



April 21st, 2020

Christi's Corner:

The blossoms are coming!



Sending out a message of love to all of you wonderful families. I hope you are getting plenty of fresh air, and doing your best to identify the moments of beauty in your day.

Welcome Spring!

Calendar:

Upcoming important dates

This week:

- 4/20 - Packet/work supplies pick up at school
- Teacher office hours daily

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- 5/13 - Community Council meeting 4:30 - 6PM.



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Gratitudes:

Thanks again to families for working with their kids and teachers everyday. It has been wonderful to see the art, creativity and nature studies abounding in our community.

School Closure

Governor Polis has given the order to close down school for the rest of the year due to COVID. This will mean continued Distance Learning for all children through May 29th. It will also mean revised end of year activities, such as May Day, 6th grade graduation and more. As we develop a plan for some of these events, we will keep everyone posted.

NFSIS Specials Portal

Check out the NFSIS Specials Portal at this website:

<https://sites.google.com/deltaschools.com/nfsis-specials-portal/home>

New this week - all "new" additions are at the top of each page.

- **More Harriet Tubman readings from Lauren.**
- **Jenica has new songs for her class.**
- **New Spanish, Handwork, Art and Music lesson plans.**
- **New music ideas from David Alderdice**

NFSIS Survey

Thank you so much to Candace Orlando, who helped put together the NFSIS end of year survey! Please take a few minutes to let us know how you feel this year has been for your child. This year, the survey is NOT anonymous, so that we can directly contact you if there is an applicable questions. If you do not feel comfortable putting your name in, feel free to leave it out and remember, Christi's doors are always open to talk if you have any questions, comments or concerns. NFSIS would love to see at least a 75% return on this survey.

YOU MAY NEED TO COPY AND PASTE THE LINK INTO A NEW WINDOW

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1sDQAMIWlpAv--bDmIWzLGI8_fyGWqqf7VnS70yxi4gg/edit?ts=5e9675ff



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Distance Learning

Keep up the good work everyone! We love seeing people on Monday to collect resources and check it. Thank you for partnering with us in teaching your child. Please give feedback! We would like to know what is working and what is not. **If for some reason you are not able to get your packets on Monday, we are partnering with PES, and your packet will be available at the front of the building between 10 - 2 PM on Tuesday - Friday.**

Highlights

Kindergarten

It was so good to see you all at pick up yesterday. I really miss seeing you everyday. Thanks for letting me know if you were picking up at a later time or had the supplies at home for this week's work. I truly appreciate the communication.

School is closed for the rest of the year, so we will continue learning and interacting as we have been. We will continue talks of how to do end of the year celebrations.

Continue to send in pictures and videos and check ins. They make my week bright!!

This week we are drawing a picture of me as seen through the eyes of the kids. We are also cooking with our families and making bookmarks with dried flowers. I got to see a few kids today for our google hangout meetings and look forward to seeing more on Thursday.

We also have started a new circle and a new story this week. It's spring cleaning, cleaning the gardens and planting flowers circle. I hope the kids are enjoying it. We also have started Mashenka and the Bear. Fun story about picking berries, getting lost and escaping a nice bear to get back home to her parents.

1st grade

I am inspired by all the great work that the children are doing. Thank you for sending me pictures and videos of their work. We began a science block this week. This week they will focus on their 5 senses and engineering with pop-up books. They will also work on different word families over the next few weeks. This is a great time for them to learn about the world through observation. I have noticed that many of the children also continue to grow in their math and reading skills. Thanks for all of your great work at home. Please let me know if you have any other questions.



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2nd/3rd grade

This week's goal is to complete the Harriet Tubman story. The children are documenting the story into their Main Lesson Books. At the end of the week they can recall the entire story through the pictures, captions, and summaries they composed. Next week, we will begin to memorize lines for our virtual class play. My hope is that we can splice each child's lines into a video format. At the beginning of next school year, we'll have a chance to perform the play.

I am delighted to see pictures of your children's work. As far as I can tell, they are gaining a lot from this experience. They are building confidence in their own skills, learning to self-direct, taking time for focused intensity on subjects that interest them, growing gardens, and finding the strength in their home life rhythms. *No kids are ahead, no kids are behind, they are exactly where they need to be. Keep sharing your calm, your strength, and your laughter with your children.*

4th grade

As we continue our study on the history of the Ute people, we gain perspective from a variety of resources including maps, paintings, interviews, and readings. This week's focus studies how white settlers influenced the Ute territories, and how over time their reduced amount of land impacted their culture and spirit.

Please continue to engage your child in actively practicing their Multiplication facts: saying the "product" aloud while crossing their midline, catching a ball, jumping jacks... have fun!

Thank you for emailing/ texting me images of your child's learning. I look forward to "meeting" with your child every week on our Google Hangouts (M/W 9:30am)...it's been wonderful to stay connected this way! Parents, you're doing an amazing job--it's not easy, and I am so grateful for all your communication and attention to your child's education and needs during this time!

I want to remind you to have your kiddo call or "meet" with me whenever he/she needs to--whether it's to ask a question about schoolwork, or just to say hello! My office hours are: M-Th, 9-11:30am.

5th/6th grade

The 5th and 6th grade continue to learn about Mineralogy. This week we are learning about volcanoes and volcanic mountains. We are also learning how to make a résumé and cover letter in order to secure a position in a newly formed "rock" band. We will learn what bosses look for in a résumé and also how to "sell" yourself to employers. All these activities and facts we have learned over the course of the Mineralogy Block will help when we form our "rock" band and rewrite the song "We Will Rock You" using mineralogy terms! This has been a fun and engaging block. Our Google Hangout meetings have been a fun way to keep connected with each other. My favorite part each day is our "good things" we do each morning. It is fun to see all the activities the kids are participating in while we can't be together. Have a great week.