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Teacher Updates for the Board

Grades 1-2, Mrs. Gibson

Our morning meetings are looking at the character trait of resilience as well as working on our spelling sight words and word families and looking at math concepts. Writing addition equations using dominoes for first grade.

The ELA centers are:

1. Choral reading from the reading A-Z program with Ms. Heather reading (Level K) Earth's Water (Level K), All About Orcas (Level E) and The Egg Hunt (Level C).
2. The writing center with myself. We are reading, copying and creating sentences using sight words and word families.
3. Students are on chromebooks doing vocabulary a-z activities related to their reading book and six words from that book.

In the Wit & Wisdom curriculum we are looking at the module called Powerful Forces about the wind. We have read Owl At Home. We are looking at a story map and root words and endings.

We are on Unit 2 in the Math Bridges Curriculum . First Grade students are working on writing addition equations using dominoes. Second Grade students are working on place values.

In science we are looking at Unit 2 Plant Traits and Survival.

Art occurs every Thursday. We will be making an autumn wreath with acorns and maple leaves.

Mrs. Gibson

Grades 3-4, Ms. Natalie

In spite of the very hard work by our students during School Spirit Week, grades 3-4 did not win the annual Spirit competition. But students learned a whole lot of really valuable information about Earth's fresh water systems. Each student wrote a unique paragraph about either: rivers, streams, ponds, lakes, ground water, or aquifers. We learned about the water cycle, illustrated our fresh water paragraphs, explored the intricate interdependence of humans and rivers, and built an "optimal" river usage model on paper that student teams designed after discussion about the impact of human activity "downstream." As always, the kids loved the afternoon activities, dress up days, and Field Day. Congrats to grades 5-6, who won!

Grades 5-6, Mrs. Krebs

Hello everyone!

We are back from fall break this week. Congratulations to the 5/6 class for winning TRCS Spirit Week! I am really proud of my whole class for showing great citizenship and participation last week and all the hard work they put into the door decorating.

This week we have started our Studies Weekly packets. I allow the students to decide if they want to access on the online application or if they prefer a paper based curriculum.

In ELA we are reading "Thunder Rolling in the Mountains" which tells the story of a young Nez Perce girl when the European settlers take her land. The unit is called Cultures in Conflict. We are also reading a book called "I am Malala" which is about a young girl who lived in Palestine who fought for the right to go to school.

In math we are learning about divisibility rules and factors, and how to know if a number is divisible by other numbers

Grades 7-8, Mr. Lang

Our class had a very fun spirit week and showed some great work in our field events and door decorating competitions. I'm very excited for the upcoming few weeks. As always, I love this school community and every opportunity it brings.

We are continuing to read our class novel, Chains, while we learn about the causes of the American Revolution from our Holt Social Studies curriculum. We also continue to begin our mornings with a choice board and develop our Community Solution Action Plans during Electives, which are group projects to solve a problem that our community faces. Lastly, we continue practicing our skills in searching for a job, filling out an application, writing a resume, acquiring a work permit, and learning how to communicate effectively with superiors, customers, colleagues, plus how to advocate for yourself, respectfully.

In our Big Ideas Maths textbooks, we are learning about operations with Integers and Rational Numbers, specifically with fractions, decimals, and negatives. Beyond this, we'll be learning about ecosystems and biodiversity for our Science class, leading into our PEEC field trip ,which is next week. Finally, we're learning about the philosophy of justice and law in our Life Skills class on Wednesdays and Thursdays with Ms. Brink. We are using the book Junior Law, which provides great insight into justice and allows us to have some awesome conversations.

On a final note, as I mentioned above, we have our PEEC Science Camp next week, beginning on October 23rd. Our class is very excited to join Mrs. Krebs' class on a 3 day, 2 night learning adventure. This is going to be a great hands on opportunity that exemplifies what our school is about.

- Mr. Lang