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News from the Core Classrooms

English Language Arts: Mrs. Hockman

Students finished unit four on the Renaissance. They completed a biography on Renaissance artists. We have spent the last few weeks writing a multi-paragraph essay response. We have worked on using correct grammar, punctuation, and writing structure on these essays. Students have started the last unit in CKLA, Native Americans. This unit focuses on suffixes, root words, verb tense, text evidence, note-taking, and persuasive writing. We will finish out the year with a research project.

Math: Miss Lewellen

We are in the home stretch of the school year! Students have completed our decimal operations unit. They are now able to add, subtract, multiply, and divide decimals. We moved right into adding and subtracting fractions and are currently finishing up our multiplying fractions unit. Students have learned how to plot and identify coordinates on a coordinate plane. As we count down the days to the Math State Test, students will be focusing on dividing fractions, converting measurements, calculating volume, and order of operations. We will prepare for the state test by revisiting our strategies from the year. We have been using the word problem strategy CUBES (C- Circle important numbers, U-Underline the question, B-Box key words, E-Eliminate and Evaluate, and S-Solve). Shortly after the conclusion of state testing, we will be starting on an engaging project that will reinforce multiple topics covered throughout the year. This project will provide students with the opportunity to apply the concepts they have learned in real-world scenarios. Let's finish the year strong!

Reading: Mrs. Markwood

Third Quarter we have continued our read aloud book, "100 Cupboards" as we analyze and discuss character traits, perspective, figurative language, plot, inferencing & point of view. We also finished up our Iditarod/The Race Against Death/unit. Students really enjoyed following the Iditarod Dogsled Race and learning about the history of the race. We also finished our unit on "The Adventures of Don Quixote". Our last read aloud will be "Number the Stars" which is a Historical Fiction novel that takes place during the Holocaust in WWII. Over the past month we have been preparing for the ELA state test. Students complete previous practice tests on the testing portal and then we play a game with their answers as well as practice with the testing site, tools and strategies. We have also been practicing Text Structure. After testing, we will begin our last CKLA unit called, "William Shakespeare's A Midsummer's Night Dream". I am also hoping to do some fun end of year activities and projects. They have worked really hard this quarter, I know they will all do their very best on their state tests! I think we are all ready for some sunny, warm spring weather!

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Science: Mrs. Kostiuk

I cannot believe we are in the final quarter of the school year! It flew by so quickly! We just completed our final major unit of the year on forces, light, and sound, and are underway reviewing for the state science test which will be on April 8th and 10th. We will devote days to reviewing key concepts from our Life, Earth/Space, and Physical science units and other days playing review games and/or doing digital activities. In addition, I will be emphasizing how important it will be to take their time and use the sheets of paper they will be given on test days to write down any notes they want to help them answer questions. After the test, we will be incorporating the units from this year to complete STEM activities and/or projects that I didn't have time to do during the units. The students made my second year teaching 5th grade science fun and memorable!

Social Studies: Mr. Bischof

The majority of our third quarter in Social Studies was spent focusing on early European exploration. We looked at the reasons for exploration as well as the results that came from colonization.

For the fourth quarter we are starting with looking at public issues. We are looking at information available, bias, reliable sources, etc. We will then be moving on to the regions of the Western Hemisphere, which will include information about the Northeast, West, Midwest, Southeast and Southwest regions of the United States. Another area we will cover will be types of governments. We will specifically focus on dictatorship, monarchy and democracy.

Intervention Reading: Mrs. Khan

We introduced a lot during the third quarter that we will continue with in the fourth quarter. We have been working on explicit vocabulary by working with meanings of prefixes and suffixes, using homophones correctly when given sentences, and using dictionaries. We will be starting fluency checks this quarter. I sent home a paper with students a few weeks ago to give to their families explaining their fluency grade. In case the letter did not reach you, the students are given a passage on Monday that I read aloud to them. They should be practicing reading this at home (less than 2 minutes) each night to work on fluency. At the end of the week they have comprehension questions on the passage and then have to read it to me to check their fluency. We also have been working on writing by filling out a graphic organizer together, then having to write a paper on their own using the structure they were given.

Just Words Reading: Mrs. Khan

The third quarter flew by! For the fourth quarter, we will be finishing V-E syllables and working on R-controlled vowels. The curriculum continues to build, so it is important that the class shows mastery in the content before we move on to the next unit. If time allows, we will introduce vowel teams at the end of the year.

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Math Lab: Spring is finally here after a long cold winter. The sun is so nice to see! As we head into the last quarter of the school year I would like to stress how impressed I am with all the growth I have seen in this class. They have all become very skilled at multiplying large numbers over the 3rd Quarter. We will be spending much of our time in the remainder of the year doing division with and without remainders. Make sure you keep up with your school work as the days get longer and warmer!

Resource Room Math: Mrs. Spicer

During the third quarter we focused on geometry, measurement and graphs. In geometry, we reviewed area and perimeter, and learned about volume and the different types of triangles. For measurement, we learned to convert both customary and metric measurements. We graphed points on the coordinate grid and learned about line plots.

Resource Room Reading: Mrs. Culver/Ms. Dalrymple

Hello, hello! This year has zoomed by and it is hard to believe that it is almost the end of the school year already! Students have been working hard and are making great progress this school year. We have finished our viking unit and have been working on our writing. Students have been working on the paragraph structure such as topic, supporting, and concluding sentences. I am looking forward to what the rest of the year will bring!

Wilson Reading: Mrs. Khan

This year has flown by and I am so proud of their work this year! We are continuing to work with multi-syllable words with the same syllable types. We have mastered compound words and are working with words with prefixes and suffixes. If time allows, we will introduce a new syllable type (V-E) at the end of the year.

News from the Encore Classrooms

Music: Mr. Savage

Band and choir families, our next concert is May 13th. The Choir concerts begin at 6pm and the bands begin at 7pm. Concerts are held in the Robert Trocchia Performing Arts Center.

Career: Mrs. Phillips

It's been a pleasure getting to know my new group of 5th graders this year. Students have been learning more about their likes and the types of careers they are interested in that match their personality styles. Students have studied topics such as Good Attendance, Strong Work Ethic, and Types of Skills. They recently finished a Career Plan project in which they researched their number career interest and created a google presentation. Additionally, the Builders Exchange of Central Ohio will be visiting our classroom to teach the students more about the Construction industry and what it can offer.

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Current Events: Mr. Sullivan

Being only a semester class. What can I say? The 1st semester flew by so quickly and it just seemed like yesterday we were at the beginning of the year. I hope that our time in current events inspired you to look at things differently. We looked at so many inspirational stories that hopefully inspired you. I hope to see you all next year when in 6th grade we look a little more into current events and how they do matter even in the eyes of a 6th grader.

Gym: Mr. Boucher

Welcome to Physical Education. Our focus this year will be learning and developing skills to improve and enhance our overall level of fitness. We will be participating in a variety of sports and activities for health, enjoyment, challenge, self expression and social interaction.

Health: Mrs. Leitnaker

Wow! The third quarter flew by! In Health class, students explored important topics such as **Decision-Making Skills, Physical Fitness, and the Importance of Exercise**. As we move into the fourth quarter, we will cover a variety of essential topics, including **Nutrition, Alcohol and Drug Prevention, Personal Hygiene**, and wrap up the year with **Summer Safety**. I'm excited to finish the year strong and continue helping students make healthy choices!

Tech: Mrs. McCoy

In tech this quarter, students focused on formatting in Google Apps. We organized their data and storage in Google drive. We discussed research ethics, plagiarism, copyright and proper citations of sources. Students developed general computer literacy skills by understanding the external and internal parts of devices, learning basic Chromebook operations, and learning shortcuts. Throughout the quarter, we also covered miscellaneous skills such as navigating ProgressBook, submitting assignments, and improving keyboarding proficiency.

Other News

Art Club: Ms. Henderly

Students in the 5th grade Art Club have met throughout the year. We have had an awesome time creating artwork together! The last Art Club workshop for the year will take place in a few weeks.

THE LAST ART CLUB WORKSHOP!

When: 4/9/25

Time: After school until 4:00 PM

Where: Room 203 with Ms. Henderly

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