



The “Mc-Kane” Chronicle

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Mrs. McGee & Mrs. Kane, Editors



Classroom News

The Head Room Parent (HRP) in Mrs. Kane’s room is Jen Weiblen. A BIG thank you to her for volunteering for this position.

Mrs. McGee is still seeking her HRP. Please consider offering to assist her, and remember she is low maintenance.

The HRPs will periodically reach out to everyone during the school year to help in various ways. If you have the opportunity to give them a hand, I’m sure they will appreciate it. ☺



Curriculum News

In Math, we are learning about decimals and place value. We are investigating these concepts with manipulatives, and we continue to explore flexible thinking strategies.

In our Literacy Block we are in the early stages of using a Readers Workshop model along with resources from our program called *Reading Street*. Stories from this text give us a focus and foundation with various reading skills and story elements. We will also be reading *Frindle* by Andrew Clements very soon.

In writing we have launched our narrative unit and continue to work on showing our story, rather than telling it. We have also started to focus on how to answer comprehension questions, and formulate open response answers throughout all content areas.

In Science, we started learning about the engineering design process and students were challenged with building a table out of just eight pieces of newspaper. It was supposed to be at least eight inches high and support a heavy book. When we did our final testing, our best design held eleven dictionaries! It was amazing! Now we are studying the Sun, Moon, and Earth. *Mystery Science* is a program that we are using as one of our resources with this unit.

In Social Studies we are in the midst of reviewing and learning new map skills, and understanding how to use various resources to complete Daily Geography assignments. Then we will learn about the Mayas, Incas, and Aztecs.



Snack

Please remember that our classrooms are allergy aware and nut safe environments.



Recess & Lunch 11:55–12:35 P.M.



Picture Day: Thursday, September 28th

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