News from Room 2:
Second and Third Graders in Room 2 have been really enjoying the warmer weather. They have even earned some extra recess in the afternoon on a few occasions. As we wind down in the last six weeks of the school year, it is as hard as ever to maintain our best attention. We are celebrating hard work, and getting ready for third and fourth grade, by putting lots of jewels in our jewel jar and getting outside whenever possible.

In reading, we have continued our guided reading groups. We are getting ready for our end of the year reading assessments to see how much we have grown! Additionally we started reading what may be our last read aloud book of the school year, Holes, by Louis Sachar. Unlike our other read aloud books, this one will be accompanied by a lot of work thinking and writing about the text. We are even going to have book quizzes every 3-4 chapters. On our first quiz, all but three students scored 80% or above! We are really interested in this character driven story!

In writing, we have really developed in our ability to produce a piece of writing. Right now we are working on editing our writing. We have learned a series of editing marks that help us identify mistakes in writing, and we have reflected on what our most common mistakes are. For some of us it is capital letters, whereas other struggle remembering to include punctuation. This unit will really help us improve and be able to edit our work.

In math, we only have one topic left to cover before we've studied all the second and third grade topics for the year- money. After getting a lot of practice counting up money and making change, we will review the more challenging topics from the school year, and also do some work stepping up to third and fourth grade for those students who are ready.

In social studies, we have continued to separate into grade level groups. A big thank you goes out to Mrs. Bartolucci and Ms. Fonte who are working with our third graders on mapping skills and geometry. (cont. on top of next column)

The second graders just started their lesson on Newspapers. We are learning all about the parts of the newspaper and discussing ways in which people stay involved in current events. We are also talking about why people want to know what's going on in the world.

Overall we have continued to be very busy! This time of year is always so enjoyable because we have learned so much and really get to have fun with the rest of the curriculum.

Room 6 News:
We have finished MCAS! I am so proud of everyone! They all worked hard and did their best. I saw them use all of the strategies they have been taught. I am hopeful that they rocked the test!

We have started a new read aloud called “Restart.” Ask your kids to tell you about it.

In math, we will be reviewing all of our fourth grade concepts and taking a look ahead at fifth grade concepts!

Science will be continuing on energy concepts with lots of hands on activities to support the curriculum.

Our end of the year will focus on immigration unit in social studies and another science unit about living organisms.

This is the best part of the school year because we can really delve into some interesting concepts and dig deeper in our understanding.

Keep an eye out on Class tag for my updates and my pictures!

On a supply note, if you could send in any dry erase markers for the class to use, that would be great! Thanks so much for being such a wonderful support throughout the year.

Please respond to this month’s question...
What did your child say about taking MCAS this year...How do they feel about themselves?
Email me at penn@wsps.org
Literacy News:
Summer will be here before we know it. We were hoping to create a Mittineague Free Library that kids could come visit during the summer. We would like something that could be attached to the wall outside, perhaps near the gym entrance. If we had this “Free Library”, Any Mittineague student could choose a book to read and then return when they are finished. I called some area schools to see if they would be willing to create a small book shed. I haven't heard back yet. I know we have many talented Mittineague Parents, wondering if anyone would be interested in creating one for us...Call 263-3327 if you can help.

Learning Center News:

“What you want won’t always come easy, but if you work hard and don’t give up you will get there.”

The school has been ensconced in state testing since the beginning of April. Because of this, there are many changes to scheduling throughout the building. All students are impacted by these changes and by the reduction of resource staff during the testing window. You should be proud of your children. The students that work in the learning center have all been working so hard and given their best on their MCAS tests. I am so proud of each and every one of them. The first and second graders have also done their best to be flexible in their schedules. They have been working on initial consonant blends and have also been working very hard.”

New! West Springfield SD (School Department) WSPS Mobile App for your phone or device!!
Download the new school department app today to get all the news from all of your children’s’ schools in one place! App features include calendar, menus, PowerSchool, news, athletics, schools, social media, notifications, and more!

PTO
The next PTO meeting of the year is scheduled for Tuesday, May 7, 2019, from 5:00-6:00. We hope to see you there!

Reminder: Mittineague School is now offering a “Grab and Go” breakfast to all students. If your child comes in late to school, they are able to go down to the cafeteria, grab a bagged breakfast and take it with them to class!!

Happy Spring!!

Word of the Week

compassion

Showing sympathy or concern for others

QUOTE OF THE WEEK:

“Life is not a COMPETITION, Life is about helping and inspiring others so that we can each reach our true potential.”

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