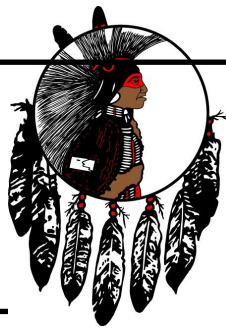


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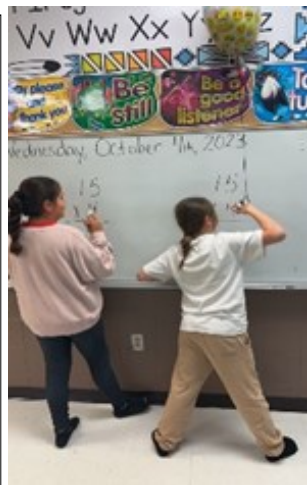
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Mr. Ziegler's 4th Grade

Things are good in the 4th grade classroom. We completed the NWEA Maps test a few weeks ago and are improving our math and reading skills. We are working on creating goals for our winter assessment and I know we will all reach our goals. I have an amazing group of students and I know we will accomplish great things this year. The 4th grade class attendance was above 94% for September and we earned a pizza party for our great attendance!

Math - In Math, we been working on place value, adding and subtracting with regrouping, and rounding numbers to the nearest ten, hundred, thousand, ten thousand, and hundred thousand. We just started multiplication and we are getting more comfortable multiplying two digits by one digit. Sometimes we have math tournaments for fun. I put the students in a tournament bracket and the students try to solve problems the quickest on the white board with the winner advancing.



Literacy - In Literacy we have been working a lot on our comprehension skills. We just finished up a unit on the book, Love That Dog. This book was from our poetry unit and the students loved reading it. We also completed a unit on the book, Thirteen Moons on a Turtle's Back. This was also a poetry written book about how the Native Americans kept track of the different seasons. This was a cultural book and the students were really interested about learning how they kept track of the season they were in. We just started Unit 2, Empires in the Middle Ages, and we're learning about the lives of serfs, knights, lords, kings, and queens.



Science - We just finished our unit on Energy. We learned about circuits, the force of magnetism, electromagnets, energy transfer, and waves. We just started our second unit in Science (Soils, Rocks, and Landforms). Students will learn about soils, weathering, landforms, mapping earth's surface, natural resources, and references. Our students seem very interested in learning about natural resources and more about the planet earth. In December, the 4th Grade class will participate in the annual science fair.

3rd Grade News

The 3rd graders have been working hard on getting back into the routine of school and building stamina.

Literacy - Students finished studying classic tales. Now, they are learning about how taxonomists classify animals.

Writing – 3rd graders journal daily. They have also written opinion and narrative paragraphs. Once a week, they learn how to form and write a cursive letter. So far, they have learned the cursive letters a, b, c, d, and e.

Math – The students have been working hard on beginning to master and learn their multiplication facts. They are working on multiplication and division fact families and discussing how they are related, as well.

Social Studies – 3rd graders recently finished a Native American Literature Unit on Uñktomi stories.

I'm so excited for the school year and continuing to get to know all these awesome kids!

Miss Byer





Mrs. Kruger's 4th Grade Class



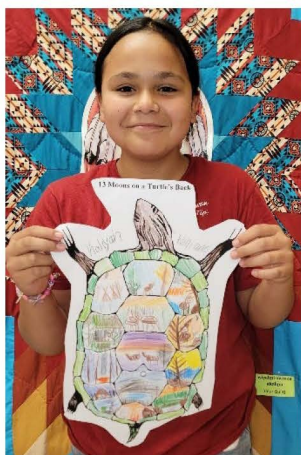
We are off and running in 4th Grade in Mrs. Kruger's Classroom. We finished our NWEA Maps testing a couple of weeks ago and are now full speed ahead working on improving math and literacy skills. Literacy points are also a big goal for 4th graders, so that they can earn some awesome prizes and continue to improve their reading skills. As a class, they have received over 150 literacy points so far this school year. We also received big news last week that 4th Grade had over 94% attendance for September, so we are celebrating with a pizza party. Even above and beyond the 94%, six out of ten of the students in the class had PERFECT attendance in September!

Literacy: In Literacy we have been reviewing basic phonics and reading comprehension skills and methods. We recently completed a unit on the novels: *Love That Dog* and *Thirteen Moons on Turtle's Back*, which are both novels written in poetry format. They really seemed to enjoy both of these. They were able to interpret what they thought each moon meant, and then draw and color that on the scutes/scales of the turtle's back. Included are a couple of pictures of their work. We recently started our unit on the Middle Ages and have been learning and writing about the lives of lords, knights, merchants, serfs, and more.



Math: In Math we have been reviewing some concepts that they learned the past couple of years. We just finished our unit on place value and rounding. We recently started our unit on multiplication and division, which is also a review from third grade, but we will expand upon those skills. We are spending quite a bit of time on solving word problems with multiplication and division.

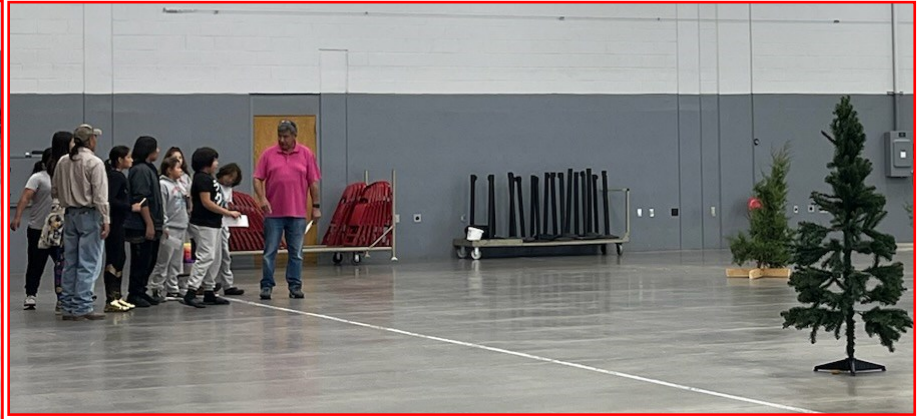
Social Studies: In Social Studies the 4th graders have been learning about Oceti Sakowin and the Seven Council Fires and the Seven Sacred Dakotah Ceremonies. They also learned the names and locations of all of the reservations located in South Dakota. During the past week, we have been reviewing map skills and are getting ready to start our unit on South Dakota.



Writing: In Writing we are working on capitalization, punctuation and writing complete sentences with subjects and predicates. We are also learning about proofreader's marks and can fix basic errors in spelling, capitalization, and punctuation in simple sentences. We spent much of the past month writing informative paragraphs using the hamburger format with a topic sentence, three detail sentences, and a conclusion sentence. For the process of planning writing they use a graphic organizer; then they use what they wrote on the graphic organizer to draft a paragraph. Next, they edit their writing for punctuation, capitalization, spelling, and correct paragraph structure. Lastly, I edit for them, and they rewrite the final draft.



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Battle in the He Sapa Youth Hand Game Tournament

