

Board Report

March ASC Meeting 2024

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There is not too much to report after our shortest month. Things have gone well at the school. I am proud of our students for being master mathematicians. Our first/second grade students are adding and subtracting and have mastered subtracting with regrouping. Our 3rd grade students are recognizing their multiplication and division facts up to nine times and dividing by nine. They are also getting practice with more complex multiplication problems and long division problems. I have also implemented a computer game based program called Prodigy that students enjoy doing in the morning if they finish their fact page and math lessons. I have had a parent express that they don't want their child to play video games in school, and have respectfully offered alternative choices for their children when they have extra time. Prodigy is aligned to grade level math standards, and I see that it often gives them an enjoyable introduction to something that we have not yet covered in our curriculum such as addition with expanded form. And while it is a video game, they are trying to solve a math problem about every 15 seconds.

Our students are excellent readers! Our first and second graders are really transitioning from emergent readers that just get it, to kids that know how to read! Our older elementary students are reading and writing about "Where the Red Fern Grows." As a read aloud, we are all working our way through "The Adventures of Tom Sawyer" which leads to excellent discussion about important aspects of life such as live and dead cats, murder, love, skipping school, and morality.

We have gotten into spring mode in spite of the late winter weather. The students have some seeds germinating, while they are also studying a unit on life science and plants. I am happy to say that the students are learning the process of photosynthesis and the life cycle of plants. We have kept it interesting with several experiments.

Our middle school student is making good progress in his classes. In addition to his core classes he is immersed in his electives of spanish and life skills.