

The seasons are definitely changing as the holidays are just around the corner. We have been learning a lot about immigration and sharing about our cultures and traditions. Our study of economy, culminating with students creating businesses coming up quickly. I enjoyed speaking with all of you about your children at parent-teacher conferences. Our conversations were both informative and productive in helping each 4SS students reach their potential! I am looking forward to the many learning opportunities during the upcoming months.



Thanks for your support!

Announcements/ Reminders:

- Dec 15 College Apparel Day
- Nov 21 Crazy Sock and Rainbow Day ☆ *Be sure to check our class website daily!*
- Nov 26-28 No School- Thanksgiving Break ☆ *Please remember that missing work slips are sent home every other week, showing assignments that haven't been turned in yet.*
- Dec 9 Winter Chorus Concert
- Dec 11 Mr. Freeze Science Assembly

Reading: We recently finished reading Immigration (a nonfiction anchor text) and Journey to Ellis Island (a historical fiction book) in our unit on journeys. We spent time discussing how people and events have influenced our lives. We have also just begun reading Fever 1793 (a historical fiction) and An American Plague (a nonfiction book) to further develop our study on how events of the past have impacted us. Students continue to learn reading strategies such as: "making connections" and "making sensory images". Students enjoy having choice in our classroom through Daily 5 activities.

Math (Accelerated): We recently worked on estimating and dividing whole numbers and decimals. Students are currently working on classifying polygons, lines, and angles based on their properties. Students are even learning and using a rap song to help them remember their quadrilaterals! In our upcoming unit, we'll be looking at fractions and decimals. We will be comparing, rounding, adding, subtracting, multiplying, and dividing fractions and decimals.

Word Study: At this point in the school year, students have learned 3 syllable types (closed, vc-e, and open) and identified them in multisyllabic words, identified exceptions, and started learning other targeted patterns. Additionally, students are also learning homophones, homographs, and Latin roots.

Social Studies: We recently finished our unit on the branches of government and cultures and traditions. Currently, we are working on learning about the economy of the United States. Our culminating activity will put each student in charge of his/her own business!

Books We've Read: *Immigration, Journey to Ellis Island, Fever 1793, An American Plague, poems from The New Kid on the Block and Where the Sidewalk Ends*

Science: We recently wrapped up our study of crickets and freed our cricket friends into the wild. We've begun to study food chains and food webs. Our owl pellet dissection is a large activity in learning about food chains and webs. To support this unit, Willowbrook Wildlife Center will be bringing some live birds of prey (including owls, falcons, and eagles) to Owen on October 21st!

Writing: Students have recently completed their Statue of Liberty research projects. They also wrote a narrative piece about events and people that have had an impact on their lives. Students will be researching and writing feature articles on people that have had an impact on the U.S. or the world.

As I reflect on the school year, I feel very fortunate to work with such a supportive parent community and am thankful for the opportunity to work with your children everyday.

Speaking & Listening: Students are working on realistic fiction book talks. They should be practicing them prior to Dec. 9th. Students speak in front of the class informally as well.



-Mr. Sabovik

