



NORTH FORK SCHOOL OF INTEGRATED STUDIES

Spring has sprung! Welcome back longer days...

March 23rd, 2021

Christi's Corner:

Calendar:

This week

- After school math club with Ms. Ziccardi, through April 9th

And beyond

- 3/29 - Parent Teacher conferences by invitation or request
- 4/12 - 4/16 - NFSIS - CMAS testing
- 4/14 - 4/15 - 1st grade play
- 4/19 - 4/23 - Spring Break
- 4/30 - May Day celebration, weather permitting
- 5/1 - Wine and Watercolor, 2-5pm- Outdoors

Gratitudes: *Thank you Sara for offering an afterschool space for knitting! Sara is our wonderful yarn vagabond who does so much for our kids in hand work everyday. Thanks also to her team of assistants - Heather, Jess and Marta.*

Middle School Team

Would you like to see a Non-Traditional Middle School become part of your child's educational path here in the North Fork? Our school is to create a parent group to promote this to the district. Our contact for this group is Josh Langille- Hoppe. Please email him at jiangillehoppe@sbcglobal.net To participate in this group. This push must come from a parent group, so get on board!

Class Pictures

You will still be able to order your class pictures. We will send out a gallery soon.

Knitting with Sara

Please see the attachment about group knitting with Sara on Tuesday afternoons after school - 3:30 - 4:15 PM. Thanks Sara!



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Pop-Up Bike days with TNC

TNC will be hosting Pop-Up Bike days at Confluence Park in Delta on April 3rd, 17th, and May 1st from 10AM - 2PM. Students can ride the bikes for free on the trails and pump track.

Meal Train for Sean Hannon - our beloved Games teacher

Sean Hannon, our beloved games teacher, just welcomed another child into his family. We would love to see plenty of NFSIS support for him through his Meal Train organized by Christi Gubser and Moriah Whoolilurie. Please sign up at: <https://mealtrain.com/qm5vq5>

Parent Teacher Conferences

Parent-teacher conferences for Spring are coming up on March 29th. These conferences are by request or invitation. If you would like to conference with your teacher about your child, please email them directly. Teachers will also reach out to families who need a conference in the spring. More details to come.

CMAS testing

NFSIS will hold CMAS testing starting on April 12th. These are for 3rd - 6th grade students. Please talk with your child's teacher or Christi if you have any questions.

Highlights

Kindergarten

Welcome to Finnegan and his family! Finnegan joined our class this past Friday and we are so glad that he has come.

This week in the Kindergarten we are beginning our first grade readiness observations. This one-on-one time is such a gift and I am so thankful that our amazing school is making this possible. I sent this schedule in an email yesterday, and



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here it is again just in case. I have made one requested switch. Please let me know if you know your child will not be present on their scheduled day.

Monday 3/22: Leia

Wednesday: 3/24 Sula

Monday 3/29: Rainy, Hunter, Selah

Wednesday 3/31: Ziggy

Monday 4/5: Payson

Tuesday 4/6: Osha

Wednesday 4/7: Netherlee

Friday 4/9: Sophie

Monday 4/12: Yuba

Tuesday 4/13: Haven

Wednesday 4/14: Anduin

Thursday 4/15: Finnegan

Spring Parent~Teacher Conferences:

If you would like a spring conference, please send me an email to let me know. I will then create a conference sign up and send it out. Thank you to all who have already responded.

Also this week we will begin our "spring baskets." We will be weaving strips of watercolor paintings into beautiful baskets. Weaving is a fulfilling and rhythmic activity and I look forward to experiencing it with the children. I am hoping we will be able to finish them all by the end of next week.

This week our weather seems to be on the wetter side, so please continue to send snow pants (really mud pants this time of year!), a warm hat and sun hat, and mittens/gloves. Also, keeping an extra pair of pants at school is helpful. Sometimes the playground equipment is wet, and it is so nice for the children to have a dry pair in their cubbies.

Unless it is steadily raining, we will go to the river this Friday at about noon. Please let me know if anyone can join us!

First Grade

First Grade is still hard at work on our play. The children are picking up the lines really well and they have learned the first song already! Their capacity for memorization is so impressive, I believe it has so much to do with the way that they are held in their home lives, so thank you all for being such brilliant supporters of childhood.

I appreciate the help sorting through the costume closet from Moriah and all of the emails I have received about helping to sew the rest of what we will need. I will be in touch with everyone that has reached out to let you know what we specifically need sewn by the middle of the week. I am in search of a king size, flat sheet that is either white or light blue to create one of the backdrops for the play. Please let me know as soon as possible if you have



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something you can donate. Our play performance will be the week before Spring Break, please let me know right away if you have plans to be gone at all that week so that I can plan accordingly. We will have the performance for families at 5:30 on Thursday evening the 15th of April. Students will need to be here by 5pm on that evening so that we can do some warming up and make sure we are in costumes in time for the play to begin. Again, please let me know right away if for some reason your child won't be able to make it to the evening performance. We will also have a performance for the whole school on Wednesday afternoon, we are waiting to hear what the testing schedule will look like for the upper grades before we schedule the time. I will send an email with all of the performance details in the coming weeks.

This week we will have gardening on Friday and depending on the weather we will also go to town park for the afternoon. Our microgreens are growing well, I believe we will be ready for our salad party this Friday as well. We finished our nesting balls as gifts to the birds and this week we have been doing some writing about Spring, it has been so fun to hear what the children love most about this time of year.

Thanks to all of the reading group volunteers, you are amazing! I hope all the children have been reading at home from the books that they brought home with them last week. It is very exciting to see how far they have come this year.

Second Grade

Welcome to Spring! I hope you had a wonderful weekend celebrating the change of season. We completed our Math Block last week with focused lessons on borrowing. The class really enjoyed learning these complex math concepts! Also, thank you Ms. Jenna for teaching 6 weeks of Circus Arts! This week we will begin our Language Arts block. This block is Hebrew Mythology. This is preparing them for the 3rd-grade curriculum and the 9-year change. Hebrew Mythology will continue into the next school year. They will also begin cursive writing this block. This Friday we will be at school to continue gardening and our caring class lessons. In caring class with Ms. Amy, the children have been learning about the difference between a "bid deal" and a "small deal". They are also learning 9 strategies for problem-solving.

Please continue to read with your children on a regular basis, 10 minutes a night if possible. Also, all of the students are excelling at their weekly spelling tests. Thank you for studying with your children at home.

Third and Fourth Grade

This week we start a new block: Human and Animal or Zoology.

We will familiarize students with the animal kingdom through facts as well as through an imaginative sense of the whole and it's intimate relation to the human being. Each



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child will be assigned an animal to report on. They will read books and look for information on the physical description, the habitat/environment of an animal, the food and diet, lifestyle of the animal, or other interesting information about the animal. The children will decipher between fact and opinion and will take notes on their findings to complete the report. Fourth graders will give presentations to their peers as well as finish their most beautiful main lesson books.

I am so excited for our student teacher, Jenna Bradford, to complete her student teaching the next three weeks in the third and fourth-grade class. In order for her to get her teaching license she is required to teach the third and fourth-grade full time for three weeks. She has prepared well this year by working as an aid, being mentored, and observing/ teaching since August at NFSIS.

Message from Jenna:

I am so excited to be working with the third and fourth grade on zoology! In college I was able to study biology, animal behavior, ecology and human anatomy while I earned my degree in environmental studies and bioethics. It's so fun to combine that knowledge and my genuine love for animals with the Waldorf approach.

Fifth and Sixth Grade

The 5th and 6th graders finished up our Acoustics block last week. To finish out the block, we went to the Eureka! McConnell Science Museum in Grand Junction. The students enjoyed learning about the physics of roller coasters and then built their own roller coasters in teams. It was fun for the kids to figure out how to keep their "coaster" on the track without the safety mechanism that is on a traditional roller coaster. We also found out that roller coasters don't need the safety wheels on the bottom because of the centrifugal force. The wheels are only there as a safety backup. We enjoyed all the different exhibits in the museum and then had a fun afternoon eating lunch and playing at the park on the Colorado River.

This week, we started our Creative Writing block. Students will learn about all the different writing styles and learn how to write a Narrative essay to go along with a project on the Greek Gods and Goddesses.

Tomorrow (Wednesday), we are planning on going to the Grand Mesa to go on our last cross-country skiing trip of the year. Please make sure your student brings their winter gear. If you want to join us, I am always looking for parents to help. Please let me know.

This week, we started our CMAS Testing practice. The students are learning how to read the problems to decide how to solve them. The problems on these tests are all the skills we have learned this year. Please make sure your kids are at school in the morning especially. Have a great week!



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