FUN ACTIVITIES  We have had a great start to our program this year! Students really enjoyed the Martin Luther King Jr. activities in January. We made a ‘Glad Mobile’, colored flags from around the world, and created language cubes based on a biography of Martin Luther King Jr.

EVENTS  In November we had our biggest and most well attended event, which is the Cultural Exchange, where we partner with the Wishram School District. We started the event with a blessing of the food and learned that water is the most important part of all life and salmon comes next, and then the berries and roots. We ate turkey, salmon, and venison and all the trimmings! After the feast we were told stories and teachings of the local peoples and Native American Dancers presented traditional dances, and everyone was invited to dance in the friendship dances. REACH students provided the art work for this amazing school and community event.

GUEST PRESENTERS  Dale Connell from Riverview Community Bank visited and brought student dictionaries to encourage literacy and increase involvement with parent reading. He led us in some fun activities using our dictionaries, and students are still carrying their dictionaries everywhere and using them all the time!

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Student Highlight

**Everett Fletcher (1st grade)**

What is your favorite thing about REACH?

“My favorite part about REACH is all the fun activities that we do.”

What is something fun you did at REACH recently?

“Singing in the winter program.”

What have you learned recently?

“How to be grateful, during our 30 days of gratitude.”