

5th Grade News!
March 2021

Human Growth and Development begins soon!

On March 22th - 5th we will be teaching the 3 lessons of Human Growth and Development for the 5th Graders. Your children have a sheet today which outlines the lessons being taught.

IditaRead

The IditaRead is well underway, and our students have been doing a great job reading independently in class and at home. Remember, your child should already be reading 30 minutes per night for their Literacy homework. This can go towards their Idita Reading log and will count as long as it has a parent signature. Let's continue our way to Nome!



Literacy Essays

Students have finished up their Literacy Essays and will be doing final revisions on them next week. Each student was able to analyze a book of their choice and dive into the theme, point of view, setting, and much more! Students got to see their books at a deeper level, and we had a blast putting them together.

Language/Reading Workshop

Our Reading Marathon was a HIT! The students loved making their way to the finish line, and we had many finish entire chapter books. They got the chance to exercise with their friends, and try new books as well! Hopefully you were able to see the certificates they earned as well.

In reading right now, we started Unit 5: Investigation. We will be reading texts that cover trains, spaceships, and much more. We discuss how innovation is essential to the livelihood of our communities today. Many students have enjoyed diving into Expository Nonfiction, and we have three more books to go! We will also be doing a few fun activities for St. Patrick's Day!

Math

We just finished up our unit on multiplication and division of fractions. Our fifth grade has started a new unit on graphing, coordinates, and shape identification and classification. We are integrating some fun activities to help us learn these new concepts. The fifth grade has continued to meet in small groups and we have continued to incorporate Friday math tasks that use real-world situations to explain math in the fun ways.

Science/Social Studies

Our fifth graders have just finished creating and racing their balloon cars. This process included building, tweaking, testing, and rebuilding a balloon-powered car to go a minimum of 5 meters. This year was our most successful with more than 25% of the cars going beyond 10 meters. The final step in our process is to analyze and compare what we went through while building our cars, what we would do again, and what we would change. The kids also created scripts and created a video about their building process, and this video will be uploaded to their private Youtube accounts.

We started the American Revolution Unit for social studies. The students studied the different events that lead to the American Colonists declaring independence from Great Britain. We just started researching for our upcoming project which will have the students take the point of view of a American Patriot, or a British Loyalist. They will need to tell their version of an event from history based on their bias point of view.