



Chadwick School Classroom Newsletter

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

The school year is flying by once again. English IA and IB have been steadily mastering their skills in writing. We are finishing up our writing unit and moving on to their next novels, *Night* and *A Separate Peace*. Students respond well to these novels and the themes they incorporate; I cannot wait to start reading with them! Creative Writing class started up at the semester. Students are learning how to construct short stories and we will discuss various types of genres. We've done some creative activities with writing in class and the

students love to incorporate what they know in their stories! Life Skills has been getting a lesson in blue printing and discussing our dream houses. They will then move on to learning about insurance, why we need it, and how to get it. Spanish classes are gearing up for a busy semester. We are beginning our pinata unit. Students are learning about the traditional Mexican pinata and will be creating one of their own. They will then begin to prepare for Missouri State University's World Language Showcase where they will get to attend Spanish conferences and even get to present their own Spanish displays. In April, they will prepare for the Cultural

Festival that the Spanish classes host for the elementary students here at Chadwick. I am so excited to see where this next quarter leads us!

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

Preschool has been busy despite our breaks, learning all about the weather (and witnessing most of it!) We have also dove deep into our unit on the ocean and have enjoyed learning all about the creatures there. We are looking forward to reading lots of fairytales and fables and, of course, our Prince and Princess Day!

MS. JORDAN**Music & Computer Apps**

My music and computer applications classes are preparing for end-of-year contests and testing. High school students in music appreciation are learning about music styles and music history. They enjoy listening to different musicals and operas. My middle school band is preparing solos and small ensembles for a contest in March hosted at Marshfield. My elementary classes are learning about music theory and the different music styles. Computer applications students are currently finishing a unit about Google documents and will move on to infographics and Google Slides. I'm so proud of my students and can't wait to see them end the year strong!



MRS. ORTHMAN**H.S. Science**

End of Course (EOC) testing is quickly approaching! Biology students are hard at work completing a variety of Google Classroom assignments, and we plan to take two practice tests. Ask your biology students about the codon wheel. Chemistry students are currently studying liquids and solids; next, they will study phase changes. Careers students have honed their skills for resume reading, and we will be preparing for job interviews. In Physical Science, students are studying universal sources; then it is onward to energy conversion and conservation. And finally, Anatomy and Physiology students are studying the lymphatic system and body defenses.

MRS. WHITHAM**Kindergarten**

Kindergarten has been trying to get as much finished in class as we can around all the snow days we've had. In math, we've finally completed volume 1 of our Go Math series and will begin volume 2 within the next few days. Our next unit of study will be ge-



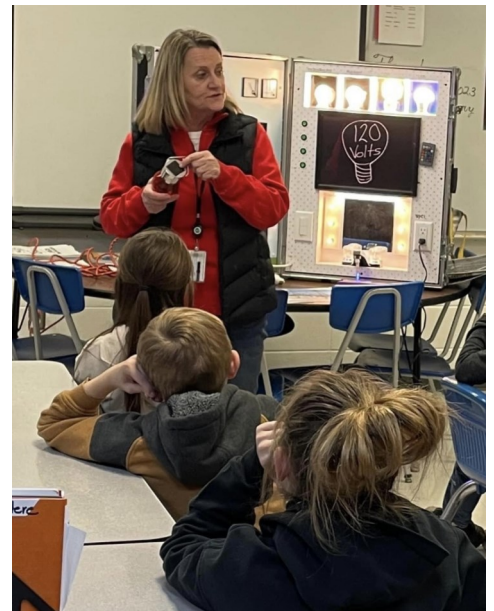
ometry (shapes, 3D shapes, graphing, and sorting). In reading, we've met our final SuperKid named Hot Rod. After we complete our unit on the letter h, we will begin our series of The Superkids Club where we get to go on adventures with them while continuing to learn about our alphabet. The students have been reading 3-, 4-, and 5-letter words using the skills they've learned so far and have begun writing sentences, labeling pictures, and becoming authors of their individual drawings. We are looking forward to the 100th Day celebration on Friday, February 10, and then celebrating Valentine's Day the following week.

MRS. PROCELL**2nd Grade**

I can't believe we are halfway through school already! It goes by fast when you are having fun in 2nd grade. We have been learning about money and time in math this quarter as well as playing store and learning how to count back change. We are also learning how to tell time on a clock. We have been writing a book review and will start with poems as soon as possible. We will have lots of fun in science, learning about where animals live, what they eat, and how they survive. Since it is really cold outside, we have been studying about penguins and snowflakes. We also have some fun science experiments coming up soon involving snow! In social studies, we are talking about how things have changed over time, such as how people got around with horses and buggies instead of cars. We are also talking about different ways of communicating, from letters to different types of phones.

MRS. GOIN**4th Grade**

Happy New Year from the Fourth Grade! We have enjoyed a lot of different activities in the last month or so. In December, we made reindeer food and had a great Christmas party! We also participated in the door decorating contest. (We didn't win! 😞) Thank you to our room mother, parents, and PTO. They sure make things fun for us! We enjoyed a visit from Dena Weaver, who represents WRVEC. She taught us many facets of electricity. We always enjoy her visits! January brought back our monthly book reports. Students read a chapter book and write a summary of the story. These are always due on the last Friday of the month. We are just about to finish our novel study on *Poppy* by Avi. The students have really enjoyed reading this book. They are looking forward to dissecting an owl pellet in the spring. The fourth graders enjoyed their "brief" vacation at the beginning of February and are back at school ready to learn! We are celebrating with donuts for a snack today!



MRS. FORNES**Art**

Art 1 students learned how to create 3D pictorial shadow boxes and layer paper to create the illusion of depth. Students had to practice problem-solving. It was a challenge, but their work turned out so cool! Students in Art Explore have learned how to create 3D dioramas. Their dioramas are based on their reading in English class. Students divided into groups and selected a setting to recreate from the book *To Kill a Mockingbird*. Students put in a lot of time and effort to capture the scene. Way to go 8th grade! This quarter, Elementary students focused on working collaboratively in a group setting. Students in 1st grade designed their own playground. It was fun to watch students work together and come up with their ideal playground. There were a lot of ice cream trucks! Kindergarten students worked together to illustrate their own version of the "Fox and the Heron." Students discussed key elements of the story and how best to illustrate the key moments. The little foxes and herons are so cute! High school students will learn how to preserve their artwork, including how to mat and finish their artwork. This may not be very exciting work, but it is a useful skill to learn. They will also go on a field trip to the Springfield Art Museum on 3/30. Art Explore students will learn about how to make art tell a story. Students will create artwork that represents who they are. Students will use line, color, and various mediums to create their representations. I am excited to see what the students make! Elementary students will be learning about ancient art. Students in 3rd grade will create Mesoamerican pottery. Students will learn about how ancient cultures created pots using coils. Students will

also learn about how pottery was a combination of utility and beauty. Second graders will learn about Norse carving methods and how the Vikings constructed seaworthy ships by carving. It will be exciting to watch them learn about the past through creating art!

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

In World History, we learned about the Age of Exploration, the difference between the food of the Old World and New World, and MesoAmerican civilizations. We are going to finish up the quarter learning about the Protestant Reformation, Renaissance, Scientific Revolution, the Enlightenment philosophers, the American Revolutionary War, and the French Revolution. We are finishing up the unit on the executive branch in Government. We will begin the unit on the Judicial Branch next. We have been studying World War 2 in American History. We will end the quarter

learning about the Holocaust, and the beginning of the Cold War. In Sociology, we learned about the definition of culture and its impact on socialization. We discussed the different roles we play throughout the day, and whether nature or nurture has a greater impact. Next, we are going to study deviance and crime. In History of the Holocaust, we have done in-depth studies of the Weimar Republic, the influence of propaganda, and Hitler's rise to power. We will end this quarter learning about Hitler's racial policies, and the programs he instituted to oppress the Jewish population and any dissidents.

MR. DAVENPORT**Math & ACT Prep**

In Algebra 2, we are working on functions and geometric applications. In Algebra 1, we are working on literal equations and functions. In Advanced math, we are working on probability. In ACT Prep, we are working on ACT English. In Geometry, we are working on proofs.



MR. WALKER**H.S. English**

The yearbook class is working hard to capture photographs of all the action around the school. English 1 classes are studying propaganda and will read Orwell's *Animal Farm* and Rand's *Anthem* as part of that unit. English 2 is studying Shakespeare's *Macbeth*. They have read the play and are watching a film adaptation. Next, they will be writing essays comparing and contrasting the differences. English 3 has been reading and discussing poetry by poets from the early 20th century, such as William Carlos Williams and Robert Frost. To conclude the unit, they will each create a presentation about the life and work of a famous Modern poet. In Dual Credit English, we have finished our unit on cultural analysis and are working on writing historical narrative essays.

MRS. HERD**1st Grade**

The end of the year is quickly approaching, and 1st graders are working extremely hard to make sure they're ready for 2nd grade! Math has transitioned from addition and subtraction strategies to modeling numbers and comparing numbers up to 120. In reading, students are decoding contractions with pronouns and decoding homophones. The writing focus is to use story evidence to answer questions about a text. Science and Social Studies will focus on engineering and research this month. Students are excited for a few fun-themed days planned ahead, including a 100th-day celebration, Valentine's Day, and Dr. Suess's Birthday in March!

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

In Math, 3rd graders have begun their unit on fractions. We began our unit with an activity where we discussed fractions in the segments of honey bell oranges I was able to bring back on my short trip to Florida. We are almost finished with our unit on Missouri state symbols and will begin looking at Famous Missourians in Social Studies. Science has focused on learning about forces and the different ways to use force. Fourth grade math is now learning how to divide by 1-digit divisors. I hope everyone was able to brave our wonderful Missouri weather we recently had. This year is going by so quickly!

MRS. HICKS**M.S. Social Studies**

This quarter in Middle School Social Studies 5th grade will continue American History, covering the presidencies of Thomas Jefferson through Andrew Jackson, including Westward Expansion and annexation of Texas. 6th grade will cover the Ancient Greeks and Romans, and discuss the migration of Germanic tribes into much of Europe. 7th grade is covering American History topics like the Industrial Revolution and Andrew Jackson's presidency. 8th grade is learning about the American legal system, such as the difference in criminal and civil law. We are also working on argumentative writing and how to find and rank credible sources

MRS. BLAINE**M.S. Math**

Middle school math has been very busy! 5th grade has been working on whole number place value, multiplication, expressions, and order of operations. We will finish the third quarter with decimal place value and operations. 6th grade is wrapping up fraction division and is moving on to our integers unit. We will be learning about negative numbers in real life and comparing and ordering on a number line. 7th grade has been busy with percentages! We have learned about discounts, markups, and interest. We took a McDonald's menu from 1952 and used it to find the percent increase in prices from then until now. 8th grade has been determining whether situations are proportional or nonproportional. We will soon be moving on to linear equations.

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UPCOMING EVENTS**Monday, January 13**

HS Girls Basketball @ Morrisville

Area 12 FFA @Crane

Tuesday, January 14

HS Boys Basketball vs Skyline

Friday, January 17

2nd-8th Drury Bball Field Trip

Girls Basketball @ Aurora

Saturday, January 18

Archery Tournament @ Taneyville