



Reminders

Specialist Schedule:

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

Happy Birthday!

2/12 Joaquin!

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 slavery on the North American continent and its causes. We also discussed the differences between slavery on this continent in relation to slavery in the world prior to this time. We are currently identifying the events that led up to the American Revolution and the differing perspectives of "Loyalists" and "Patriots." The students will be working on a project to demonstrate their understanding of these points of view by creating a game.

In Science, the students have recently finished their unit on Oil Spills. They explored different and best ways to solve this real world problem. Students are also busy completing their "Biomes of the World" oral presentations. Groups chose one of the Terrestrial Biomes that they learned about to become "experts" on that subject through research. They are working well together and having fun!

Second Step

We have started a new Social/Emotional curriculum called Second Step. In our first lesson we learned about Empathy and what it means to "walk in someone else's shoes."

News from Room 205

February 2017

Class website: northrop.mpls.k12.mn.us/Nannemann

Upcoming Events

1. 2/14 Valentine's Exchange
2. 2/16 PTA Meeting / Evening (POptional) Conferences
3. 2/17 No school for students (Optional Conferences)
4. 2/20 President's Day (No School)
5. 3/25 Northrop Day at the Riverview Theater! (Fundraiser for the 5th Grade Camping Trip)

Reading

In our small guided reading groups, or "book clubs" students continue doing a good job working with their classmates while reading chapter books while asking questions relating to the text, as well as responding to questions provided by their teacher and classmates. We continue to use Partner Reading to help us improve both our reading fluency and comprehension as well as making connections and summarize our independent Reading selections in our Reading Response Journals everyday. Our readers have seen a lot of growth since the Fall!

Math

In Math, we have finished Unit 2, Rational Numbers 1, where we are explored fractions, decimals and percents. We also finished Unit 3, Geometry. The Telescoped Math group has started the 6th Grade, CMP Unit 1 and are currently investigating Prime Factorization, as well as Lowest Common Multiples (LCM) and Greatest Common Factors (GCF) and the use of exponential notation. The other 2 math groups are starting 5th Grade Unit 4, Algebra and are learning the use of variables in a variety of equations.

Dear Parents/Guardians:

Time has been flying by and we have been busy with many things! Students finished FAST Math and Reading assessments, as well as F&P Reading assessments. We will have optional conferences on Thursday, Feb. 16th in the evening and Friday, Feb. 17th. If you weren't able to meet with me in the Fall, this would be a great opportunity to discuss your child's progress.

Junior Achievement sent 2 young men from Deloitte to teach us about business. The students were wonderful about making them feel at home.

You might want to stop by the hall outside Room 115 to check out the cute "Winter Cardinals" that our 5th graders made with their Kindergarten buddies. I love how they take their role as mentors to the younger kids so seriously!

We will be having a small Valentine's Day celebration of friendship next Tuesday. I sent home a list of names, if your child wants to exchange cards with their classmates.

Sincerely,

Mr. Nannemann