

# ACADEMIC SPOTLIGHT

## *Measuring Up: First Grade*

"First Graders in Mrs. Laperna's classroom have been working on their measuring skills! We began by listening to the story, *How Big Is a Foot* by Rolf Myller. It is a silly story about a king wanting to have a bed made for the queen's birthday. The king measures the queen laying on the ground by using his feet. An apprentice builds a bed by using his feet. The bed ends up way too small! Readers learn the size of the king's feet and the size of the apprentice's feet are not the same. Therefore, it was decided that the foot measurement had to be the same!!

First, we learned the word estimate. Before we measured anything, we estimated the length of the object. Students began practicing measuring with popsicle sticks. We discussed how it was very important to not leave any gaps between the sticks or allow them to overlap. In another lesson, students used unifix cubes to measure objects. This not only helped in measuring, but also with counting by tens! The unifix cubes were stacked in towers of ten in the same color. Students measured their partner, tables, chairs, windows, and more! Later we will get to measure a rubber-like animal, put it in water, and watch it grow. We will record the growth of the animal during two weeks. It will be SO much FUN!" - Mrs. Laperna



**Mrs. Laperna's First Grade**