

Browning Elementary School March Board Report

At Browning Elementary not only do we track data and progress monitor scores but we also celebrate learning and offer clubs to extend learning.

Club Information

BNAS Culture Club Sponsors: Arthur WestWolf, Melinda Juneau & Gaylene Henderson

Our culture club here at Browning Elementary School meets every other Tuesday during each grade level's lunch / noon hour. Students usually meet in Mrs. Juneau's Classroom next to the cafeteria after they have eaten lunch. Initially, we had 47 second- grade students sign up and 23 third- grade students. Currently about 27 students show up consistently. This is our third year offering Amskapi Pikani Pokahksi / culture club to the students at Browning Elementary. Last year students constructed Blackfoot Traditional Blackfoot hand drums and did a presentation for the Browning School Board of Trustees. Each student received a certificate of recognition and put in the Glacier Reporter. We have introduced and performed traditional Blackfoot song and dance. Arts and crafts have been implemented using scratch-art drawing traditional Blackfoot tipi designs. Our culture club also constructed necklaces with the use of pony beads and Mountain Lion claws. A field trip is in the plan to attend the CM Russell Museum in Great Falls MT. Another possibility is going the Fort Benton Museum at Fort Benton MT. This Tuesday we will play Blackfoot bingo pronouncing Blackfoot numbers and giving away prizes. There is a lot of parent / guardian involvement and we will be sending home notes tomorrow to discuss fund raising. The meeting scheduled for March 7, 2017 in the BNAS room 202 after school. We hope to do more Traditional Arts and Crafts projects such as Drumsticks, Travois, Par flesh and Hand Drum making.

BES DRAMA /READING LITERACY CLUB Sponsor: Mrs. Elsie Ground

Meeting time: every Monday from 3:30 -5:00

Students that attend: 11

Planned Activities:

October >> Dramatic Arts<<<<

- Read plays such as “Bremmen Town Musicians, Beaver’s Race With Bear, Beavers Race with Turtle (compare and contrast the two stories), How the Pikunii People got the first Horse, Star Boy etc.

November >>>> Dramatic Arts>>>>

- students chose parts for the play “Bremmen Town Musicians”
- Made finger puppets for each character and acted out the play

December >> Reading Literacy<<<<

- Read a series of publications from “Black Lagoon Adventures” Read Alouds-taking turns
- Discuss the vocabulary and the students came up with Comprehension questions
- Students take Accelerated Reader Quiz which tests their comprehension skills
- Students completed a book club activity

January >> both >> Dramatic Arts and Reading Literacy >>>>

- Discuss the history of drama and where it originated
- Watch an online play

February >> Reading Literacy<<<<

- I Love To Read Month
- Students read selected literature of choice
- Students will invite parents in to read a story with them
- Students take Accelerated Reader Quiz which tests their comprehension skills

March >> Dramatic Arts>>>

- Students will construct a mini theatre out of given supplies
- Students will make hand puppets based on the Dramatic play of choice
- Students will practice the parts in the Dramatic play -roles. Memorize parts

April >> both >> Dramatic Arts and Reading Literacy >>>

- Students will continue with rehearsal of play until they feel comfortable performing
- Students will invite parents to watch them perform the play using the puppets

May

Creative dramatic play (make up a story line and act it out)

Read selected literature

Art Club Sponsor: Jackie Beyer

There are about half dozen kids. We are working on finishing up our puppets and getting to the plays finally. We took a bit of a break over the holidays and did some Christmas winter projects... painting and construction paper drawings n collages...

We meet on Tuesday mornings. We are going to finish up puppets about 2-3 more weeks and then well be getting into more painting.



Gardening Club Sponsors Christine Hansen & Jackie Beyer

We have 6-10 students who are involved in club. The students have been learning about eating healthy, and about growing their own food. We have been utilizing the Food Corps facilitator Graham, who has been teaching our students about gardening and where different foods come from.



100,000 word club Sponsors: Jimi Champ & Katie Boyce

Meets: first Wednesday of the month

Group member: 12 students to date. Expecting 5 or 6 more this month Students make it into the club by reading 100,000 words in the Accelerated Reader program.

Activities: meetings involving parents. Always accompanied by a library/ reading task...i.e. Treasure hunt, book report etc. parents and students are given reading strategies and tips as well.

End of the year field trip for all members in May to Great Falls



Dr. Seuss Week & March Madness Tournament

The Library in conjunction with Accelerated Reader and the PE department is sponsoring Dr. Seuss Week & Door Contest and a March Madness tournament. Spirit Week dress up days February 27-March 3. Prizes will be given for each grade level and special teacher for the best Dr. Seuss Decorated Door. Students who read and pass their AR tests with 100% will be in the running for the starting 5 for their

classroom. At the end of the month we will have a March Madness tourney for each grade level. Each Thursday during science we will drop everything and read for 20 minutes to assist students with their fluency and comprehension.

Celebrate Reading

Dr Seuss Week

Dress Up Days

Monday- "Oh the Places you Will Go"- wear your favorite college shirt

Tuesday- "The more you read the more you know"- wear a shirt you can read

Wednesday- "Green eggs and Clothes"- wear green

Thursday- "Fox in Socks"- wear crazy socks

Friday- "Cat in the Hat"- wear a hat

Read!

Dr Seuss week is the kick off to the March Madness Challenge. In the month of March, our AR Reading challenge is WORDS READ. Students with the most words read (in the month of March) will be the 'starters' in the March Madness Tournament at the end of the month (time and dates TBA). The class with the most words read in the month of March will a special award from the librarian. The Top Four word readers in each grade will also receive a prize. The challenge will begin February 27 and end March 31. Good luck Readers!

As always, you are welcome to visit our beautiful building!