

Memminger Elementary NewsLetter



We are so excited to begin sharing a monthly newsletter with our families. Each month we will share a little bit about what's been happening around the school as well any important upcoming dates and events.



PBIS - Monthly Team Challenge

January's PBIS team challenge focused on the highest percentage of completed & passed i-Ready reading lessons. The challenge was measured weekly for three weeks. Each team's progress was tracked on the Team Challenge Posters in the atrium. Way to go Blue, Gold, and Red teams for each winning one week of the challenge. Congratulations to the Gold team for winning the overall challenge with an average of 88% on iReady reading lessons!



Reminders for Families!

- Don't forget you can sign-up to paint our Memminger Spirit Rock
- Follow us on Facebook - @MemmingerElementarySchool
- Check out the morning news show, it's linked on our Memminger Website
- You can still sign-up to be a part of the Memminger PTO
- CD students need to reapply for CD4 or kindergarten through the school choice process that ends February 24th

CD

This month, CD-4 focused on a clothing study. We explored the different types of clothes and why we wear them, how to take care of clothes, where we get them, and how people make them. We are very excited to celebrate our learning and close out our clothing study with a fashion show! We are looking forward to the month of February where we will celebrate our 100th day of school, Valentine's Day, and start our new study: exercise!



Kindergarten

Kindergarten has been cruising through their phonological awareness and reading skills! They are mastering all of their letter sounds and becoming impressive little readers. We have worked hard to build up our stamina and fluency all quarter! For math, students have been practicing their addition and subtraction skills and learning all about money. We are so excited for the 100th day, the Peace Parade, and Valentine's Day!



First Grade

It's BRIGHT in first grade! First graders have been demonstrating an understanding of the properties of light and how shadows are formed. As this unit continues, they will conduct structured investigations to answer questions about how shadows change when the position of the light source changes. Students will also investigate how objects in the sky move in predictable patterns.



Second Grade

Second graders have been working hard on building their financial literacy. We have been exploring the importance of a budget and how to spend and save responsibly. In math, students have been learning about measurement with yards, feet, and inches. For ELA, students are diving into nonfiction texts to develop clear and organized reading responses. Moving forward, learners will be jumping into place value and money.

February Dates to Remember

- Early Release at 1:15pm on 2/3/23 and 2/17/23
- Memminger Spirit Nights - Help support our PTO!
 - 2/2/23 Bay Street Biergarten from 4-8pm (kickoff event)
 - 2/6/23 D'Allesandro's Pizza from 5-10pm
 - 2/16/23 Verde 4-8pm (downtown location @lunchtime)
 - 2/20/23 Paisano's (West Ashley location) 5-8pm
- CD - 1st Grade Peace Parade with ECDC on 2/10/23

- Donuts with Grownups
 - CD - 1st grades on 2/14/23 during lunch
 - 2nd - 5th grades on 2/15/23 during lunch
- Progress Reports go home the week of 2/20/23
- No School on 2/20/23

Spotlight on Related Arts and IB Clubs

STEM Classes have been hard at work in 1st-5th grades! Students have been learning the basics of computer programming by completing unplugged and digital coding activities. In Grades 1 & 2, students will continue to use these new skills to create their own iPad games. In Grades 3-5, students are advancing their skills and moving towards 3D design and printing! Stay tuned to see what's created in The Lab - Ms. Hornsby

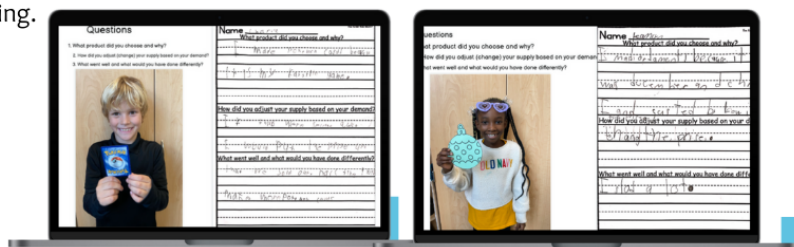


In the Art Studio, IB Club students have been hard at work unlocking their creativity! Our K & 1 students have studied and created unique works inspired by the artists Jasper Johns, Alma Thomas, and Wayne Thiebaud, to name a few. 2nd and 3rd grade spent the last quarter collecting materials to use for building their own miniature homes. These students used collaboration and problem-solving skills to bring their ideas to life! In 4th and 5th grade, students learned about neurographic art, practicing mindful art techniques, and taking risks to make art "in the moment." I cannot wait to see what our next session of artists will create -Ms. Bilger

IB Unit of Inquiry

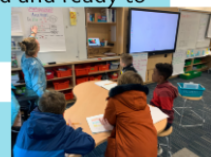


Students have been documenting their learning experiences in our unit of inquiry, "How the World Works." The second graders made and sold items in a store to support their central idea that, "decisions and events can impact the physical and social world." Students reflected on the process and what if anything, they would do to change. The first graders have been exploring with light to see how patterns in our world can be used to make predictions and observations. The fourth graders have been investigating how energy is converted, transformed, and used to support human progress through light. We are excited to see what actions students will take in their learning.



Third Grade

Third grade has been learning about climates and weather around the world. They are starting a new unit focusing on the motivations for exploring and migrating across the Earth. They have been working hard on learning about measurement and data and are excited to discover more multiplication and division strategies. In ELA, students are working on providing evidence in the text to support their answers using fiction and informational texts. They are very motivated and ready to have an exciting second half of the year!



Fourth Grade

Fourth graders have been observing properties of light and sound. Students were able to observe how light behaves when it strikes various objects, and how light travels through different mediums. Students were also able to observe how sound travels through air when they created their own telephone devices! In Math, students have been learning strategies they can use to solve addition and subtraction problems. In ELA, students have been diving into texts centered around important scientists and inventors to learn how science is put into action.



Fifth Grade

Fifth graders have been looking at a blast from the past while learning about the Industrial Revolution and some of the world's most impactful inventions and their creators. We have also launched our next IB unit as we begin studying Earth's Place in the Universe. Additionally in math, no pun intended, we are learning about place value and the powers of ten. In ELA, we have been taking a deeper dive into how the author's point of view can change the meaning, content, or plot within a text.



Kagan Corner

Teachers have been meeting monthly after school to learn how to incorporate Kagan Cooperative Learning in their classrooms. Kagan Cooperative Learning uses structures to promote active student engagement and a brain-friendly environment which supports increased academic achievement.