

Voyager Newsletter

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Dear Voyager families,

Here's an update!

Science

We are off and running with our expedition, *What you CAN'T see CAN hurt you*. Our guiding question is ***Why won't the flu fly the coop?*** We began by building our background knowledge about the Influenza outbreak of 1918. Next, we brainstormed what we knew about influenza and what we were wondering about. Just this week we completed our diagramming of the respiratory system and general functions of each part. We also made breathing models to show how our diaphragm helps us breathe. Next week we will go deeper into the process of gas exchange in the lungs and how the flu impacts that process. We look forward to seeing you on Tuesday, Sept. 29 from 1:30-2:30 at our School-wide Healthy Living Presentations.

Math

Data Analysis and Individual Skills Practice (ISP) have dominated our math classes thus far. Please remind your kids that they need to keep progressing with the ISP! In addition please ask your kids to try to be prepared for class to begin...especially Powell's Base Camp group...they, in particular have created some problems getting started. Progressing in math takes a lot of practice for some...and I fear some kids expect to progress only with their daily exposure in class. I am beseeching them to spend some time each evening, even if there is no "homework" to review, look ahead, read ahead, work new problems, and work older similar problems. Think of it as a "Practice Card" that is used in Band Class!

Social Studies

Currently, we are launching many exciting projects for our Ancient Egypt study. On Friday and Monday we will be working on scratchboards to create an Egyptian design. On Monday and Tuesday we will be beginning the process of mummifying our chickens. In literacy, we are studying the reading strategies of questioning and determining importance, one way we are working on these skills is through our Book Club. Our book club is continuing through next week reading the book The Cay (we're having a hard time pronouncing this one, any family member who has the final word earns a prize :).

Adventure

We're so excited for our CREW building camp adventure on October 6,7,8th at Twinlow Camp in Twin Lakes, Idaho. Packets of permission slips are due on Monday. All five top sheets need to be returned along with \$10. The bottom two are for your information.

Thanks!

Sucia Dhillon, Dan Powell, Aron Watts :)