



Reminders

Specialist Schedule:

- Day 1 - Media
- Day 2- Music
- Day 3 - STEM
- Day 4 - Phy. Ed.
- Day 5- Art

Happy Birthday!

- 10/1 - Owen!
- 10/19 - Omar!
- 10/22 - Malaya!
- 10/26 - Zoey!
- 10/31 - Cece!

Homework:
Reading Logs are sent home every Friday and are due the following Friday. Expect Math homework most nights, as well as Spelling and Reading Group work.

Science/Social Studies

In Social Studies, we learned about the reasons why Europeans chose to explore the "New World." Ask your child what the "3 G's" are with relation to what motivated these explorers.

We are currently learning about specific European explorers, like Christopher Columbus and Hernan Cortes. We are learning about their reasons for exploring, where they were from and what their lasting impact on Europe and Native peoples were.

In Science, We are finished our Landforms unit. The students explored how erosion effects the landscape by experimenting and observing stream table models the students created.



News from Room 205

October 2016



Upcoming Events

1. Nov. 3rd and 4th: No school for students. Staff Professional Development and Record Keeping Days.
2. Nov. 16: Field Trip to the MN Zoo 9:30-2:30
3. Nov. 23rd-25th: Thanksgiving Holiday

Reading

We have started our small guided reading groups, or "book clubs." Students are working with classmates while reading chapter books at their respective reading levels while learning to ask questions relating to the text, as well as responding to questions provided by their teacher and classmates. We have continued to use Partner Reading to help us improve both our reading fluency and comprehension. We continue to make connections and summarize our independent Reading selections in our Reading Response Journals everyday.

Writing

We continue to work on consistency in maintaining structure and grammar while writing. The students have explored writing in the 1st (I), 2nd (you), and 3rd (he, she, they) person narrative while editing and refining their writing using "Focus Correction Areas," including writing in complete sentences and organizing stories from beginning, middle and end.

Math

In Math, we have finished our 1st unit on Multiplication and Division and are in the midst of Unit 2, Rational Numbers 1, where we are exploring fractions. We are currently investigating equivalent fractions, including the use and equivalencies of mixed numbers and improper fractions. We have also learned about fraction/decimal/percent conversions.

Dear Parents/Guardians:

It is hard to believe that we are reaching the end of October and are entering our 3rd month together. I enjoy this time of the year and the transition of the seasons. The students continue to be a wonderful group of active and thoughtful learners. They demonstrate their abilities in learning and working well together and accepting one another everyday with their kind thoughts and actions. I appreciate each and every one of them. We have met with our Kindergarten buddies a couple of times and the 5th graders are really taking to their role as mentors to the younger kids!

Thank you to all that attended conferences last week. I really enjoyed meeting with everyone! Expect copies of your child's ILPs in their backpacks by Friday.

We've come to the end of (survived?) Spirit Week. I personally enjoyed "Crazy Hair Day" ;-) and look forward to hearing about everyone's October 31st experiences (Happy Birthday Cece!).

If you get a moment, please check out our class webpage. I've uploaded some of the pictures of our adventures together this past month. The address is: <http://northrop.mpls.k12.mn.us/Nannemann>

Sincerely,

Mr. Nannemann