

Mr. Houchins' Classroom

ELEMENTARY K - 6

TULAIGH AND FRIENDS



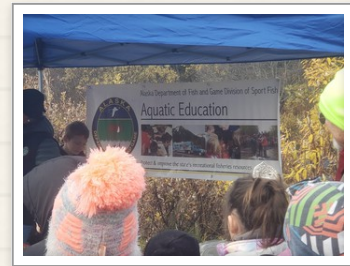
END OF THE QUARTER

Parent conferences were held this week and parents reviewed the progress of their children. Student work was reviewed and sent home. Feel free to stop by anytime and have a discussion with Mr. Houchins when you have concerns. His door is always open.

The weather is getting colder daily. Make sure that your child comes to school with warm clothing so that they can enjoy outdoor recess.

Halloween is just around the corner. It falls on a Tuesday this year and we will celebrate with a party at 2:00 on that day. I will be asking parents to contribute snacks. Send your child to school with their costume packed away. We will dress after math class and before the party.

We are changing our schedule this second quarter so that Title I classes can be held. We also have changed our special schedule so that we will be able to perform a thirty minute musical production for parents on Friday December 15th.



MR. HOUCHINS
WITH CLASS

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OUR FIRST SWNO DAY (REALLY!!!)

(Yes. You read that correctly. When we were working on this as a class and when Mr. Houchins spelled snow incorrectly, it became a joke. As we continued writing the account of their first swno (snow) day at school, they insisted that we misspell snow and so we did and giggled each time we made the mistake.)

We built snowmen and we threw snowballs. Zinon threw a really big snowball at the snowman and it broke.

Sophia was afraid to go down the hill on one of the sleds.

Ms. Angela's dog was not happy about going outside in the snow.

Tulaigh loved it. She's a real (swno) snow dog.

On our first swno day some of the class wanted to go to the gym but it was too hard to think of things to play there.

When we came in from recess, we were sopping wet.

Zinon went sledding

Neeka helped Bear make a snowcat (swnocat).

Jade threw a giant snowball (swnoball) which broke. Snowballs (Swnoballs) were thrown at Atticus and Tristan. Cassian slid on a sled.

When we discovered my snowcat (swnocat) this morning, she had no snow (swno) on her face.

We got out the sleds and slid down the hill. Most of the time the first snow doesn't stay long enough to enjoy, but this year it did. We had a great first snow (swno) day.



SALMON EGG TAKE AT ANCHOR RIVER

We ate at 11:00 so that we could leave on time. We went in groups at 12:00 noon to Anchor River. In Ms. Olivia's group there was Logan, Zinon, Neeka, Leeza, Sophia, and Isaac. We drove in Ms. Nikki's car.

In my group we had only my brothers, Sky, Bear, and me, Jade.

Madalynn was not here that day.

Atticus rode with his mother. When we got there we had to wait on Meffoddy. We hoped that he was in the bus that was coming from Paul Banks Elementary School. When they arrived we were excited to see him but we were disappointed because he was that on the bus. Their bus only had first graders.


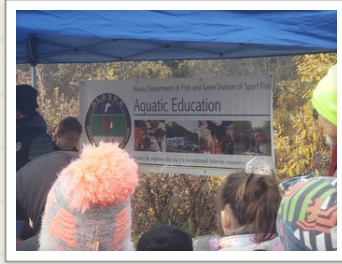
We got in a semi-circle. We were first in line. It wasn't raining or snowing that day. We could not have had better weather....except it was really cold.

The lady that told about the salmon was from the Alaska Fish and Game Department. She told us about the types of salmon. There are five. You can remember them by using all of the five fingers on your hand. The thumb reminds us of chum. The pointing finger reminds us of sockeye. The middle finger, because it is the biggest, reminds us of king salmon. Her ring finger reminded us of the silver salmon. The pinkie finger reminded us of humpie which is also called the pink salmon.

When we got back to the school, Mr. Isaac put the salmon eggs into the aquarium that he had prepared. He scooped out a redd, which is a salmon egg nest, and gently placed the eggs into it. We watched a video that showed other salmon egg takes and a video showing the salmon eggs while they were hatching.

What do you suppose our next field trip will be?





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