

Tuesday Tidbits

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SPIRIT WEEK - SEPTEMBER 21-25. SEE ATTACHMENT FOR DAILY DRESS UP THEMES.



Crazy Cool Connection Challenge

Ms. Bradley's 2nd grade class accepted our last "Crazy Cool Connection Challenge." Here is how some of our students describe the ways that butterflies cocoons and computer key boards are alike.

"They are both fragile, If you smash a cocoon the butterfly will be dead." Jadelyn & Destiny

"They are both dark inside and you can squeeze them. People make keyboards and caterpillars make cocoons." Lily

"They both start with the letter C. They both attach to something." Madeline & Kaitlyn

"They are both breakable." Ashley

"They are both connected to a brain." Dylan

"Forced Association". A forced association can be made by comparing two very opposite words or ideas. For example: How are the everglades like snow? The child might decide that they are both wet, both can be found in the United States, and both occur naturally. Children may even decide that both can be impacted by global warming and environmental factors.

Fourth graders are studying Native Americans. Try this forced association. How is a canoe like a toaster?

First graders are studying solids and liquids. How is ice like sand?

Share your child's solutions by emailing our technology coach, Becky Bolden, at beckyb1@wcs.edu. Emailing an attachment is a 5th grade technology standard, so please allow your 5th grader to practice this skill with your supervision. Younger grades can begin to learn this skill as well by watching as you attach their response. Responses can be in typed form or drawn picture that can be scanned from home or with assistance at school.



MARK YOUR CALENDARS

- September 16—Progress Reports
- **September 21—25—Spirit Week.**
- September 25—Wildcat Walk-a-Thon
- September 29—Parent Conferences, 1/2 Day with Students

School Illness Policy

We continue to experience a small number of absences due to illness. Thank you for your careful attention to maintaining healthy practices when children have symptoms of a contagious illness.

I am including information on skin infections in the attachment above. Bumps, bruises and scrapes are very normal for children. This information will help you recognize infections that may become more serious.

New Teacher Focus



Meet Ms. Pietras, our new 3rd Grade Teacher

1. Where did you grow up? Huntington, NY
2. Why did you become a teacher? My mom was a teacher and she loved her job. She was a great role model. I love working with children and knew teaching would be a wonderful job.
3. What are some of your favorite hobbies? Reading and scrapbooking
4. What else would you like us to know about you? I'm really enjoying living in Tennessee and working at Winstead.