On Wednesday, January 6, the fourth grade students visited the University of New Haven for their annual, “Class at the Court”. Students participated in various educational activities led by UNH students and staff. Students were also treated to lunch in the cafeteria and a Varsity Girls’ Basketball game against Merrimack College, MA. Pictured below are students doing a math activity that involved calculating the percentage of free-throws made. Students recorded their data in fraction form, then converted it to a percentage.

Students have been receiving healthy snacks from our food service. When the snack was grapefruit, not all students were smiling, but rather ‘puckering up’. They quickly applied their math skills and took a survey of who liked the grapefruit and who did not. They made a graph for their bulletin board and posted it outside the second grade hallway.
FOR PARENTS - Winter Testing Update....

Students in all grades took a ‘benchmark’ test using the Symphony Math Program. Students exceeded the ‘growth’ expectations in all grade levels. The graph below shows what the Symphony program recommends for a growth in score from the beginning of the year until now. For example, Kindergarteners should have a 54 point increase in their scores. Their ACTUAL increase was 99 points!! Way to go Forest Students!!!

![Growth on Symphony Winter Benchmark Test](image)

**KIDS CORNER**

Have a bright idea? If you have an idea for a math game, riddle, or puzzle, you may submit them to me, either in my mailbox at school, or e-mail at Jason.Heffernan@wshschools.org. I would love to see ideas that you have shared with other students.

FOR MORE MATH GAMES AND PUZZLES, VISIT MY WEBSITE AT

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**Math Riddle:** What kind of meals do math teachers eat?

**Math Challenge:** What’s 1/2 of 1/2 ?

**Last Month’s Riddle:** How many squares are there?

Answer: 40