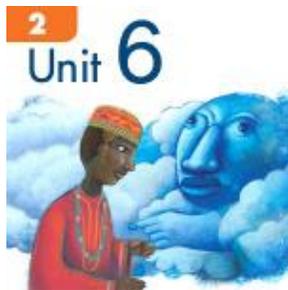


Ms. Monson's Classroom Newsletter

Reading

In this unit, "Tales to Live By," we contemplate what different cultures teach us. We read and compare selections from around the world to analyze how literature can provide insight into different cultures. We take notes in our annotation books as we think about these texts.



Unit Seven, "Investigating the Past," integrates with our final social studies unit. How does understanding the past shape the future? In this unit, students will read and compare selections about different times in history. We discuss primary sources of information and artifacts to help us learn from those that came before us.

In Writers workshop we continue to write daily. We intentionally look at what we have written, and make efforts not to write the same thing. We use new academic vocabulary to help our writing. We look at the illustrations we include and ask ourselves if they make sense with our words. Legibility continues to be another goal. We share and discuss writing every day. This develops speaking and listening skills.

Math

"Algebraic Thinking" is our newest math unit, beginning with lessons on equal sharing and equal groups to introduce the concept of fractions and multiplication. We will extend, describe and record repeating and growing patterns through April. We've also continued to work on word problems, really thinking about the "action" of the problem to solve it. We're seeing progress on these goals, and plan to continue through the remainder of the year.



Social Studies

“Geography” is our social studies focus for quarter three. We began the unit with discussions about the setting of a story. Then we mapped out the setting and began to think deeply about how to represent a place. We are looking at U.S. and world maps, studying physical features of multiple maps and found many connections as we studied together.

Science

We completed "Physical Science - Force and Motion," where investigated the motion of objects with emphasis on concepts of balance, counterweights, stability, and rotation. We conducted some experiments and observed objects that balance and spin; and observe and compare rolling systems. We also contemplated gravity.

Reminder

It's cold weather season!
Please remember your warm coats, hats, scarves, mittens, snow pants and boots.



Quarter 3 Schedule 2:30-3:25

Monday:
Art with Ms. Hubert
Tuesday:
Music with Mr. Thomas
Wednesday:
Media/Tech
with Ms. McEathron
Thursday:
Art with Ms. Hubert
Friday:
P.E. with Ms. Tollefson

Coming up right after March, during the first week in April...



Have a wonderful and restful spring break!