



Project Arrow News

March 2010

Grade Level Updates

Third Quarter is just around the corner!!!

2nd Grade: 2PA finished working on their "Ladders". These "Ladders" showed us how to demonstrate higher-level thinking about a piece of text. Such concepts covered were *Creative Synthesis* (putting together creative ideas in our reading responses) and *Consequences and Implications*, where students explored any long-term effects of the content that they read.

We are now beginning our Literature Study. Such ideas studied so far are use of simile and metaphor to interpret ideas. We had fun constructing poems in which we used our own metaphors!

3rd Grade: In third grade students continued their literature study, analyzing different forms of literature. 3rd graders had fun exploring how symmetry is used in literature to show meaning. We had fun constructing diamante poems which not only showed CHANGE, but patterns and symmetry as well. We are currently working on our topic of study that deals with the question: "*What is the best way to preserve memories?*" Students are using activities done both in and out of class (The interview responses were so fun!).

4th Grade: 4th graders are continuing their study of Brain Science as it relates our past PSIs and Psychology. Students have been quite intrigued by the mishap Phineas Gage encountered. We are analyzing how his brain injury affected his whole persona, and the science behind how/why his personality changed.

5th Grade: 5th grade began their study of *Authors and Autobiographies*. They are currently reading an autobiography written by a famous writer, and the life experiences that shaped them into who they are today. In Economics, we FINALLY began our Stock Market game! We are also using the "news" to gauge which stocks we should buy and sell.



Conundrum Corner:

What do the following words have in common?

PLUG
PIN
RAIL
GUMS

Answer to last issue's puzzle:
hoot, hoof, woof, wool and wood.

In the News

Have you checked out the Project Arrow Parents Home Page on the IPSD website? There are many resources for parents of gifted children including: books, websites, programs, publications and organizations. It is a great resource as you start to think about summer learning activities and camps.

www.ipspd.org/papo_linx.asp



One of our parents ran across an interesting website that helps adults conduct philosophical discussion with elementary school children. There are book modules for many of the popular children's books (ex. [Knuffle Bunny](#),

[Frederick](#), [Stellaluna](#), [The Little Prince](#), [Where the Wild Things Are](#)) with introductions to philosophical issues and questions to ask children to get a discussion started. For more information, head to:

www.teachingchildrenphilosophy.org/wiki/main_page

Reminders:

- Math Acceleration testing for Grades 2-5 is the week of March 22.
- Friday, March 26- Report Cards go home
- Check out the attached sheet regarding Springfield Day. It's April 21, 2010.