

NORTH CHARLESTOWN COMMUNITY SCHOOL



Grade 1

Ms. Thresher

This warm winter is zooming by in 1st grade! In phonics, we are working on learning about syllables and short vs long vowels. In our multi aged reading groups with 2nd grade, we are studying winter stories and winter weather and how much fun it is when it snows. In math, we are beginning to work on both shape and number patterns! In February, we are excited to celebrate both the 100th Day and Valentine's Day. Although it is warm, remember to send students to school with boots, snow pants, gloves, and hats! Wishing you a happy winter!

Grade 2

Mrs. Clark

Second Grade is a busy place to be! We are really enjoying our learning time in the classroom. It is hard to believe that we are half way through the school year!

We traveled around the world and learning about how different cultures celebrate the holidays. We tracked our trip on a map and made books about our journey. We spent some time discussing Martin Luther King Jr. We made our own "I have a dream" posters. We shared dreams that we have for our community, country and world.

Please remember to send your students winter clothes in each day. It would also be a big help if you could label everything. We have students who have matching items and it can be a little confusing at the end of the day when we need to pack up our things. Also remind your student to bring sneakers to school so they aren't in their boots all day. **They are more than welcome to leave a pair of sneakers and a sweatshirt at school during the week and they will get sent home on Fridays.**

Reminder-Please work with your student on tying their shoes. This is an independent skill that they need to have.

Grade 3

Mr. Wright

Third grade students had a fantastic time watching "A Christmas Carol" at Hartford Stage. It was an amazing production. The cast consisted of several children, some even younger than 8 years old! After that we had a tour of Mark Twain's house, also in Hartford, CT. We would like to thank the Fall Mountain Educational Endowment Association for buying our tickets for "A Christmas Carol", and the Teacher's Council for paying our admission into the Mark Twain House and Museum.



Having just finished reading A Christmas Carol right before vacation, we are now ready to start reading our next book, Peter Pan. We are also discussing the upcoming presidential election and recently held a caucus in our classroom. We were deciding which was our favorite school lunch food, Mac and Cheese, Pizza, Shepherd's Pie, Meatball Sub, Spaghetti with Meat Sauce, or Chicken Patties. Students had to move around the room to choose their favorite, then realign themselves when less popular items were eliminated. The meatball sub was the winner!

Grade 4

Mrs. Morel

It is hard to believe that our year is half over. It seems like just yesterday was the first day of school. As we begin the month of February, the students are closer to fifth graders than fourth graders. It truly is amazing how quickly the school year progresses.

In December, the students enjoyed a great outdoor learning experience with Dawn, who comes to us from the Sullivan County Education and Outreach Program, where they learned about animal tracks, and hibernation. It's always a fun educational, adventure when Dawn is able to visit!

For two weeks we also had the stream table on loan from the Sullivan County Conservation District. As part of our lessons with the table, we were joined by 7th and 8th graders from CMS who shared a lesson with us through the stream table. The students enjoyed learning about the vocabulary words associated with a river, and manipulating the tools available to them to try to prevent erosion in their own rivers!



Did your child receive a tablet or computer for Christmas? Did you know that by going to the library and asking for a code you can have access to hundreds of books online? Well you can! NH has an online library with tons of books including books for children just waiting to be borrowed. If you visit the library to pick up your code and visit <http://nh.lib.overdrive.com/> you can get started downloading books to your device and start reading right away!

As many of you know it is very cold outside. The temperature in our classroom can drastically vary. Please encourage your student to dress in layers. Please remember that it is especially important that everyone continues to bring appropriate clothing for recess.

Grade 5

Mr. Hill

A lot of things have been going on in fifth grade. Mostly projects and fun games, and learning. For science we did a biome project. It was very interesting. I learned a lot about other biomes. In social studies we're currently working on an explorer project. Something that Mia, Devyn, Noella and I have been doing is recognizing teachers for doing things that shine. In vocab and spelling we've been getting more challenging words. For NG2 we've been learning about number patterns, benchmarking fractions, and multiplying, dividing, adding, and subtracting decimals.

As a class we earned a reward for having to retake our diagnostics. Our reward is a pizza party where we can wear our pajamas, slippers, and bring a stuffed animal, plus we get to watch a movie!!!! In math we're working on multiplying, dividing, adding, and subtracting fractions. On class dojo I'm super close to the One Thousand Point Club.

Sincerely,

Madeline St. Pierre

Welcome back to fifth grade!!!! So far the year has been filled with lots of fun projects and new experiences. Right now in social studies we are researching and creating a slide about famous European explorers. Doesn't it sound fun? I can reassure you it is. In science we actually just finished our biome projects. They were all really good. We actually just entered comp 6 in NG2. We are working in NG2 on number patterns and plan on doing a number pattern project. In our classroom we finished our IReady diagnostics and were going to have a pizza, pajama and movie day. Everyone is so excited. Well I guess that's all, hope you have a wonderful weekend, bye.

Brought to you by,

Mia Dupont

This is what we have been doing in fifth grade... we did a project about biomes and now we're doing a project about explorers in social studies. In PE we're making our own games and we are still playing fun games. Since it's almost Valentine's day, we made Valentine's day cards in art. Happy Valentine's day!

By: Abigail. M. Waterman

This is what we are working on in fifth grade... In PE we are making our own game. In social studies we are making a PowerPoint about different explorers. In NG2 we are working on decimals and fractions.

In science we were working about biomes like tundra, desert, forest and rainforest. In math we are working on number patterns. If we get 10 days on green we get to have free time.

By Nicole

5th graders do a lot of things over the year. Some of the things we do are projects like our biome project and our PE games we made up, and will be played in the spring.

5th grade is not all fun as we have to do work and some of that work is fun like games or projects in groups. We also do work on paper and whiteboards. But that's how we learn.
Jaden

Fifth Graders are working on a lot of things. Here are some things that we are working on. Fifth Graders are doing a project in Social Studies about people who were famous explorers. In Science we worked on biome projects where every group got a different biome and studied it. Also, Madeline, Devyn, Mia and I have made a group called Star Teachers where we give out three Star Student awards to three teachers who we have been looking over for the past couple of months. We also had to redo our diagnostics because it didn't think that we did it in December instead of January, so we got a reward and it is.....a pizza party where we can be in our pajamas, bring a stuffed animal, and we get to watch a movie 😊. In Fifth Grade NG2 we are benchmarking, multiplying, subtracting, adding, and dividing decimals, fractions, and doing number patterns. In Gym we are making games and once we are done with that, we are going to play them. In Vocabulary we are getting more challenging words each week. In Language Arts we are learning about the Titanic and the Spirit of Endurance. We have a Calendar that is all in Spanish and we have days on green. Days on Green is if all of the class is all on green for our class dojo, we get a checkmark. That checkmark can be used for Indoor Recess, Outdoor Recess, and even free time on the computers. We also get Sticky Notes every day so that we can write accomplishments that we want to work on. Those are some things that the Fifth Graders are working on.

By Noella



From the Nurse
Mrs. Frithsen

Did you know that cavities remain the most prevalent chronic disease of childhood? February 2020 is National Children's Dental Health Month. Thank you to everyone who participated in the Sullivan County Dental Initiative's Dental Screening and Cavity prevention program last month at school.

Each child who participated got individual teaching on proper tooth brushing. Ask your child to show you what they learned! Students also received a report of their oral health and recommendations for care if needed. Please let me know if you have any questions about the report or if you need help obtaining health and dental insurance for your child. There is a Family Resource Counselor who will meet you at school at your convenience (even in the evening) to help you apply for insurance for your child.

Teaching your child to take care of their teeth can help instill a lifetime of healthy habits. Help them to brush their teeth twice a day for two minutes each time. As adults we have so many demands on our time and distractions, but that two minutes twice a day that you can spend with your child brushing their teeth is time well spent!

Here is a reminder of the right way to brush your teeth:

- Place your toothbrush at an angle to your gums
- Gently move your toothbrush back and forth in short tooth-wide strokes
- Brush the outer surfaces, the inner surfaces, and the chewing surfaces of the teeth
- To clean the inside surfaces of the front teeth, tilt the brush vertically and make several up and down strokes

Please let me know if you have any questions or if I can help your child in anyway.
Mrs. Frithsen, School Nurse, 826-3986 or efrithsen@sau60.org



Literary Awards

This year's much anticipated children's literary awards have been announced!! The Newbery medal is awarded to the author who has made the most distinguished contribution to children's literature this year and the Caldecott award is given to the artist of the most distinguished children's picture book of the year.

And the 2020 winners are...

John Newbery Medal



New Kid Written by Jerry Craft (gr 4-7)

Seventh grader Jordan Banks loves nothing more than drawing cartoons about his life. But instead of sending him to the art school of his dreams, his parents enroll him in a prestigious private school known for its academics, where Jordan is one of the few kids of color in his entire grade. As he makes the daily trip from his Washington Heights apartment to the upscale Riverdale Academy Day School, Jordan soon finds himself torn between two worlds—and not really fitting into either one. Can Jordan learn to navigate his new school culture while keeping his neighborhood friends and staying true to himself?

Newbery Honor Books

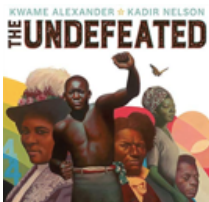
The Undeclared written by Kwame Alexander (gr 3-6)

Scary Stories for Young Foxes written by Christian McKay Heidicker (gr 3-6)

Other Words for Home written by Jasmine Warga (gr 4-8)

Genesis Begins Again written by Alicia D. Williams (gr 5-8)

Randolph Caldecott Medal



The Undeclared illustrated Kadir Nelson and written by Kwame Alexander (gr 3-6)

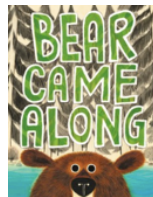
Originally performed for ESPN's The Undeclared, this poem is a love letter to black life in the United States. It highlights the unspeakable trauma of slavery, the faith and fire of the civil rights movement, and the grit, passion, and perseverance of some of the world's greatest heroes. Robust back matter at the end provides valuable historical context and additional detail for those wishing to learn more.

Caldecott Honors:

Bear Come Along illustrated by LeUyen Pham and written by Richard T. Morris (gr preK-2)

Double Bass Blues illustrated by Rudy Gutierrez and written by Andrea J. Loney (gr 1-3)

Going Down Home with Daddy illustrated by Daniel Minter and written by Kelly Starling Lyons (gr 2-5)



For More information on these awards and others visit the American Library Association at <http://www.ala.org/alsc/awardsgrants/bookmedia>

JANUARY STAR STUDENTS

Nieomi Van Laere, Nikolia Horton, Ezra Allen, Isabella Rounds, Megan Cable, Izabella Alva, Emilia Richardson, Autumn Mallory-Hartmann, Chauncey Nott, Clayton Luce and Staff, Mrs. Livengood, Mrs. Perkins and Mrs. Clark.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- FEB. 12 PTA LITTLE CEASAR PIZZA PICK UP
- FEB. 14 VALENTINE'S DAY
- FEB. 14 SLIDING DAY (IF WE HAVE ENOUGH SNOW)
- FEB. 17 – 21 FEBRUARY VACATION
- FEB. 28 STAR STUDENT ASSEMBLY

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VISION STATEMENT

Upon graduation, Fall Mountain students will have the academics and social abilities to actively apply their knowledge and skills as ethically responsible citizens, well equipped to succeed in their community, country and world.