



NORTH FORK SCHOOL OF INTEGRATED STUDIES

September 8th, 2020

Christi's Corner:

Calendar:

Upcoming important dates

This week:

- 9/7 - Labor Day
- 9/8 - Community Council 4:30 - 6 PM at school (inside or outside dependent on weather)
- 9/9-9/10 - 5th and 6th grade backpacking trip to Dollar Lake

Later on:

- 9/15 - NFSIS picture day
- 9/25 - Festival of Courage games - NO ALL SCHOOL PLAY THIS YEAR
- 9/28 - NO SCHOOL - Parent Teacher conferences
- 10/8 - Make up picture day

Gratitudes:

Thanks to Jess and Franco Catinella for organizing the Art and Ag NFSIS table this weekend. They raised over \$300 for NFSIS! Thanks to Candace and Pat for the continued farm stand on Thursdays. Thanks to Hannah Stevens for taking on the leadership of Community Council.

Community Council

Thank you to Hannah Stevens for volunteering to be our Community Council lead! We are so lucky to have such a competent and invested parent volunteer for the position. Our first CC meeting is TOMORROW - Wednesday, 9/9 at 4:30 PM. We will plan to have it in person outside.

The Community Council is our main parent/community body, and is a venue where issues are discussed and decisions are made. Please attend and be part of our school!

Agenda this week:

Introductions

What is Community Council

How do we make decisions at NFSIS

Open discussion time



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Picture Day

Picture Day is next week on Tuesday the 15th. We are so excited to have Nicole from Wild Country keepsakes in Crawford doing our pictures this year. She is an excellent photographer. Please be sure to fill out the envelope and get it back to your child's teacher this week to order your school pictures. Distance learning families - please stay tuned for your picture day time at school (we will be set up outside). The time is still TBA

The make up day will be October 8th.

Volunteer Requests

Please take some time to fill out the volunteer request form you received in the Tuesday News last week. Please circle at least 3 activities that your family can actively support during the school year. Star and activity that you can lead! Need a new form? See Christi at drop off.

Tshirts and Hoodies for sale

Christi will have the T-shirt and hoodie order form out every morning and afternoon this week. Please order what you would like and the order will be put in shortly.

T Shirts - \$12, Hoodies - \$25 Baseball style - \$18

Orders will go in at the end of next week.

Highlights

Kindergarten

The Kindergarteners continued their rhythm. They have worked hard making nature bags to collect small treasures throughout the week. These are sweetly hand-sewn bags which they stitched together and finger knitted the handles. Each has its own symbol. Thank you to Marta, Sara, and Jenna for helping with this project since the beginning of school.

This week Jeffry, Yuba's dad, joined us for a morning in the garden and then we walked to the park with Marta, had lunch, and played. This is such a sweet time with them, the park is so nice this time of year.

We continued with the story of "The Little Red Hen". We did the puppet play. The children were so excited to see it in action and a few helped to do the play.

Friday was another big day outside. We started by collecting flowers and seeds for our nature bags from the little garden and then worked in our garden with Grandma Pat. They cut



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down sunflowers, collected seeds, and began to put the garden beds to rest. She also read a story about the harvest full moon. We harvested the last of the sunflowers and brought

them to the PES kindergarten and first-grade classes. They were very happy that we shared our abundance. We were also honored to join in on games with Mr Shawn.

We will have another Forest Friday this week. Looking forward to harvesting pears and playing in the orchard.

First Grade

First Grade has wrapped up the first Form Drawing Block and we will move into our first Language Arts Block this week. We will be diving into the world of Letters and Fairy Tales as well as beginning to mix paint colors in our painting time and continuing our outdoor adventures.

We have been having a great time visiting the trees in Town Park, last week we walked to Apple Valley and had a great time there playing games and doing nature scavenger hunts. We finished up the week with a trip to the River Park where the children built castles, volcanos, moats and made willow crowns.

Coming up..... Working with letters and visiting farms. I am working with Thistle Whistle to set up a time to visit and also hoping we will be able to visit Western Culture to sing songs for the goats. Stay tuned and look for emails asking for drivers for each of these trips.

The seasons are changing and I am looking forward to the beauty of Fall...

Second Grade

I hope you all have a lovely 3 day weekend. I know that the fall air is centering and calming after such a hot summer. Last week we were able to pick so many pears that we could hardly carry them back. The children finished their first week of L.A. and we began to work on writing and reading. Their Fables and Golden Legends books are already filling up with beautiful pictures and writing. Before the main lesson, the children have been enthusiastically working on string games for "free choice" until 8:15. Then we practice songs and poems, growing our focus and coordination with rods and poems. We will begin to prepare for a small Michaelmas Celebration with songs and poems in the classroom.

The highlight of last week was our Paddle Boarding at Sweitzer Lake. Thank you to the Nature Connection for making the day happen! Thank you Quinn and Emma for joining us and helping the children learn how to paddleboard! For this Friday we will stay near the school..



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Third/Fourth Grade

We are finishing up our shelters block with narrative writing and a mini shelter building project. If you still need to get some materials for your children please do so tonight . We will commence building on Friday morning and have a gallery viewing after school next week .

Welcome two more new families to the 3rd and 4th grade crew - Alma Kienitz and Vienna Pliner.

I have appreciated the support and enthusiasm as we begin the school year. I will put out an email later this week requesting for volunteerism in the classroom. Keep a look out ! Thank you all.

Fifth/Sixth Grade

The 5th and 6th graders continued learning about Botany this week. On Friday, we took our Botany lesson to the Nature Connection to observe the plants and trees on mountain bikes. The field trip was fun and we enjoyed being on bikes. We also got fitted for the backpacks that we will use for our backpacking trip. Hopefully, the weather will hold out so we can go this week.

This week we are going to write our tree essays and also learn about algae and different types of trees. I hope everyone enjoyed the long holiday weekend. Welcome Remi Pliner to 5th grade.



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