



Altoona Intermediate School
Altoona, Wisconsin

March 2021 Newsletter

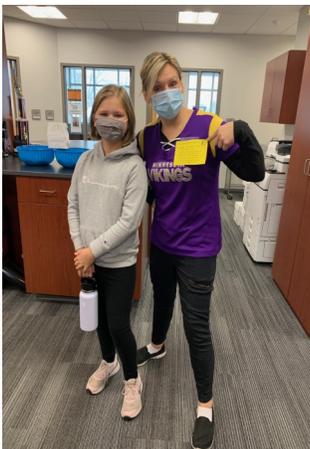
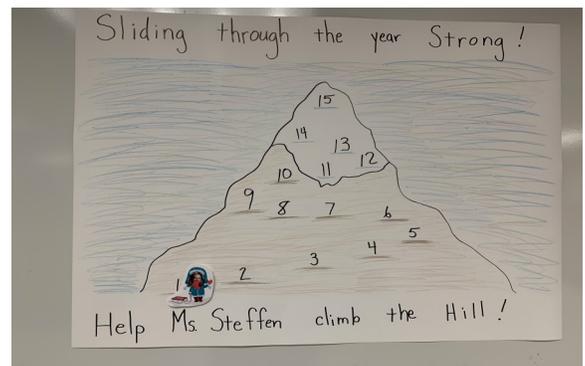
From the Principal, Andrea Steffen:

Last month we met our "Lighting Up AIS" respect goal and were able to celebrate under the stars in the gym. In the darkness the blue stars were shining bright on the ceiling while a book was read out loud to the students. This month we are working on earning a sledding celebration. Hopefully we have a little bit of snow!

Thank you for attending the Parent Teacher Conferences at the end of February. We had a 98% attendance rate! Thank you for supporting your children and their teachers!

Please remember to mark your calendars for our upcoming Spring Break. It is Monday, March 29th through Monday, April 5th. As a reminder, there is no school on Monday, April 5th. It is an Educator Inservice day.

Enjoy the warmer weather!



Did you know that the students can use their Principal's Coupon to "make" Ms. Steffen wear a Vikings outfit all day?

What are 4th Graders Studying?

What We're Learning in ELA By Jessica Gary

Currently we are working on opinions.

We are also working on finding which are reasons and which is evidence. We need to know this because of our paragraphs that we are writing. Reasons are more general and evidence is specific from the text.

We are also working on good opinion paragraphs. Our goal for this is: a good topic sentence that states the opinion. 3-4 general reasons to support our opinion. 3-4 (depending on how many reasons) good pieces of evidence to support the reasons. Last a good conclusion statement that restates the topic sentence in a different way.

Some classes are even getting to use the information from the articles to conduct a debate! They have to give solid arguments about either the pro or the con of the topic.



Students in Mrs. Langlois' class doing a debate



Students preparing for a debate

What We are Doing in Math Class By Julie Thielen

In math class we are learning the U.S. standard algorithm for subtraction and we learned the U.S. standard algorithm for addition. We have been watching math videos to help us learn all about it.

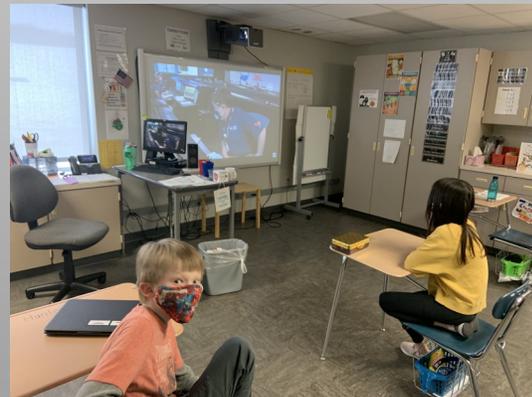
The U.S. standard algorithm for subtraction can be pretty hard but once you get the hang of it it's easy. What you have to do is put the 2 numbers on top of each other and subtract by place value.

When you have a problem where the number you are subtracting is bigger than the base number you regroup from the tens and you do that any time the number you are subtracting is bigger than the other number. We have also learned other strategies for subtraction.

For addition we learned other strategies before we learned the U.S. standard algorithm which is pretty easy. I believe that you adults already know it!

Perseverance Landing on Mars

The science program that we use is called Mystery Science. A man that calls himself 'Mystery Doug' sends out a mini lesson each week for students to watch. This week, he sent out a lesson about why Mars is red. Along with this mini lesson, he sent a live feed from NASA. We watched a rover, whose name is Perseverance, land on Mars!! There were several words we didn't necessarily understand, but it was pretty cool to see the visuals and hear the cheers of the NASA employees as it landed.



Students in Mrs. Roff's class watching the rover land on Mars.

What did 5th graders learn in February?

Science - We are just finishing up our Mystery Science Unit called "Spaceship Earth". We learned about the sun, moon, stars, and planets.

Math - We are currently working on Unit 5 called Temperature, Height, and Growth (Analyzing Patterns and Rules). This unit focuses on using coordinate graphs, ordered pairs, tables and symbolic notation to model real world and mathematical situations.

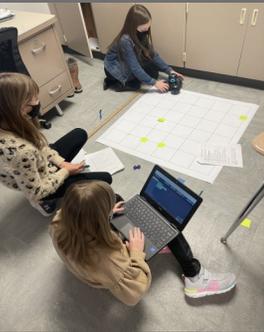
ELA/SS - Integrated study: We are just finishing up Unit 6. This unit focused on reading and identifying nonfiction text structures. We read the book Immigrant Kids as well as multiple articles about immigration today. Unit 7 is the culmination of our study on immigration. Students will be researching the contributions of an immigrant group, and their experiences coming to the United States. Students will then write a 5 paragraph paper on their findings.

Coming soon

We are excited for the "Ellis Island Simulation" that will take place in early March. Our passports are ready!



WHAT IS A CUE? A ROBOT YOU CAN PROGRAM. MATH SKILLS ARE REQUIRED!

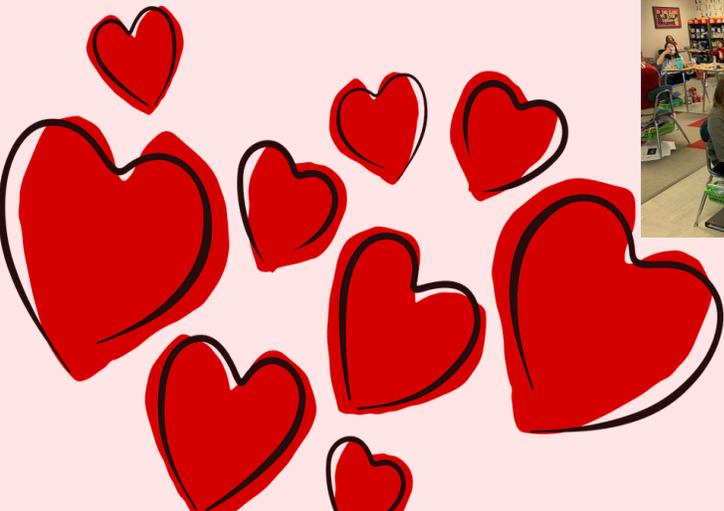
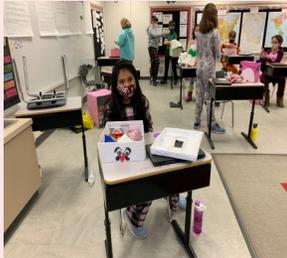


Can you read a shadow clock? Ask a 5th grader to find out how!





AI'S VALENTINE'S DAY PARTIES





2020 - 2021 School Calendar

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- 6-12 A In-Person, B Virtual
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- K-12 Virtual Learning
- School Closed
- Early Release Day
- Educator Inservice (No Students)
- New Educator Orientation
- Family-Teacher Conferences

Jul 1 - Aug 31	One Educator Preparation Day
Aug 18 - 20	New Educator Orientation
Aug 21 - 27	Educator Inservice - No School for Students
Sept 1	Student First Day
Sept 7	Labor Day - No School
Oct 20	K-5 Family-Teacher Conference - Evening
Oct 22	K-5 Family-Teacher Conference - Afternoon/Evening
Oct 23	K-5: No School
Nov 23	Educator Inservice - No School for Students
Nov 24 - 27	Thanksgiving Break - No School

Dec 24 - Jan 1	Winter Break - No School
Jan 22	Educator Inservice - Early Release for Students
Feb 23	Family-Teacher Conference - Evening
Feb 25	Family-Teacher Conference - Afternoon/Evening
Feb 26	No School
Mar 29 - Apr 2	Spring Break - No School
Apr 5	Educator Inservice - No School for Students
May 28	High School Graduation
May 31	Memorial Day - No School
Jun 4	Student Last Day - Early Release