

Hello Families,

With school in full swing (the first 6 weeks is in the books) I wanted to reach out and let you know all that your students are working hard on in the classroom.

In **Cultural Studies** we are wrapping up our unit on Citizenship, Voting, Rights and Responsibilities. We learned about rules and laws in our families, the classroom, and our country. We campaigned for our favorite cookie Oreo or Chips Ahoy and casted our ballots in a real election. Finally, we visited the State Capitol and made a Classroom Constitution.

In **Science** we have been studying plants and have explored how living things grow, seed dispersal, and animal adaptations. We visited Spooner Park for a nature hike looking for seeds in the fall foliage.

As a class we have narrowed down our **Innovation Studio** Project. We will be building a town modeled after Minecraft. We will be learning about parts of a story to tell a tale about our characters complete with a setting, problem and solution.

The coming weeks in **Cultural Studies, Science, and Innovation Studio** will integrate together as we learn of Minnesota long ago, different regions, habitats, and seasons in Minnesota, as well as discover how cities are made. We will have more field trips, try some fun foods, and learn about songs and poems of our many cultures through non fiction, poems, and fictional works.

To better foster our learning donations of the following **supplies** would be greatly appreciated: Recycled Items- including **toilet paper and paper towel rolls, egg cartons, shoe box lids, cereal boxes, gallon jugs, copper wire, and mini LED light bulbs.** Items can be sent with your student or brought to conferences on Thursday.

Finally, as a reminder, this is a short week with parent teacher conferences on Thursday, October, 17. There is no school on Friday, October 18, 2019. If you have yet to sign up for a conference the link is below. Conferences are student led, therefore your student should attend conferences with you.

https://ptcfast.com/schools/AFSA_K8 - conference link

Thank you for your support to make our classroom thrive!