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Vacation Reading

Dear Parents/Guardians,

I hope everyone had a great spring vacation. I took the opportunity to visit with my parents for several days and travel to Vermont to see two of my godchildren. Also during this time, I read three books. I would categorize my reading as informative and helpful. Throughout my reading, I kept asking myself, "How does this help me with both my work and personal life?" I know that some families might be in similar situations with aging parents or grandparents and a few of you also work in the educational field. So here is a quick overview of the three books:

Where the Light Gets In: Losing My Mother Only to Find Her Again—by Kimberly William-Paisley

This book is about a daughter's experience of having a mother with a rare form of dementia. The author shares not only her experience and feelings but does a nice job of speaking on behalf of her siblings and father. I felt the author was candid in her writing and it provided me with opportunities to start conversations with both my parents and sister while reading the book. I would give this book 3.5 out of 5 stars.

Becoming Nicole-The Transformation of an American Family—by Amy Ellis Nutt

This book was interesting for me on a couple of different levels—as a twin, principal, and health teacher. I understand this book will not be a choice for some people due to its subject matter, but I found it to be insightful, thought-provoking, and intriguing. Not having had to experience this matter as a principal, yet, it provided me with examples and information as to how school districts work with families and students. Again, not for everyone, but I would give this book 4.5 out of 5 stars.

Move Your Bus: An Extraordinary New Approach to Accelerating Success in Work and Life—by Ron Clark

If you liked reading Who Moved My Cheese and Fish, then you will enjoy reading this book. This book was also a "quick read." I enjoyed reading the fables at the beginning of most chapters. A couple of years ago at both DES and NHCS, our staff created goals using a school bus theme—if you look carefully, you will see the bus hanging up near some of the teachers' desks. I am thinking of using this book as both a closure to this year and as a book study for staff next year. I would give this book 4 out of 5 stars.

I am always looking for ideas on books to read. Feel free to send me an email with any suggestions.

Have a great weekend!

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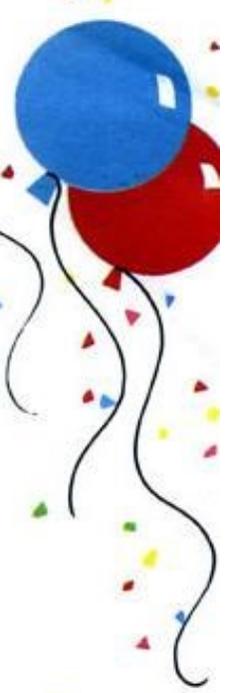


Let's Celebrate!

Thank you for all the
Hours you spend,
Attention you give,
Needs that you tend,
Knowledge you pass on,

Your special touch,
Offering guidance,
Undaunted by much,

Time you spend planning,
Efforts you make,
Angles to learning,
Chances you take.
Here's to our teachers,
Each one a gem.
Recognized now; we
Salute them!



teacher  appreciation
Week

Newfound Nutrition

Lunch Menu Week of May 9-13, 2016

Monday

Chicken Nuggets
Brown Rice & Breadstick
Garden Salad
Fresh Fruit

Tuesday

Beef Tacos
Brown Rice & Beans
Garden Salad
Fresh Fruit

Wednesday

Meatball Sub
Broccoli
Garden Salad
Fresh Fruit

Thursday

Chicken Burger
Peas
Garden Salad
Fresh Fruit

Friday

Gil's Pizza
Garden Salad
Fresh Fruit

Breakfast \$1.25
(reduced \$0.30)
Lunch \$2.50
(reduced \$0.40)
Milk \$0.35

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From the Fourth

Happy Spring!

Our class has been very busy finishing up our Smarter Balanced testing. We worked really hard and loved having the review time to work with partners. This review time allowed us a lot of practice time working in groups and with partners learning what it is to be a great group member.

In Math, we finished our fraction unit and loved creating our own pizzas while practicing equivalent fractions. We chose 5 different toppings and created a fraction of each for our pizzas. Students were pretty creative with toppings. One pizza had entirely seafood toppings! After finding equivalent fractions, we learned how to translate them into decimals and percents. Along with fractions, we've continued our multiplication challenge and have almost mastered our math facts 1-12!

In Literacy, we started our final unit, Unit 6. The theme of this unit is "Reaching for Goals." Each story will be about a person who has accomplished something great. The first story will be about Dr. Martin Luther King, told from his sister's perspective about their childhood. Our comprehension skill is Cause and Effect and the comprehension strategy is Answer Questions.

Coming up for 4th Grade:

Friday, May 27th Field trip to Franconia Notch; Flume Gorge, and Cannon Tram. (rain or shine, please provide rain coats and *sneakers* for this trip)

Friday, June 3rd Field trip to Enfield Shaker Museum.

I'm so proud of the entire fourth grade. They really worked hard on testing and did a fabulous job being off our regular routine for 8 days!

~ Mrs. Sterner



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