

Altoona Intermediate School

November 2020



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Thank you to our wonderful Altoona families, students, staff and all who are working so hard toward helping us stay safely in school. The start of 2020-2021 school year has been a strong one and we are excited to be sharing this journey with you, providing the strongest academic instruction in the safest way we can.



***Thank you
for wearing
your mask!***

Again, thank you to everyone for doing their part to stay safe by following the many measures we have in place. We have very few positive cases and have had to quarantine no additional children with our positive cases at this time. We have had very few students out for quarantine in general.



Let's keep "Following" our plan, working hard and staying safe!

Ms. Steffen



**Andrea Steffen
AIS Principal**



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BATTLE OF THE BOOKS

The AIS 5th graders spent the month of October enjoying more than a dozen books by the author, Andrew Clements. Students worked together as teams to compete in a "Battle of the Books" to share their knowledge!



Battle of the Books

by Chloe A and Rylee B

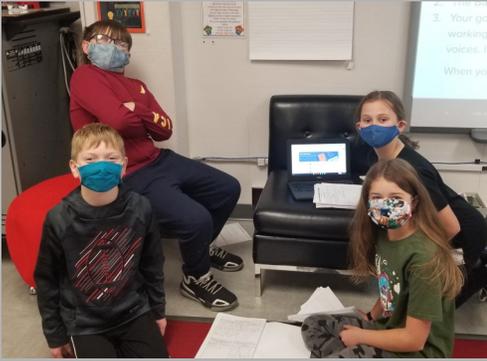
On Friday, November 13, all 5th graders participated in a Battle of the Books Competition as part of our ELA Andrew Clements unit.



Preparing: We prepared by dividing the 15 books by Andrew Clements up with the kids in our group, we had about 6 weeks to read the books we were assigned to and took notes by filling out a four square sheet. We also had to remember the things we didn't write down, and some of the groups didn't even take notes or some who did, didn't use them.

Who were the winners? Prizes were given to first, second, and third place.
1st Place team: Brock, Chloe, Isak, and Payton (Brahan's homeroom)
2nd Place team: Rylee, Tristan M, Cohen, Jameilla (Brahan's homeroom)
3rd Place team: Livia, Caleb, Michael, and Kaden (Brahan's homeroom)





Where did it take place: It took place in the classrooms, and some of the groups went in the I-zone. Each group had 1 chromebook that they took the test on.

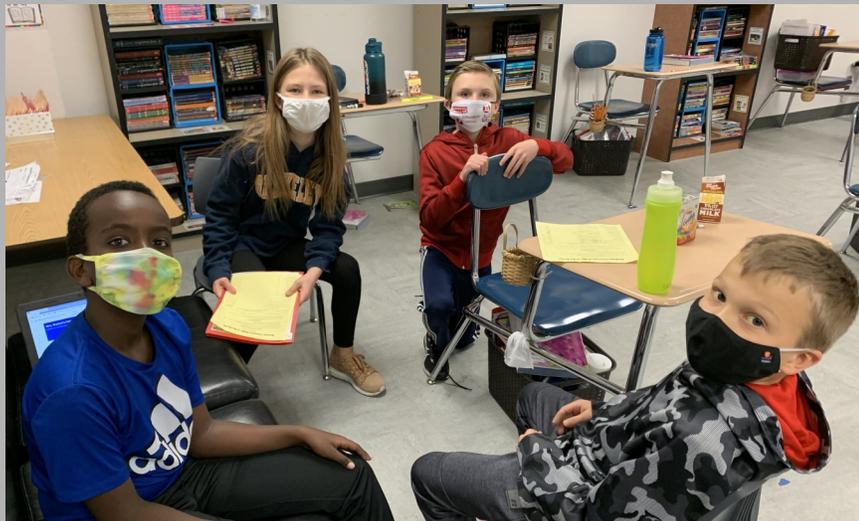
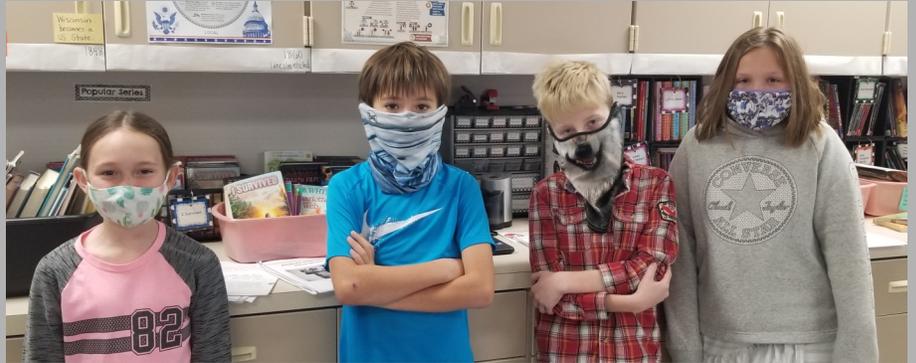
What was the key to success?

As you saw Mrs. Brahan's class won 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place. How did they do it? Two people read the same book just in case one kid was gone, or didn't know the answer. Some students read all 15 books. They used teamwork to get the answers right on the quiz.



Interviews:

"Battle of the Books was awesome! What got me going was when we started reading for the battle. I felt like it was like a sport, you practice hard, in this case reading the books, and during the battle you give it your all. The reason some 5th grade students started reading more books than they had to was because they wanted their team to take the win. Their drive was powered by getting a lot of questions right. Reading ALL the books really helped my team!" Brock S

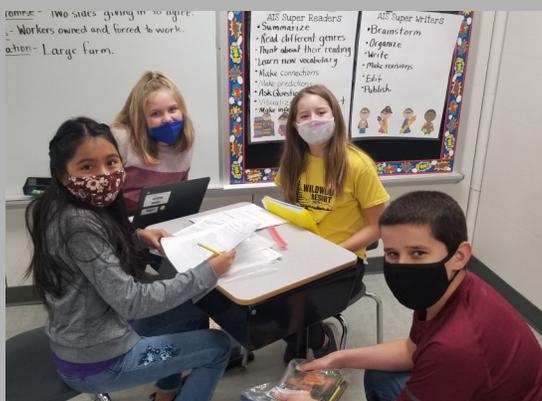


"All the Andrew Clements were fun to read and I would recommend them to others to read." Jameilla C

"Don't let your dreams be just dreams, work at it." Tristan M

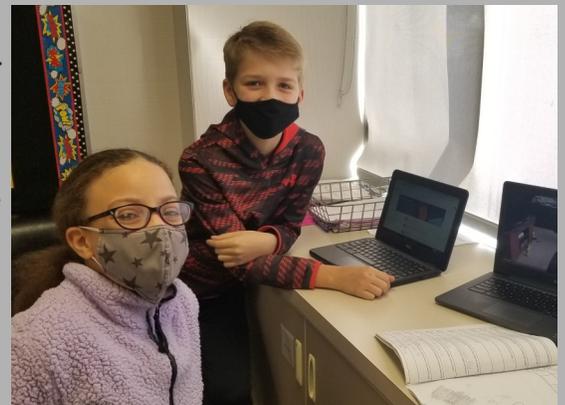
"Even though Andrew Clements isn't my favorite author, his books were still really good and I would recommend them to others." Sophia S

"If you still don't like to read, but you want to win. Believe in yourself and work hard." Landan V



"Andrew Clements is a great writer, he really helped to picture the story." Rylee B

"Although you may be doing something small for your group, you're actually doing something really big." Cohen M





Greetings from the PE Department! We have had a busy Fall and are not slowing down as we head into Winter season! PE this year has been looking a little bit different but we are all still having a ball! Students have been busy in a variety of units including; Ultimate



Games, many variations of Cardioball, Team Handball and most recently we are finishing up our 'Turkey Trot Obstacle Course.' Students leave drenched from class daily! We are already looking forward to our 'Rudolph Run' (another obstacle course) in December.



We thought it would be fun to challenge you all to a This or That workout at home over the holiday break!

****Play along and send us some photos if you can!****

We hope you are all finding ways to stay active as a family during these unique times.

Until next time keep those bodies moving!! - The PE Department – Mrs. Bourget & Mr. Emerson

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THIS OR THAT

Do each exercise for:
 Beginner: 30 sec work / 30 sec rest
 Intermediate: 30 sec work / 20 sec rest
 Advanced: 30 sec work / 10 sec rest
 Rest 1-3 minutes between circuits
 Complete 1-3 circuits

Squats OR Jump Squats
 High Planks OR Knee To Elbow Planks
 Alt. Reverse Lunges OR Jump Lunges
 Jumping Jacks OR Mountain Climbers
 Sumo Squats OR Pop Squats
 Elbow Plank OR Plank Up Downs
 Pushups on Knees OR Full Pushups
 Inchworm OR Burpees

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The spirit of Thanksgiving is about showing gratefulness for our good fortune and giving to those who are in need. Express your thanks this holiday season by showing your children the importance of earning, donating, and spreading kindness to others.

One exercise that can help your children learn this behavior is practicing the 3 S's philosophy to financial literacy – Save, Share and Spend. During the month of November, give your children some chores to do around your home or yard and give them an allowance for the chores completed. Remind them that we all have to make choices with our money and that the three broad choices are to save, share and spend. Help them label envelopes with the three S's and divide the money they earn between the three envelopes. At the end of the month, put the **SAVE** envelope into savings, allow your child to choose how they spend their **SPEND** envelope, and help them find a worthy cause for the **SHARE** envelope that makes them happy. Ultimately, you are helping your kids create a habit that will make their hearts happy while developing a healthy relationship with money.



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2020 - 2021 School Calendar



LATE START 4th Grade

10:30-11:30 Math
 11:30-12:00 Lang Workshop
 12:00-12:40 Lunch/Recess
 12:40-2:00 Specials
 2:00-3:00 ELA
 3:00-3:30 Soc Science
 3:35 Dismissal

EARLY RELEASE 4th Grade

8:30-9:30 ELA
 9:30-9:40 Snack
 9:42-10:45 Math
 10:50-11:14 Specials
 11:17-11:41 Specials
 11:44-12:25 Lunch/Recess
 2:25-12:35 Clean/Pack Up

LATE START 5th Grade

10:30-10:50 Homeroom
 10:50-12:05 Specials
 12:05-12:45 Lunch/Recess
 12:45-2:00 Math
 2:00-3:30 ELA
 3:35 Dismissal

EARLY RELEASE 5th Grade

8:30-9:30 Math
 9:30-9:38 Snack
 9:41-10:05 Specials
 10:08-10:32 Specials
 10:36-11:41 ELA
 11:44-12:25 Lunch/Recess
 12:25-12:35 Clean/Pack Up

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- 6-12 A In-Person, B Virtual
- 6-12 B In-Person, A Virtual
- 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