books. Many wrote feature articles about topics of their choice.



## MATHEMATICS

### **Grade 4**

Fourth grade students just finished constructing Scale Models as a way to enrich the Math curriculum. They integrated several mathematical concepts and skills and applied them to an authentic math-related task. With the help of Mrs. Hart, the Art teacher, and Mr. Michael Scott of Newman Architects, LLC, New Haven, the students were able to learn about sketches from different points of view as well as the importance of models in a real-world context. Mr. Scott is the Project Manager for the addition and renovation project of the new North Branford Intermediate School. So, what the students have learned can be seen right here in town! The scale models are currently on display in the Edward Smith Library

**Upcoming Events include the "Connecticut Invention Convention" for Grade 4 and the "Keep CT Cool" challenge for Grade 5.**