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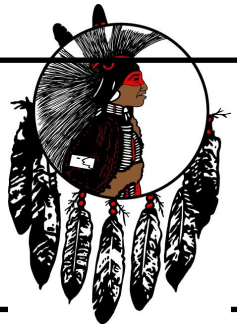

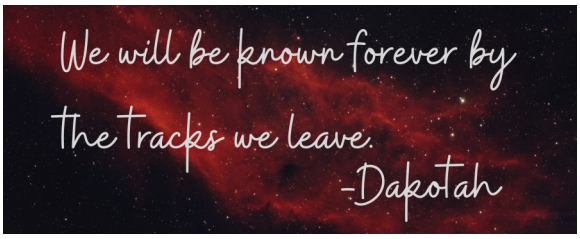

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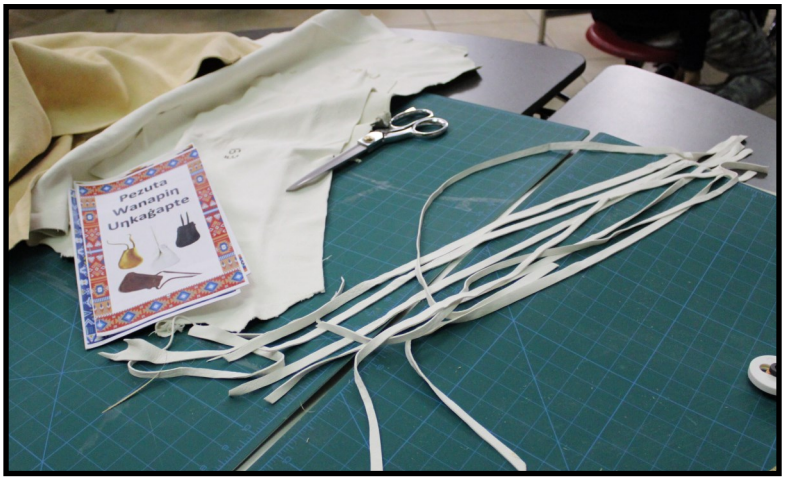
Attendees were able to choose from 3 different hide projects. They had the option to make a pouch, knife sheath or owl sheath.

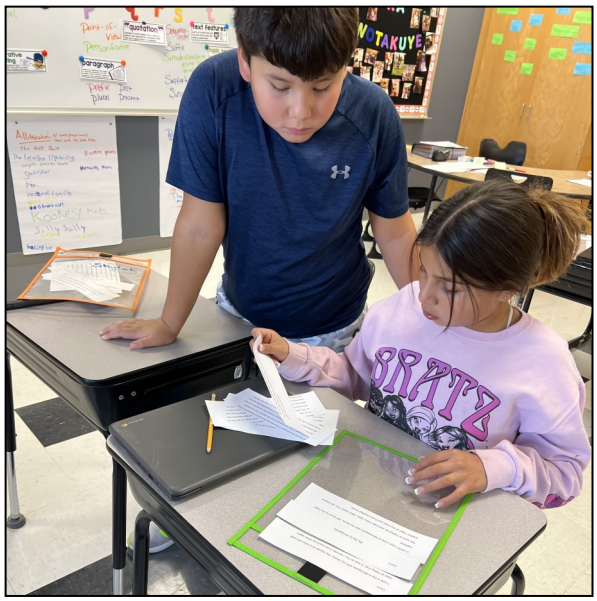


5th Grade

Mrs. Cook & Mrs. Busche

Another year of Star Base has come and gone. We had 4 days of interesting and varied STEM activities. As part of the experience, we were invited again to Sioux Falls. Spending a day on the Air Base was very exciting.

In Social Studies, our focus has been on geography so far. We have worked with maps, globes, longitude, latitude, and GPS coordinates. We will be moving on to cultural regions soon.



In Math, 5th graders have already studied place value, order of operations, and decimals. We can compare, round, and add and subtract decimals to the thousandths. We are moving on to multiplying and dividing decimals next week.

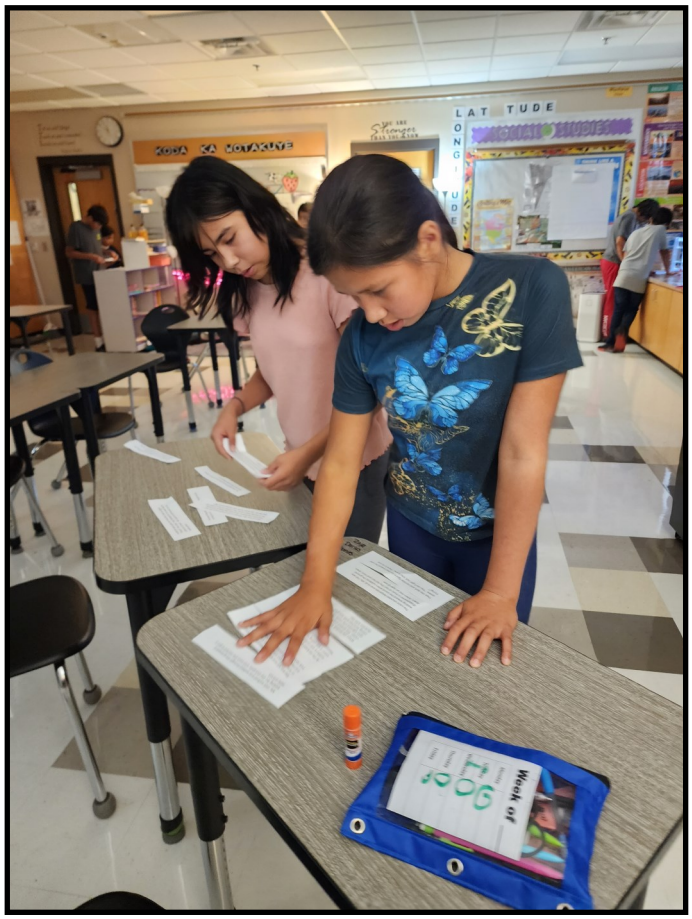
Literacy has us busy! Our first unit had us focused on writing and reading personal narratives. A big reading for us was a narrative written by Rosa Parks. To finish off this unit, each student wrote a narrative about a favorite trip they have taken. Alongside our narrative work, we have been working on morphology and vocabulary. The 5th graders are excited to get to work on our next unit, which has a focus on Early American Civilizations.

6th Grade Literacy & Social Studies

6th Grade Literacy

6th Grade Literacy is off to a great start. In the first quarter, we worked on analyzing text structure and purpose. We also worked on describing connections and why the author wrote the way they did. Through author's purpose and point of view, we learned about the meaning behind the readings, and how the stories are relevant to our lives. Our grammar lessons had us focusing on word origins, pronouns, and sentence variety. We took these skills and incorporated them into two essays.

With the start of the second quarter, we began a new unit to focus on inferring themes, analyzing word choice, and paraphrasing. In addition to our unit, we will be working on our research skills and writing research papers for Science Fair.

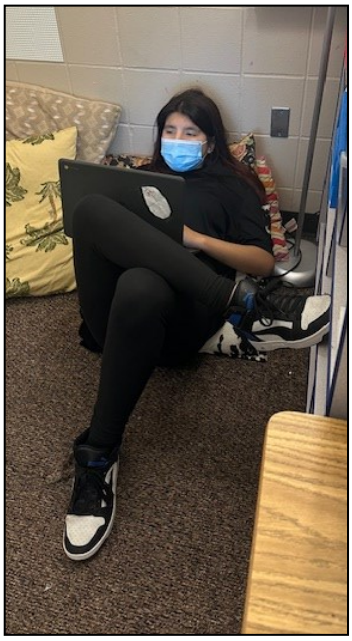


★6th Grade★

6th Grade Social Studies

In 6th Grade Social Studies, our focus is on ancient history. We started out the year discussing prehistory, and how historians and archaeologists use artifacts and stories to piece together what happened before written history. We combine the knowledge of ancient civilizations from around the world to our Dakota history.

6th Grade Math

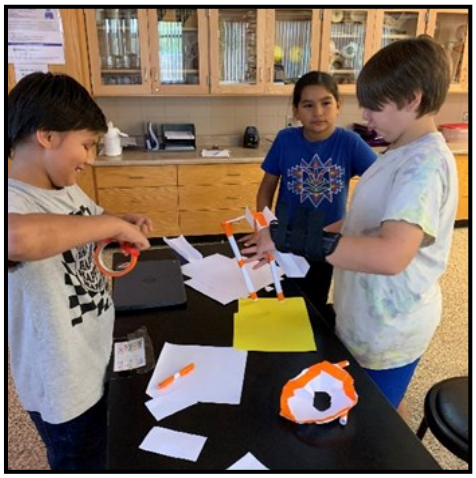


The 6th graders have been busy in math. Our first unit of study was understanding how to use ratios and unit rates to solve problems. We also studied measurement conversion, both metric and standard.

We are now in our second unit and we are working toward fluency in multiplication and division. We are working with fractions and multi-digit whole numbers and decimals. We will also study multiples, factors, coordinate planes, negative and positive numbers, and absolute value. Although the students are very familiar with the different operation calculations, this is unfamiliar application. We are working hard and have been quite successful.

5th & 6th Grade Science

5th Grade- We started our lesson on learning about matter. They learned the properties, states, and characteristics of matter and did some cool experiments to fully understand the concept. They also learned about the difference between solutions and mixtures and identified some samples that they use in everyday lives. We also did some fun experiments about mixtures so that they can easily remember what solutions and mixtures look like. The next lesson that we will be learning is all about energy matter in an organism.



6th Grade- The 6th graders are learning about energy. We have been working on the different types of energy and its transformation. We have worked on many projects to apply what they have learned about in about energy. The students are very creative in making the design of their projects and very excited to test and evaluate the result as an application of what they learned about the engineering design process. The next concept they will be learning about is forces and motion.