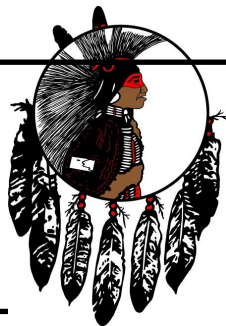


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7th Grade Geography

The first semester of 7th Grade Geography had the focus of identifying maps and how there are different components to give us different information. After that introductory unit, we dove into the United States and Canada. The students learned about the geographic diversity of North America, the Great Lakes, and spatial inequality. The students are finishing up the semester talking about the National Parks in the United States before moving on to their next region.

8th Grade Dakota Studies

During the first semester of the year, we focused on the 7 sacred ceremonies, we had class discussion and journaled about our research.

Native American Month and Veterans day were subjects we covered with great classroom discussions. The importance of Veteran's day was discussed and veterans from each family were identified. The essay about Veteran's day was discussed and information was given on why the day and Vets are important to the Dakota Oyate.

We had a unit on Thanksgiving day and discussion on the real reason it started.

We also did our mentoring with the 3rd graders and read a book with them.



7th & 8th Grade Math

7th Grade Math - The seventh graders started the year with a unit on proportional relationships. This unit included lessons on ratios, rates, and circles. We are now well into our unit on adding and subtracting rational numbers. This unit includes introducing students to the idea of adding and subtracting positive and negative numbers. They are doing very well with understanding this new concept. From here, we will move on to multiplication and division. This class has really shown a great deal of growth in taking charge of their learning. They come in each day prepared and ready to go! This has allowed us to gain a nice pace for our learning, and I am excited to see all we will accomplish as we move forward this year!



7th Graders relaxing in the hall after a rigorous math lesson.

8th Mathematics - The 8th grade math class started with Geometry this year. Our first unit was on Geometric Figures: Transformations and Congruence. Students learned that rigid transformations such as translations, reflections, and rotations preserve congruence or keep the figures the same size and shape. These transformations are commonly known as slides, turns, and flips. The students can describe these transformations using mathematical terms within a coordinate plane. This unit was followed by another Geometry unit wherein similarity of figures was studied. Another transformation that was not rigid, but changed the shape was a dilation... kind of like zooming up a page or picture on a copier...or making it smaller. The two figures are similar, but not congruent. Our current unit is Linear Relationships including Slope, Linear Equations, and Systems of Linear Equations. Students can currently graph a line in slope-intercept form and identify the slope of the line and the y-intercept. They are currently working on transformation an equation from a different form like standard form to the slope-intercept form. They will also solve multiple step algebraic equations and solve systems or simultaneous equations. Students in 8th grade math are working so hard to be prepared for high school Algebra.



7th & 8th Grade Literacy

7th Grade Literacy - The 7th grade students spent the first semester analyzing different types of writing. The students are now also able to determine points of view, author's purpose, cite evidence, and determine central ideas. These concepts are just a few that were taught so far this year. In order to learn and master these concepts, the class read stories about Greek mythology, historical fires, and two kids who were sailing and got caught in a bad storm.



Veteran's Day Essay Contest Winners
Paulea Renville (8th), Jessah Vermillion (6th), & Aaliyah Seaboy (7th)

8th Grade Literacy - The 8th grade students started out the year focusing on the Horror Genre. To start the unit, the students learned about what it takes for a story to be in the horror genre. The students got to experience some of Edgar Allan Poe's work, as well as a short story titled the 'The Monkey's Paw.' For the second unit the students focused on everything about Anne Frank. The students got to read as characters in a play after learning about some of the history behind the events of WWII that led up to the Franks going into hiding.

7th Grade Science Newsletter

In 7th Grade Science, students have been busy exploring the fascinating world of cells and the organization of living things. They learned about the basic unit of life, the cell and created creative projects showcasing the structures and functions of both plant and animal cells. Students also had the opportunity to use microscopes. They practiced proper handling techniques and observed various specimens such as a human blood sample, cheek cells, and other specimens including plant and animal tissues. They were able to see details invisible to the naked eye.



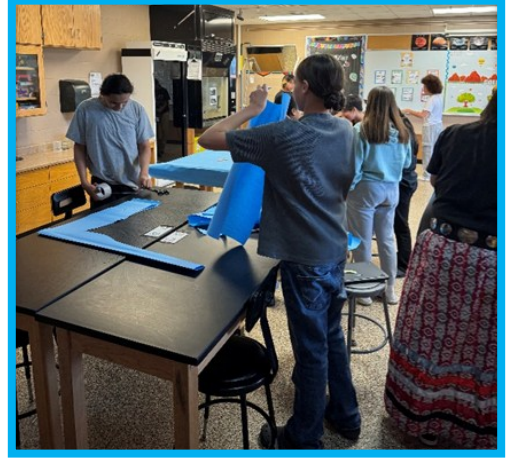
In addition, they explored the levels of organization in the human body. They discovered how cells work together to form tissues, which build organs, organ systems, and the entire organism.

Through these hands-on and engaging activities, students deepened their understanding of how every part of the body is connected and works together to sustain life.



8th Grade Science Newsletter

In 8th Grade Science, students have been diving deep into the study of Earth's oceans and atmosphere. They explored how ocean currents move and affect global weather patterns by conducting a hands-on experiment. The experiment demonstrated how temperature and salinity influence water movement. This activity helped them visualize how ocean currents distribute heat around the planet and play a key role in climate regulation.



Students also learned about weather and climate, comparing the two and identifying the factors that influence different climate zones around the world. To make learning even more engaging, they showcased their understanding through a "Climate Zone Fashion Show," where each group designed and presented creative outfits that represented the characteristics of their assigned climate zone. It was an exciting and educational way for students to express their learning while connecting science concepts to the real world.



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A GREAT EDUCATION

MONDAY-PAJAMA DAY

Wear Your Favorite Pajamas/Slippers/Robe/Nightcap!

TUESDAY-CRAZY HEADGEAR DAY

Wear The Craziest Gear To Cover Your Head!

WEDNESDAY-SCRABBLE DAY

Which Class Will Score The Most Unique Word?

THURSDAY-ENCOURAGEMENT DAY

EVERYONE Wear A White T-Shirt So Others

Can Write Encouraging Words On It!

FRIDAY-SCHOOL SPIRIT DAY

Wear Red Or Black!

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