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Mr. Power's 5th Grade Class

Our class recently finished the novel *The Westing Game* by Ellen Raskin. In this mystery, students worked to discover the secrets around the recently deceased millionaire, Sam Westing. Students navigated all of the clues as well as the sixteen main characters to discover that there is much more to uncover at Sunset Towers than the first thought. While students read, they found important clues and more secrets about our characters and saw how they were connected. Students helped create a theory board to show their thinking and how these different elements of the story were connected. Fifth graders would come to the board throughout the day to make connections and theories on what was happening in the story. Students would put their thinking on cards and use string to connect them to see how everything seemed connected. They were very excited to solve the mystery and see how their clue connected. Many students said that they felt like a detective and asked what mystery novels they could read next!

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