

October Newsletter for Ms. Nellie's class

Community Building:

We've had a busy couple of weeks getting to know one another! We've discussed our four agreements and we review them daily: We take care of each other. We solve problems together. We take care of our belongings. We always do our best.

We made hexagons that featured six different sections about our interests and cultural identities. Many of our students were interested in learning about different world flags to represent their family heritage. I put up different questions around the room and students rotated from one to the other. I'm very passionate about giving students the opportunity to discuss and learn from one another, while also combining physical movement. The goal of this activity was to honor our differences but also celebrate our connections.

Conferences

On 10/15 I will be at Sullivan from 3:00-7:00 pm in room 200C (I will probably have a dinner break around 5-5:30). If you'd like to pop by to say hello or check in about something, please do. Feel free to email me @ nellie.mcleanbrowne@mpls.k12.mn.us if you have any questions or want to connect, thank you!

We all make mistakes

One theme of our learning so far has been accepting that we all make mistakes. We discussed conversation "bloopers" and how to improve our communication when we say something that is harmful or we ignore/interrupt someone.

Current reading list:

3rd grade: [Anne of West Philly](#)

4th grade: We are reading [Alvin Ho.](#)

In 5th grade We are reading [I am Malala.](#)

Thank you and have a wonderful weekend!

IT'S **OK** TO MAKE MISTAKES.

