

21st Century Instructional Initiative Grant Recipients 2016-2017

Mighty Girls & Good Guys Reading Group

Padonia International Elementary School

Melissa DiDonato, Principal
Michelle Valerio, Grant Liaison

Civic Literacy & Global Awareness

30 Fifth Grade student met during lunch bunch to participate in team building activities and discuss novels focused on social justice issues including immigration, education and cultural diversity. Students kept journals and decided whether or not they wanted to keep them private.

- Cultivating friendship & celebrating diversity
- Overcoming systemic barriers
- Following difficult journeys
- Positive self-talk
- Being an up-stander in bullying controversy



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