



Last Week's Happenings

Hurricane Proof?!

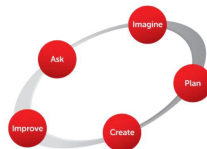
Can you design and build a house that is both appealing AND strong enough to withstand a hurricane?

The Challenge

Homes all along the Atlantic and Gulf coast are susceptible to wind damage during a hurricane. Some hurricanes can top 150 mph. After the devastation of the last hurricane, home builders in the region have been forced to meet the demands of homeowners and build more damage-resistant housing. You are the lead architect for the largest home builder on the East Coast. Your task is to design a house that can withstand hurricane force winds, yet still appeal to homeowners. You will have to be budget conscious with your design and have a house strong enough to stand up to the deadliest hurricanes. Where will you focus your efforts? How will you spend your money? How can you innovate from current designs? Your challenge is a tough one, but this is your moment to shine. Good Luck.

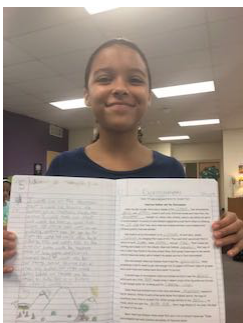


The Engineering Design Process

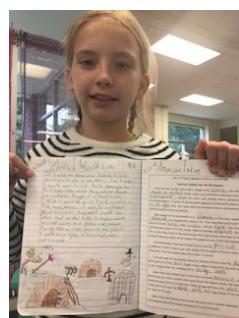
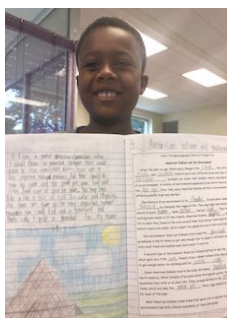


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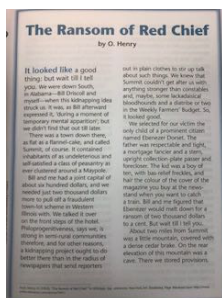
In light of the hurricane, last week our students constructed hurricane-proof houses using a variety of recycled products. They have now been tested and, believe it or not, some of the items stood the test of the "hurricane's" wrath!



How did the first Americans adapt to their environment ?



Look at our beautiful NEW barstools!
Thank you Mrs. Wade, Mrs. Connor, Mrs. Smith and Mrs. McKissick!



Exploring Perspectives

Last week we developed our generalizations about Perspectives that we will be revisiting throughout this Unit. We read *A Ransom of Red Chief* (even acted out parts of it!) and looked at how the author shows perspective in the story.



TWINNING!!!

Happening This Week...

Math

Last week, students had their Topic 1 assessment. Based on the data, I will be pulling groups this week to retest on skills not mastered. For students that made below a 79%, they will have a retest on Monday. We have started Topic 2 this week: adding and subtracting decimals. Students are grouped based on pre-assessment data. All instruction is individualized!

Reading

This week, we will continue in our Perspectives Unit by having a Paideia Seminar consisting of higher level academic conversations. There will be an informal assessment after the seminar to assess understanding of how Perspective and assumption relates to "The Ransom of Red Chief". We will also be learning about elements of plot and how that relates to how a story is structured and sequenced. There will be an informal exit ticket.

Writing

This week our writers will be writing poetry. They will create "scranimals" in which they get to use their creativity when writing poems of their choosing. They will also write a poem about an ordinary moment in their life, using descriptive details to make it more interesting!

Spelling

No Word Work this week
We will begin Caesar's English next Week

Content

Science: We will begin our Energy Unit by learning Social Studies: This week we will review for our first unit test! Which will take place on Thursday. Please visit my website for all the lessons that we have had for this mini-unit.
about heat transfer and conduction.

Notes from Ms. Watson ☺

-Please familiarize yourself with our website, **ESPECIALLY** when concerning our Reading Homework Choice board! For our new class members, check out our website to read about our policies in class "Class Handbook" and learn a bit more about me ☺
www.mswatsonsfifthgrade.weebly.com

-Grades will be updated in Powerschool by FRIDAY (I just got my final roster!)

-Don't forget- we have curriculum night this Wednesday (tomorrow!) from 6:00-7:30.

-Our birthday celebrations will take place this Friday from 3:30-4:00. Mrs. Rasmussen will be sending out information to the parents of Aug-Sept children soon

-Thank you for your support in the surprisingly smooth transition of losing a 5th grade teacher. While we may have a larger class than planned, rest assured your children are in good hands and I refuse to let the learning stop or be interrupted! With that being said, I would like to formally welcome those of you who's child is in my class. If I have not met you and you would like to set up a meeting, please do not hesitate to reach out. I have an Open Door policy (with appointment, of course, ha!). ☺

Important Dates

-9/26 5th grade hosts staff breakfast

-9/26 curriculum night 6:00-7:30

-9/27 Social Studies Test

-9/28 August September Birthday celebration 3:30-4:00 - Picture Day - Pajama Jam - Reading Homework Due

-10/1 Topic 1 Math RETEST

