



The “Mc-Kane” Chronicle

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Classroom News

Our students continue to work cooperatively and collaboratively in all content areas with partners and in small groups. They also have many opportunities to use technology and apply what they are learning via Google Docs, Google Slides, Front Row, Moby Max, Storyboard, and Hour of Code, just to name a few.

Curriculum News



In Math, we have been adding, subtracting, and estimating fractions and mixed numbers. Manipulatives and models have been helpful as we increase our understanding of these concepts and explain our thinking. We also continue to sharpen our problem solving skills and practice writing equations with labels or road maps.



In Science, as we wrap up with soil, we will soon be studying minerals and testing their properties. Then a geology common assessment will follow at the end of this unit. Next, we will review the water cycle, learn about energy, and eventually students will create a water filtration system.

In Language Arts, book groups are underway as we continue to dive deeper with our critical and inferential reading skills. In addition, are we learning how to connect our thinking with evidence in the text. In writing, we have completed our Narrative Unit and will begin our Informational Writing Unit.



In Social Studies, we are finishing our study of the Inca and Aztec Civilizations. We will do an end of unit activity in school. Our next unit of study will be the Vikings.

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

Wednesday, December 13th
Half Day – Staff Professional Development

HOLIDAY
– AUCTION –

Thursday, December 21st
Please remember to send in auction items.



Winter Break – No School
Saturday, December 23 – Monday, January 1st
School resumes on Tuesday, January 2, 2018

Happy New Year