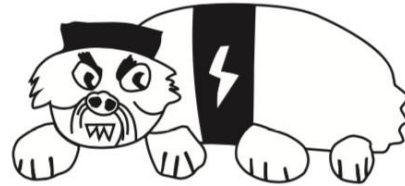


IPS/Butler Lab School 55 4th Grade Curriculum Night

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Who Are We?

- Reggio-inspired (social constructivist)
 - Children are capable, responsible, creative
 - Children are heard
 - Teacher serves as a guide and learns with the students
- Unique partnership with Butler University
- Workshop teaching and project and inquiry-based teaching
- Teacher created curriculum (not one size fits all)
- Building classroom community with Responsive Classroom strategies

Related Arts

- Studio (Visual Arts) with Mrs. Boelke
- Media with Mrs. Glenn
- Movement Studio (P.E.) with Mr. Adams
- Music Studio with Mr. Pockrass
- 4 day rotation for related arts classes

Reader's Workshop

- Here are the planned **Units of Study** for this school year:
 - Building a Community of Readers
 - Bringing Characters to Life
 - Exploring Expository (Non-Fiction) Texts
 - Author Study (Chris Van Allsburg OR Patricia Polacco)
 - Novel Study (The Tiger Rising)
 - Poetry
 - Historical Fiction

Writer's Workshop

- Here are the planned **Units of Study** for this school year:
 - Writerly Life – Personal Narratives
 - Argumentative Writing
 - Nonfiction Feature Article
 - Memoir
 - Quality of a Good Response (Test Prep)
 - Poetry
 - Historical Fiction

Approach to Spelling

- We are not a spelling test school and we will never be a spelling test school
- We encourage to students to use inventive spelling (builds letter/sound relationship, constructing understanding)
- We teach strategies such as: check your work to see if the words look right, use resources in the room (like the word wall or a dictionary), circle words that you need help with

Math Workshop

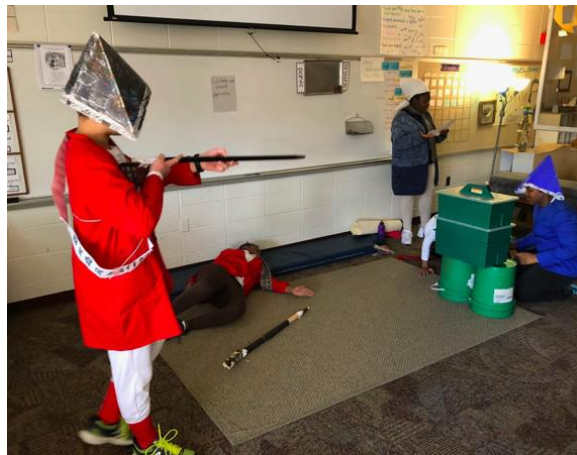
- Here are the **math topics** your 4th grader will be learning more about this year:
 - Launching Workshop & Teaching Through Addition & Subtraction
 - Multiplication & Division
 - Fractions
 - Decimals (4th grade)
 - Data Analysis
 - Measurement
 - Geometry
 - Algebra

Project Work

- Looks different in any classroom and in any grade
- It can start...
 - From a child's interest
 - From a question
 - From content (teacher provocation)
- It is all supported by inquiry
- Each class will have at least 2 projects per year
- Becky Pokrandt, our pedagoga, and Robin Houdek, our atelierista, support teachers in this area

Project Work Examples

- K/1 Airplane project
- 4th grade Water project
- 5th grade American Revolution project



Homework in 4th Grade

At the Lab School we value and expect engagement and hard-work throughout all parts of our day. Because your student dedicates their whole day to learning and growing with us, we prefer that they spend their time at home reading and participating in their family life. We will regularly email a list of suggestions that you could do with your child at home to extend or enhance their learning. Your child may also occasionally come home with special assignments in relation to project work, math, etc. *There will not be routine homework sent home daily or weekly.* If your child fails to meet the expectation of assignments in class, then that work will be sent home with them to complete overnight.

Testing in 3rd-6th

- NWEA testing
 - Reading, Language, Math
 - Beginning, Middle, End of Year
 - RIT score (ready for instruction today)
 - Individualized
- ILEARN testing
 - ELA, Math, Social Studies (Grade 5), Science (Grade 4 & 6)
 - Only one testing window this year
 - More info will come out throughout the year
- IREAD for 3rd grade

Communication

- Report cards four times a year
 - E = Exemplary, S = Strong, P = Proficient, D = Developing, NE = Not Evident
- Narrative with the report card at the end of each semester
- PIT Day (Parents in Touch) is September 26th
- Teachers are open to communicating and building strong relationships with families. We ask that you email and call teachers during business hours.
- We will be sending weekly emails to update families on what is happening in the classroom.
- Please do not hesitate to contact your teacher with questions or concerns.

Questions??

The presentation will be posted on our website
so you can refer to it.

