



Chadwick School Classroom Newsletter

MRS. WILSON**H.S. English & Spanish**

We cannot believe that second quarter is already halfway over! English IA has begun their novel for the quarter. They are reading the book *Zlata's Diary* about a young girl in wartime Sarajevo. This book is very comparable to *The Diary of a Young Girl* and I cannot wait to compare and contrast the readings with the students. English IB has dove head first into their research project. They are learning more about the writing process and why each step is important to producing effective and coherent writing pieces. They are all learning more

about how to appropriately cite research in MLA style. High School Reading has begun their final text of the semester, *Ender's Game*. Next semester, they will begin creative writing. The Spanish classes are learning new vocabulary and communication skills, as well as collaborative skills, by creating a Spanish music video in class. The students have done very well with this project and I can't wait to see the end result. Life Skills has begun the "baby" unit. They are required to take care of a "baby," or sack of flour, for a week and document all activities with the baby. They are also required to research the cost of various newborn items and

common newborn illnesses. Second quarter is proving to be as much, if not more, fun than first quarter. I have some awesome groups of students that are making this year very enjoyable!

MRS. JOHNSON & MRS. STRICKLER**Preschool**

Preschool had a great time at Campbell's Maze Days for our first field trip! Our first class party was also a hit. In November, we will be learning about farming. In Mrs. Strickler's class, we are still learning to write our name, and letter recognition. Mrs. Johnson's class is working on writing their last names and letter sounds as well. We are gearing up for the holidays and can't wait to start decorating the preschool for winter! Each and every day, we are honing our new skills and gaining knowledge. Although some of us have slower progress than others, we are all learning SO much and having fun while we are at it!

MS. JORDAN**Music & Computer Apps**

My high school music class is finishing a unit on popular music. They enjoy listening to their favorite music and relating it to big musical ideas. My middle school band and elementary classes are preparing for the Veterans Day assembly and the Christmas concert in December. They are very excited about the Thanksgiving and Christmas seasons. My computer apps class is finishing a unit on research and copyright



laws. I love getting to know our students and hope we continue to work hard through the year!

MRS. ORTHMAN
H.S. Science

We are so excited to have enough Chromebooks for each student! Everyone has been invited to a Google classroom, and I am eager to build classroom community through this platform. For this quarter, I will be adding bonus assignments that go along with our topics. Next semester, I hope to have more assignments migrated over to digital form. In Biology, we are studying humans in the biosphere and preparing for the spring EOC. In Chemistry, we are learning about electron configuration. In Health, we have been discussing how to resolve conflicts. In Physical Science, we have just started studying chemical reactions. And in Anatomy and Physiology, we are learning about the skeletal system.

MRS. FORNES
Art

This quarter, elementary students have created paper masks, mosaic pumpkins, and papel picados. Students really enjoyed getting to learn about Halloween traditions from all over the world! This quarter, all elementary students will have the opportunity to create winter ornaments. Middle School Explore students had the opportunity to create art for a competition. The artwork was titled "Leading With Compassion." Students created art that represented leaders in their life. Later this year, students will synthesize artwork based on literature read in English class. Students will create drawings of environments they have read about in class. High school students have been learning about still life drawing and portraits. Students learned about hu-

man face proportions and how to shade. Students will create 3D curiosity boxes. These boxes will contain items that the student finds interesting. Students will plan the boxes and execute their plan. Additionally, K-12 students will create artwork for the Christmas program this year. I can't wait for them to share what they have created with the community!

MR. WALKER
H.S. English

English 1 students have finished reading *Romeo and Juliet* and are working on related activities, including writing their own Shakespearean sonnets. English 2 students read and wrote essays about three different novels as part of the Holocaust literature unit. They will be reading and writing about the winter season until after the break. English 3 students are reading gothic literature including works by William Faulkner and Edgar Allan Poe and writing gothic works of their own. English 4 is working on a six-page research paper. Mass Media is making progress on the yearbook and is close to meeting their mid-year goal. The academic team began having weekly practices this quarter to prepare for our quiz bowl competitions later in the year.

MRS. GOIN
4th Grade

We had a great field trip to Campbell's Maze Daze in Boaz. Students enjoyed many activities, including painting a pumpkin. Our Halloween party was AWESOME! There were fun activities and so much food! Thanks to all who helped. Fourth graders are now using the new Side by Side reading series. They are reading the book *Poppy*. They are learning a lot of fascinating things about owls and mice.

One activity involved inspecting the outside of an owl pellet. Later they will dissect an owl pellet and find out what the owl had eaten. We will soon be creating a Play-Doh owl to go along with our story. Lots of fun and interesting things are happening in Fourth Grade as we look forward to Thanksgiving and Christmas!

MRS. PROCELL
2nd Grade

Second grade has been working really hard on writing. We have just finished a writing unit on animal facts. Each student got to pick an animal they wanted to know facts about, such as family life, what they eat, and habitat. We also started a new science unit on matter and are learning about solids, liquids and gases. As part of this unit, there will be a fun science experiment with pop rocks and soda! We will begin working on how to use a map and understanding north, south, east, and west. They will also draw a map of our community and the school. In math, we will continue our unit on 2-digit addition and subtraction.



MRS. RAINS**3rd Grade & 4th Grade Math**

In Math, 3rd graders have been working on division facts and strategies. Science has focused on learning about animals and their different traits and characteristics. We have been learning about Missouri state symbols in Social Studies. Fourth grade math Busy Bees are learning how to multiply up to 4- digits by a 1- digit number. All of my students have a love for learning, and I enjoy working with them everyday. The new chromebooks have been a wonderful addition to our classroom. They have mastered how to use them so quickly. I would like to wish everyone a Happy Thanksgiving!

MRS. WHITHAM**Kindergarten**

In math, we have begun learning how to add numbers up to 5 and how to decompose numbers into pairs through number 10. For example, $5=1+4$ or $10=9+1$. The students have really gotten the hang of these skills quickly and can complete the majority of the work independently. In reading we have begun to blend and read words using the sounds we have learned that correspond with the Super Kids Curriculum. The students are now able to read short decodable books, spell three letter (consonant-vowel-consonant) orally and are in the beginning stages of writing complete sentences with capital letters at the beginning, proper spacing and punctuation at the end. We have also been working on our reading comprehension skills by listening to read alouds with and without pictures. Our focus has been characters, setting, and problem and solution, in addition to learning about authors and illustrators and their specific roles. The days are flying by and we are learning so many things!

MS. BRANSTETTER**Agriculture**

Ag Science 1 finished their Parliamentary Procedure Unit and we are beginning a Beef Production Unit starting with common beef breeds. Ag Science 2 began writing their informative agriculture speeches. Explore AG has been discovering the importance of animal by-products, and Animal Science is wrapping up a Feed Nutrients Unit where they learned about different feed ingredients in mixed rations. Natural Resource students will be Hunter Safety Certified, and the AG Structure students are continuing to work on hay feeders and a 20ft stock trailer. Overall, it has been a very productive first semester and we hope to keep the momentum going!

MRS. EDWARDS**H.S. Social Studies**

In World History, we are studying the achievements and impact land based empires had on the modern world.

Psychology just finished up a unit on psychological disorders and testing. We are starting a unit on classical and operant conditioning. American History has been studying World War I and is currently working on a comic book project. Government is studying the Legislative Branch of the federal government. Personal Finance has been studying college loans, the difference between subsidized and unsubsidized loans, paying back loans, buying a house, and creating a budget.

MRS. HERD**1st Grade**

Math has been super fun learning various addition strategies. We've really enjoyed using rekenreks with doubles plus and minus one. During reading time we've been following the Superkids through all their adventures. Along the way, we've learned so much, including the sounds of ch, wh sh, tch, th, sh, le, er, ng, and ed. Students have been recognizing the rule of doubling consonants when adding an ending. We've taken writing outside on a nature



walk to aid in our descriptive writing. Science and Social Studies time has been exploring the universe, earth's systems, light, and sound. In addition to our regular studies, the MU nutritionist visited us weekly until November 9th. Students have enjoyed taste-testing various types of bread, fruits, and dairy. We enjoyed our 1st classroom party and field trip. We're looking forward to all the fun activities associated with Thanksgiving and Christmas!

COACH PAYNE

Physical Education

We are settled in and have found our groove as the 2nd quarter moves along. 5th, 6th, & 9th have all finished their first round of Fitness testing and they are definitely excited about that! They will complete those same tests next semester to see if progress has been made. My Elementary classes are always a blast and they bring so much excitement every week. We got to enjoy several nice fall days at the track and the baseball field, with games such as Wiffle ball, zombie tag, and flag tag to name a few. High School Athletic Conditioning continues to show progress in the weight room as well.



MR. DAVENPORT

Math & ACT Prep

Algebra 2 is working on their second unit and just finished their first exam. Algebra 1A just finished their first unit and is working on their second unit now. Advanced Math is working on radical functions and is ready for their exam. ACT Prep is nearing the end of the English test and is ready to move on to a new topic (probably Science). Algebra 1 is working on staying ahead of their own pace and is moving quickly through their system of equations work. Algebra 1B just finished their first exam and is ready to move to unit 2. Geometry is working on partitioning segments and integrating geometrical concepts into word problems.

MRS. BLAINE

M.S. Math

5th grade has been busy graphing. We even combined some math and science, and graphed real data from an experiment. 6th grade has been working with algebra, learning all about expressions. 7th grade has been working hard doing operations with rational numbers. 8th grade wrapped up operations with scientific notation, and has moved onto rate of change and slope.

MRS. COMBS

M.S. Science

The study of Earth Science is a theme for all middle school classes this time of year. The curriculum is Kesler Science and Mystery Science. In 5th Grade, we are into the Study of Stars and the Solar System and will have an at-home project where they will complete a 3D solar system. I look forward to displaying them in the hallway near the cafeteria during the

month of December! Be sure to check them out while at a ball game or while visiting the school. In 6th Grade, we just finished Earth's systems and their interactions, weather in the atmosphere, rocks and minerals, plate tectonics, and Earth's surface systems—erosion and deposition. Now, we will move on to a BIGGER picture: where is Earth's place in the universe? There will be some vocabulary, and we will study moon phases, rotation, and revolution. 7th Grade will be studying weather and meteorology, while 8th Grade will focus on the Age of Enlightenment and its role in the discovery of the solar system.

MRS. HICKS

M.S. Social Studies

Lots of learning is going on in Middle School Social Studies this quarter! In 5th grade we are learning about the founding of our country and the important historical documents. We have already covered the 13 Original Colonies and will soon learn about events leading up to the Declaration of Independence and the Revolutionary War. In 6th grade as we study World History, we have talked about ancient Egypt and are now covering the innovations of the Phoenicians including the alpha bet. We will also learn about reading telescoping timelines and relief maps. 7th grade is also studying Early American History and has just completed the Revolutionary War. We will cover the Articles of Confederation and the need for a stronger Constitution before quarter ends. Earlier this quarter, 8th graders learned about the Legislative Branch, are currently learning about the Executive Branch, and will cover the Judicial Branch by the end of the quarter.

MRS. HEAD**M.S. English**

This quarter in 8th grade we will continue to read *To Kill A Mockingbird* by Harper Lee. We will be looking at The Golden Rule and how it applies to our reading. We will also be researching how people in the 1930s stood up for what they believed and completing projects on this subject. We will also be looking closely at Atticus and his role in the story and how taking a stand, if done appropriately, can help to make changes. We will also be discussing point of view and how that affects what we read and how that can influence the reader. In 7th Grade, we will finish *The Giver* by Lois Lowry. We will be comparing and contrasting communities and how they are like the community in our story. We will talk about why it is difficult to create and live in a Utopian society. We will work on projects relating to their book, and we will also practice inferring and asking questions. When we finish *The Giver*, we will begin reading *Chains* by Laurie Halse Anderson. In 6th Grade, we will continue reading *Bud, Not Buddy* by Christopher Paul

Curtis. We will be studying the time period in which the book is set, the 1930s, and researching and completing projects relating to this time period. We will be talking about inferring and why characters do what they do. We will also discuss how characters' actions affect what happens in the story and begin discussion on the plot in a story. In 5th Grade, we will finish *Earthquake Terror* by Peg Kehret. We are researching natural disasters and the effects they have on communities and families. We will also learn about characters changing over time and how that changes a story. Students will complete a culminating project at the end of the book. When we finish *Earthquake Terror*, we will begin reading *Esperanza Rising* by Pam Munoz Ryan.

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**UPCOMING EVENTS****Tuesday, November 22**

HS Boys Basketball @ Billings

Half Day Starts Thanksgiving Break

Monday, November 28

Boys Bball @ MCE Tourn. Begins

Girls Bball @ Fordland Tourn. Begins

Monday, December 5

Boys/Girls Bball vs Bradleyville

Tuesday, December 6

FFA-Convoy of Hope

2nd-8th Drury Bball Field Trip

Thursday, December 8

Boys/Girls Bball vs Halfway
Compassion Day Bell Ringing

Board Meeting

Friday, December 9

Christmas Concert

Saturday, December 10

Boys Bball @ Northark Shootout

Monday, December 12

Girls Basketball vs Billings

Tuesday, December 13

Boys/Girls Bball @ Niangua

Thursday, December 15

Girls Bball vs MT.View Liberty

FFA Chapter Christmas Party

Tuesday, December 20

Boys/Girls Basketball vs RUSH

Half Day Starts Holiday Break

End of 2nd Quarter

Monday, December 26

Girls Bball @ Mt.Grove Tourn. Begins