

Kachemak Selo

K-5 News

October/November 2021

Reading: This month we broke into two groups. One is reading a book called "Tales Dark and Grimm" it is a fifth grade battle book based on Grimm fairy tales. It is fun to read because it is so funny. The stories are clever and a little scary which brings us to our second book, Marvin and James. It is a story about a boy and his pet beetle. This group is reading it because the first book was too scary! I love these kids for just that reason! Both of these books are helping students learn to site evidence while reading to back up their opinions.

It has been so fun watching the kids read their leveled readers together. They are all really learning how to read and I couldn't be more proud.

Writing: We are working on expository writing this month. Older kids got to go to Ms. Sarah's class to write about being a superhero. Practice Practice Practice

Math

This month 3-5 is learning about area, perimeter, parallel and perpendicular lines, all coming together into an even deeper understanding of the multiplication tables! Second grade students are learning time and odd and even and adding and subtracting.

RUSSIAN

Arena has been away and the kids have been having fun with Maria. Between me and you, I am super proud to know that our school is helping to keep culture and tradition alive.

P.E.

Mr. Dave has been teaching the kids to play soccer and they are loving it. The younger kids even morphed it into an imaginary play game. He is having a blast teaching them and I am loving seeing their growth.

Please remember to dress everyone warmly including socks and gloves! These cold days are tough on tiny people and we go out everyday unless it is zero degrees. Brrrrrr

Winter has arrived!

UPDATE

It is official, winter is here! With the snow and colder temperatures I want to send a quick reminder to families that the school is unfortunately really chilly in the morning before the sun comes up— I encourage students to bring blankets and where many layers to stay warm! I hope to take the students cross country skiing sometime soon, hopefully when it is not -10 out!!!

As stated before, I feel so honored to be able to teach here at Kachemak Selo and am beyond blessed to be teaching this phenomenal group of students. That being said, attendance has been a major issue for us recently. I am understanding and sympathetic to outside events (weddings, fishing, hunting, household responsibilities) keeping students from attending class but can no longer tolerate unexcused absences. I hope we can work together to create a functional and substantial routine for the students as the school year continues.

As always, if your student is feeling ill— please keep them home! As much as I love to see them, I don't love to see them with a fever :) We have been hard at work in our art curriculum crafting amazing winter wonderlands, see photos!



WHAT HAVE WE BEEN UP TO?

HIGH SCHOOL

Throughout the last two months we have been reading through *The Great Gatsby* by F. Scott Fitzgerald. We finished the book and enjoyed watching the movie together as a class. It was perfect timing as we are also learning about the 1920's in History. Integrating the two classes for the past month has been really useful in encouraging the students to see how they can use what they learn in one class and apply it to other aspects of their lives as well.

MIDDLE SCHOOL

Within ELA we have began an independent novel study. Each student was responsible for choosing their own book to read and are slowly working their way through the novel with a focus in character development and plot diagramming. The students are also continually working on their typing skills as well as spelling and grammatical functions.

We are still trudging along learning about the founding years of the United States. As a class we discussed the Constitution and the Bill of Rights and are beginning to discuss American Expansion.

IMPORTANT DATES

No School 11/25– 11/26
Semester 1 Ends 12/17
Winter Break 12/17 - 1/3

IMPORTANT REMINDERS

- The district is still operating under the "Zero Symptom Policy" meaning if your student is showing any cold like symptoms *please* keep your kiddos home! We love to have them at school but also want to make sure everyone stays happy and healthy!
- Feel free to contact me with any questions or concerns, or just to chat! My phone number is 907-235-5552 ext. 5610

Mr. Harrison's November News for Science & Math!

Greetings!

Happy November to all! When I did my research on the Homer/Selo area regarding climate, I found it rarely dips below zero, and if it does, it's in January or February. Well, I've already recorded several sub-zero temperatures and was caught off-guard with a frozen pipe! But the beauty of the fall and the crisp evenings are breathtaking!

H/S finance

Interest has been the name of the game- simple, compound, and daily compounded interest and seeing how dates and amounts affect the return on the investment have taken all of our time here. The students have done VERY well with these concepts.

M/S math

Geometry has been our main focus- with triangles, angles, congruence, and how images are manipulated on a 2D plane were some of the skills gained this month.

H/S Science

Chemical bonding (ionic, covalent, and metallic) and drawing 2D examples of these concepts, plus the unique bonding capabilities of carbon (single, double, and triple covalent bonds) are concepts we've explored.

M/S Science

Middle school has been doing physics, with concepts like average speed, velocity, acceleration, and forces being covered.

How can you help?

Attendance is still a major concern. Students are still struggling with being to school on time and coming back from lunch on time. It's a pleasure to have your child here at K-Selo every day and we appreciate your continued support.

After School Time Available

Good news! After Russian, from 3:05-4:05, students may come to my room to catch up on missing work, receive tutoring, or continue recover credits on GradPoint. Snacks and drinks are provided, and students do not have to stay the whole time.



Kachemak-Selo Master Schedule 2021-22

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| 8:30-9:30 | HS Math/MS Language Arts |
| 9:30-10:30 | MS Math/HS Language Arts |
| 10:30-10:45 | Snack |
| 10:45-11:25 | Elective (1 st & 4 th quarter PE, 2 nd & 3 rd Health) |
| 11:30-12:15 | LUNCH |
| 12:15-12:25 | D.E.A.R. |
| 12:25-1:10 | HS Science/MS Social Studies |
| 1:10-2:05 | MS Science/HS Social Studies |
| 2:05-3:05 | Russian |



December 2021

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
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| | | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | |
| 5 | 6 | 7 Site Council Meeting (KSelo) 3:30 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 |
| 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 End of Quarter 2 Early Release 12:30 | 18 |
| 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 |
| | | Winter Break | | | | |
| 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 | 31 | |
| | | Winter Break | | | | |