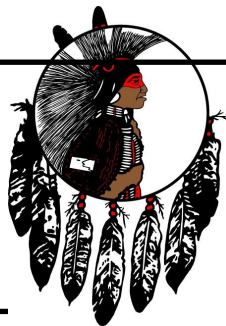


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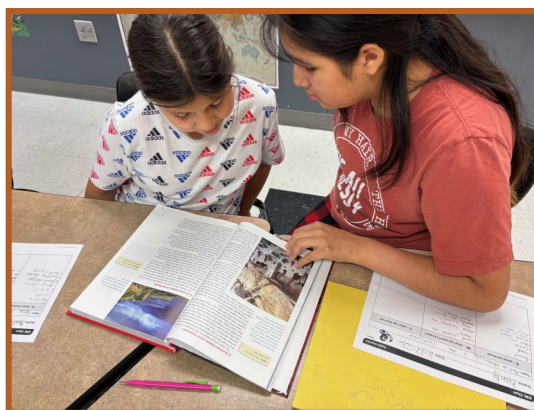
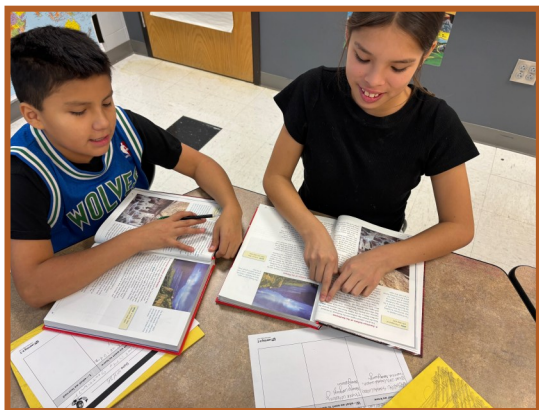
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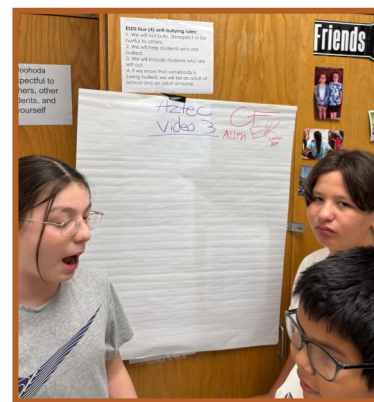
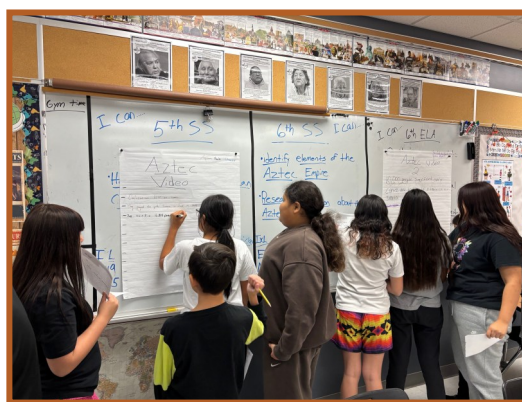
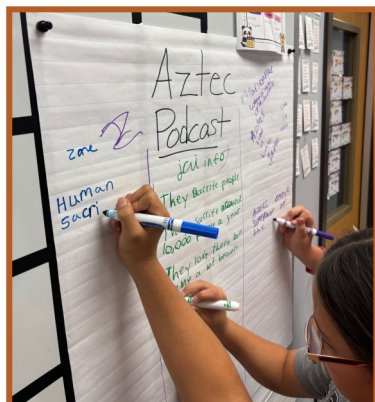
5th & 6th Grade Social Studies

5th Grade: In 5th Social Studies, we started covering the different cultural regions on Native American tribes in the United States. First, we began with the tribes in the Northwest and California with the different dances and cultural aspects of each tribe. Soon, we will start exploring the tribes in the Southwest region of the United States.



6th Grade: We've been working hard at learning what it means to be a social scientist. Studying World History isn't an easy task, but these amazing 6th graders have shown what it takes to have tenacity and resilience.

We just started learning about the different civilizations in the Americas since the beginning of November. The first two civilizations we tackled were the Olmecs and the Maya civilizations. Next, we'll dive into the Aztec and Inca Empires using primary resources, reading biographies, and using inquiry-based learning techniques.



5th Grade Literacy & Math

5th Grade Literacy - The first part of the year in fifth grade ELA focuses on reading and writing informational texts. The fifth graders have read a range of informational texts as a class, in small groups, and independently. We have worked on the skills of identifying the text structures of these texts, identifying and analyzing the text features, and finding details to support the big ideas. The fifth graders ended their first unit by writing a narrative about a time they visited a friend or family member. They did a wonderful job including small details in their writing to depict the experience. Our next goal is to get them to further elaborate their ideas and increase their writing stamina. I can't wait to see the progress these writers make as the year goes on!



Mathias and Kenly cut apart a Scholastic Book Order to find texts that are intended to inform, persuade, and entertain.



EmRick and Saffire playing a decimal matching game. They had to match the number form with the word form of the decimal number.

5th Grade Math - The Fifth Graders have worked hard so far this year in math! We started the year with some geometry and worked on finding the volume of rectangular prisms and compound figures. We are now well into our unit on decimals and fractions. These fifth graders have really caught on to the concept of decimals and are reading and speaking about them like real mathematicians! I am excited to watch them begin to master addition, subtraction, multiplication, and division of decimals.

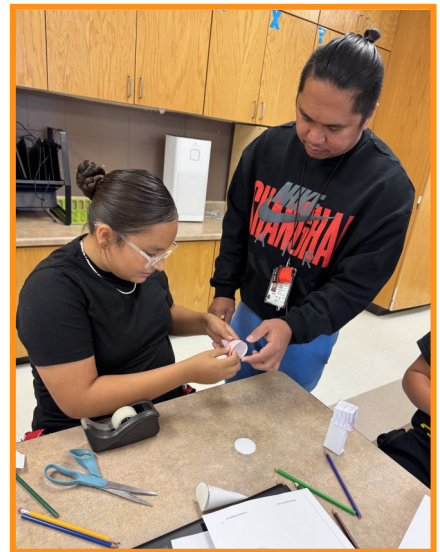
6th Grade Math & Literacy

6th Grade Math - The Sixth Graders have covered a range of math concepts so far this year. We began with finding the area of different 2D shapes, which led us in to finding the surface area of 3D shapes. From there, we began to work with algebraic expressions. These lessons were a lot of work, but the students really stepped up to accept that challenge. We are now well into our next unit covering decimals and fractions. We have reviewed adding, subtracting, multiplying, and dividing decimal numbers. From here, we will do the same with fractions before moving into our big units on ratios! This class works hard in math, and it shows!



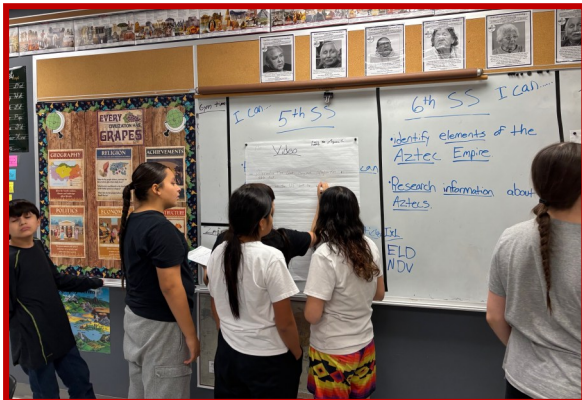
Carter finds the best strategy to fold his net into a rectangular prism.

6th Grade



Randy assists Paisley in folding her net into a cone.

6th Grade Literacy - The 6th Grade ELA class has done an amazing job with tackling their End-of-Unit writing tasks. We started learning about historical fiction, researching, and building background on the events of our new long reads. The students are doing an amazing job with using research techniques, analyzing texts, and reading dictionaries.

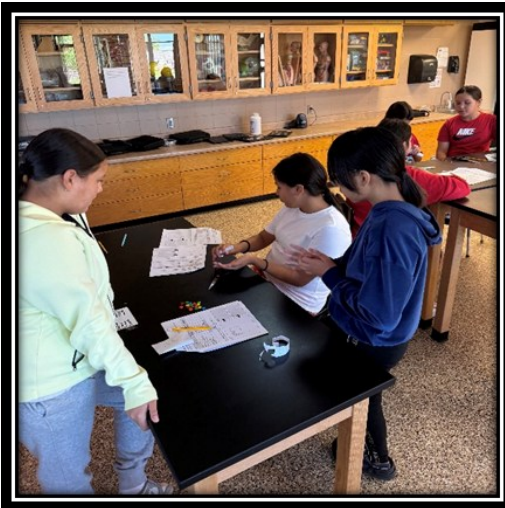


5th Grade Science Newsletter

Our 5th Graders have been learning all about matter. We explored how matter can exist in different states such as solids, liquids, and gases, and how it can change in various ways. Students also learned that mixtures can be separated using simple methods based on physical properties like size, magnetism, and solubility. During our hands-on activities they learned different methods to separate mixtures. We used filtration to separate sand from water, evaporation to separate salt from saltwater, and magnetism to pull out iron filings from a mixture. These hands-on activities helped students understand that mixtures are combinations of substances that can still be separated without changing what they are made of.



Another exciting part of our lesson focused on Physical and Chemical changes. Students discovered that physical changes affect the appearance or state of matter without forming a new substance, such as melting ice or tearing paper. On the other hand, chemical changes create new substances, like when metal rusts or when vinegar reacts with baking soda to produce bubbles of gas. The class had a great time observing and comparing these changes during our experiments.



They also learned the difference between mixtures and solutions. To make this concept come alive, students created a "Candy Salad" by mixing different types of candies. They observed that each candy kept its own shape and color, which showed that a mixture is a combination of substances that can easily be separated. They also made Kool-Aid to explore what happens when substances dissolve. Students noticed that once the powder mixed with water, it formed a solution, a type of mixture where one substance dissolves completely into another and cannot be separated easily. Through these fun hands-on activities, students were able to describe mixtures as combinations that can be separated by physical means, and solutions as mixtures where substances are evenly distributed.

Our young scientists had a fun and engaging first quarter learning about matter and its changes. This quarter, we are studying organisms and their characteristics.



6th Grade Science Newsletter

Our 6th Graders have been busy learning all about energy and how it makes things move and change. We began by exploring the different types of energy such as kinetic, potential, thermal, sound, light, and mechanical energy. To make learning fun and active, students participated in energy-themed games

like basketball, bowling, and hula hooping. Through these activities, they observed how energy is transferred and transformed.

They also learned about heat and temperature, discovering how heat is a form of energy that moves from warmer objects to cooler ones.

Students conducted a delicious

experiment by making s'mores to explore how heat can be transferred in different ways conduction, convection, and radiation.

To wrap up our unit, students worked on a creative Lunch Box Project, where they designed and tested containers that could

keep food warm or cool by controlling heat transfer.

This hands-on engineering challenge helped them apply their understanding of materials, insulation, and energy flow.

Our 6th Graders have shown great curiosity and teamwork as they discovered how energy and heat affect the world around us. In the 2nd quarter, we are learning about Forces.

