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NEWSLETTER

Week of November 16, 2020

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Upcoming Events:

November 26-27: Thanksgiving Recess - No School

Fourth Grade News:

Mrs. Martinez and Mr. Rapp

The Fourth Graders have come roaring into the school year, like true Lincoln Lions. Their Zoom etiquette shows how hungry they are to get better every day. In Math, your child is currently adding and subtracting numbers in the thousands and millions periods. In the upcoming chapters, we will be learning a critical 4th grade skill, which is multiplying by 2-digit numbers. It is important to practice basic multiplication facts weekly, as we approach these lessons.

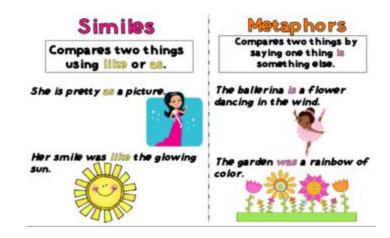
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In Science, we just finished our unit on soil (not dirt!), and how weathering and erosion changes the physical features of Earth.

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Fourth Grade News - continued:

The students have been working very hard in Language Arts, writing their Personal Narratives. They have learned figurative language, such as similes, metaphors, and personification. We are looking forward to having an author's celebration, to acknowledge all of their hard work and growth. The students will have the opportunity to showcase their work by sharing it with the class. I am looking forward to reading all of their wonderful writing!



In Social Studies, we have been learning all about New Jersey. We have learned about the Lenape tribe, European explorers, and the early colonies. In the coming weeks, we will continue to learn about colonial New Jersey.

Remember, you don't have to be great to get started... but you have to get started to be great!



Fifth Grade News:

Mrs. Havel Smith - Math and Science

The Fifth Graders in Mrs. Smith's class have just completed the adding and subtracting decimals chapter, and they did a great job! They also learned how to round the decimals, and estimate sums and differences, to help see if their exact answers are correct! The students used their skills of adding and subtracting decimals to "Escape" the Math Classroom, and most of them did! Some of them might still be in there...Lol!

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In Science, the Fifth Graders just completed their Water Cycle unit, and did a tremendous job! Some of the students performed their own condensation experiment, drew their own picture of the water cycle, and even made up their own rap and dance to remember the cycle.

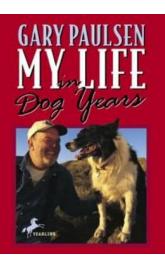






Mrs. Suarez - Language Arts and Social Studies

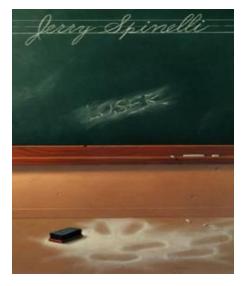
The Fifth Graders have been working hard, and making progress in acquiring new vocabulary and strategies for both Reading and Writing. After reading Gary Paulsen's memoir, *My Life in Dog Years*, the students wrote their own narrative about a memory from younger years. The focus was on adding thoughts, actions, dialogue, details, and feelings to make their story come to life. The next genre that they are currently studying is Realistic Fiction. They have chosen books, on their level, on the Epic book site, and have been reading daily. The class is also reading, *Loser*, by Jerry Spinelli, as the mentor text.



Fifth Grade News - continued:

In Social Studies, this year the focus is on World Geography, and the history of people living on the continents. So far, the students have studied the Native Americans of North America. They are currently learning the states and capitals of the different regions of the United States, before we move on to study the first people of Central and South America.

The Fifth Graders have transitioned nicely to their new classes. Please remind your children that extra help is available daily, after lunch, with the exception of Wednesdays, for any student having difficulty, or needing to catch up on missed work.





Sixth Grade News:

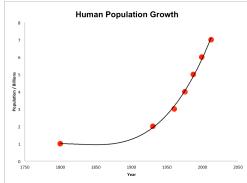
Mrs. Awadallah - Math

In Math, your child is learning about numeric and algebraic expressions. The students did an awesome job evaluating expressions. I am very proud of how hard the students are working. They always try their best. This week, the students have been awarded a certificate for the outstanding completion of three hundred hours of Math practice on IXL! Please keep up the good work!



Ms. Carey - Science and Social Studies

In Science class, the Sixth Grade students are identifying the factors that can affect the population growth rate. Students use these factors to predict the effect of the population growth on a species in a given environment. In Social Studies, the students are discussing the New England colonies. They are recognizing the struggles the early settlers faced, and the significance of the laws the colonists created to govern their colonies.

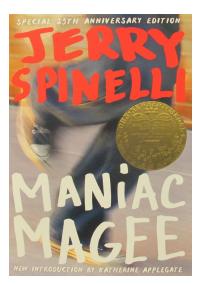




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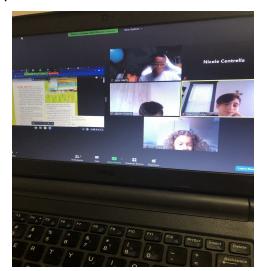
Mrs. Centrella - Language Arts

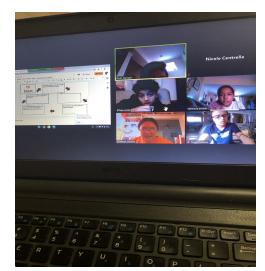
The Sixth Graders have been busy listening to different mentor texts, and then discussing story elements in breakout groups. So far, we have focused on narrator, characters, conflict, theme, and symbolism. There have been some very meaningful and active discussions in our breakout groups! The students then go one step further and apply these same elements and strategies to our fiction read-aloud *Maniac Magee*, as well as their own leveled readers on Epic.



In Writing, we have been drafting narratives, and we are now focusing on revising dialogue, as well as using precise words and

descriptions. We are so close to editing and publishing these essays. The students should be very proud of their work!







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