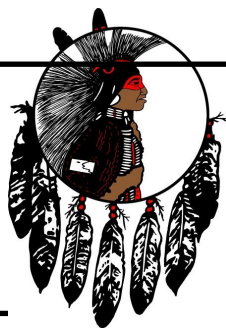


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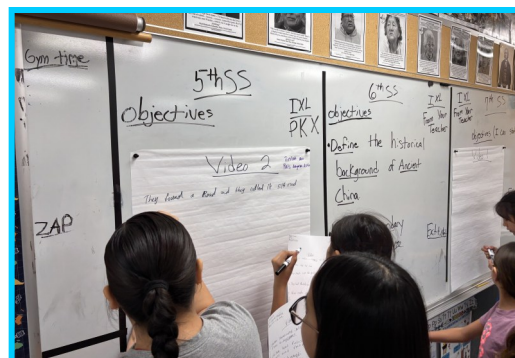
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5th & 6th Grade Social Studies

5th Grade: In 5th grade Social Studies, we've begun diving into civics and government with an investigation into the Constitution and its different rights listed. These incredible 5th Graders have mastered the ability to read difficult primary and secondary sources while asking and tackling the difficult questions. We will continue exploring what the Bill of Rights are and how they relate to the Dakota Oyate in modern times.

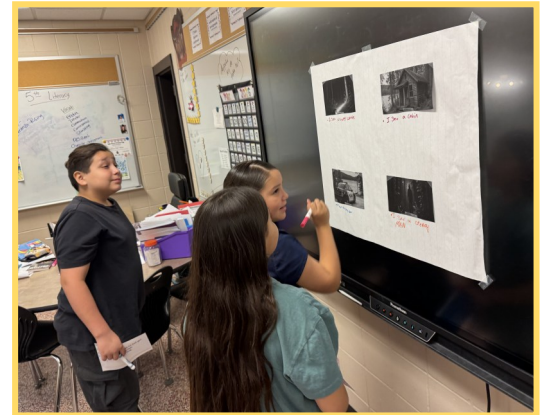


6th Grade: In 6th grade Social Studies, we've begun our journey with learning about Ancient China and all that it has to offer historically. We started with the diverse geography of China, then moved into the various dynasties that have ruled China over the last 5,000 years. We also may dive into some Chinese folklore about dragons and other mythical creatures that can be found in Chinese mythology. Once we've got the various dynasties down, we'll finish up our unit with the Silk Road and how it changed the eastern and western hemispheres.



5th Grade Literacy & Math

5th Grade Literacy - The Fifth Graders have been working very hard in ELA. A big focus in this later part of the year has been writing. Students wrote an opinion piece and really focused on the skill of backing up their opinion with their reasoning. They also wrote an essay to submit to the South Dakota State Historical Society's contest, "This Place Matters." The fifth graders chose a place in South Dakota they felt was meaningful, described the place, explained why it is important to them, and why they feel it should be preserved for future generations. Students chose places such as Sica Hollow, Falls Park, and the Black Hills. As we close out the year, our reading focus will be on the genre of historical fiction. We will read several short texts and finish out the year reading, "Esperanza Rising."



5th Grade Math - We have covered many vital math skills this year in fifth grade. The last semester held a focus on decimals and fractions and the many skills that go along with these. We are now applying these skills to geometry and the students are able to find the area of 2d shapes with measurements including fractions and decimals as well as the volume of 3d shapes that include measurements with fractions and decimals. Before the end of the year, students will also become more familiar with using the coordinate plane, working with data, and converting units of measurement. I am so proud of these fifth graders and all the work they have put in this year!

6th Grade Math & Literacy

6th Grade Math - The Sixth Graders work so hard in math! A big focus for the third quarter was rates and ratios. These are new ideas for the sixth grade, and I was so impressed at their commitment to master this to the best of their ability. We will now move on to working with understanding and solving problems including percents, before ending the year with some algebraic thinking by finding equivalent expressions and solving variable equations. A number of these students have previously shown interest in algebraic equations, so they have some nice base knowledge and I am excited to move forward on these skills with them.



6th Grade Literacy - Miss MorningSong's 6th Grade English Language Arts class has been busy writing, writing, and writing! After finishing our persuasive essays last quarter, we were ready to move on to a more personal form of writing. We worked through the writing process, beginning with prewriting, to brainstorm ideas for our next big writing project: a personal memoir. We had a lot of fun recalling the events that became the focus of our memoirs. Our next writing assignment was a free verse poem where we used the literary devices: imagery and alliteration; as well as several types of figurative

language: simile, metaphor and personification. Aside from our writing intensive lessons, we have read literary works of various genres including poetry, historical fiction, novel, short story and informational text.

From daily literary analysis activities and sentence mechanics to larger writing projects, the 6th Grade class has made lot of improvements and growth in our writing.



5th & 6th Grade Science Newsletter

5th Grade: The 5th Graders are learning about systems in space. They have learned about the phases of the moon, constellations, the solar system, and the sun. They explored the solar system by learning the unique characteristics of each planet and how each one is different from the others. They also made a project about the solar system by creating a model of it. In addition, they did a project about the phases of the moon, where they showed the different phases using Oreo cookies. They had fun doing all these projects and are learning while enjoying the class. We also had our BIE Science testing for 5th grade, and the class did their best on the test. The last units we will be learning in Science will be about the Earth System and Earth and Human Activities.



6th Grade: We have been very busy learning about Chemistry in 6th grade! This quarter, the class is learning all about matter. We have done many fun experiments in class, and staying excited and engaged while doing them. They learned about the states of matter, its phases, composition, elements and compounds, and the structure of matter. They also understand how heat energy can change the states of matter by conducting different experiments. As we move on to our next unit, they will be investigating chemical processes and equations.

