

Teacher Reports - May 15, 2023

Maria Gibson, Grades 1 & 2

Good afternoon Board Members,

Our morning circle is looking at the character trait of forgiveness. Daily math practices look at the open skip jumping on the number line by tens, fives and ones... Daily vocabulary practices include writing sentences using first grade sight words and second grade vocabulary words.

The ELA centers:

Choral reading from the reading A-Z program with Ms. Skiver: Group 1 is reading Battery Power (Level F). Group 2 are reading Brother Messy, Brother Neat (Level H). Group 3 are reading Ancient Egypt (Level L). Group 4 are reading Influenza (Level T). Group 3 have moved up a level from level K to level L based on assessments.

In the vocabulary center students work through six words corresponding to their reading a-z books. What these six words mean, synonyms and antonyms and how to apply their meaning in sentences.

In the writing center the first grade students are looking at capitalization and rewriting sentences. Second Grade students are looking at prefixes and suffixes as well as writing paragraphs based on prompts that include opinion writing.

In the Wit & Wisdom curriculum we are continuing the Module called Good Eating. We are reading and analyzing the book Stone Soup..

We are on Unit 4 in the Math Bridges Curriculum . First Grade students are looking at skip jumping by tens, fives and ones on the number line.. Second Grade students are looking at measuring in inches and yards working through workplace 4A and 4B.

In the Mystery Science Curriculum we are looking at the unit on Animal Biodiversity, listening to the different frog calls and watching how different types of birds eat and then designing a bird feeder.

In the Studies Weekly Curriculum for social studies we are looking at the unit on Inquiry, how to research a topic. We are looking at goats. Art occurs every Thursday. The next few weeks eighth graders will be planning and driving this lesson.

Natalie Shoptaw, Grades 3 & 4

This past week 3-4 class has been reviewing various skills such as measurements, long multiplication, graphs and charts. The practice hopefully will support our students as they take the CAASPP state test next week.

We've enjoyed many art and science projects recently, and finished the first read-through of our book, "Love That Dog" by Sharon Creech. We will circle back through parts of the novel in order to deepen our understanding as well as looking at the craft of writing and poetry.

Students DEFINITELY have "spring fever" and we are experiencing a higher-than-average rate of peer-to-peer interpersonal stress, keeping Ms. Huerta, Ms. Bart, Ms. Morgan, and myself quite busy.

The Teacher Appreciation Lunch prepared by parents, spearheaded by Jessica Scribner, was SO amazing! Many many thanks!

Dani Krebs, Grades 5 & 6

Hello everyone,

We are gearing up for the end of the year. Next week we start CAASPP testing, with yummy breakfast in the morning. Fly ups have been a huge success, and I can tell that the fourth graders are ready for fifth grade.

We are almost finished with our book for ELA, with only two chapters left to read. It is about negro league baseball, and the students are learning about how the players were treated.

Ms. Ballentine has a really fun project planned with air dry clay planned, so stay tuned for what the students create.

Until next time.

Mike Lang, Grades 7 & 8

Our class showed great effort and resiliency this past week during CAASPP testing! I am very proud of how hard they worked to put forth their best efforts.

In Final Project news, we have a fleet of opportunities for our students to demonstrate the knowledge they've gained over the last school year. For Humanities, we are writing and illustrating a children's book, as well as creating an ancient civilization diorama and slide show. These projects will culminate our year of English and History. In Mathematics, we are going to continue to spend time honing in on some final skills before the year ends, especially in Geometry and Statistics. These skills will be vital for our success next year. For Science, we will be wrapping up the year with a fun rocket project later this month. We also will be continuing our YouTube channel, completing a few art pieces, and practicing for our class variety show dance performance in PE, as well as physical fitness testing for 7th graders.

In our extracurricular activities, we have some awesome plans to finish the school year with excitement and joy. Wrestling has been going well and we are continuing to learn takedowns and beginning to learn escapes this week. Our Student Council continues to host many fun events and activities for our school community and will do so through the end of the year. We also have enjoyed our opportunity to begin "fly-ups", where students get to mesh with next year's class and our eighth graders get to teach our first graders some art, as they move on to high school.

As always, I'm very appreciative of this community and encourage anyone to reach out with any questions or concerns. This is a great group of students we have and I look forward to each day that I get to work with them.

Mr. Lang