401 Bioeducational Updates

Welcome back and welcome to 401! It is great to start another school year and reconnect with each other. We are continuing many parts of the daily routine despite being away from the school building. In 401 we start everyday with morning meeting, which includes calendar reviewing the schedule for the day, and discuss writers workshop. We started reading Sideways Stories from Wayside School for our guided reading lesson. The class seem to enjoy hearing about the different characters in the book and the silly adventures they get into. We were very excited to launch our new reinforcement dispensation system which enables our students to be reinforced like they were for on-site learning. Students can use their tokens to purchase motivating items in our virtual store called AMPazon. Orders are placed on Tuesday’s so there is plenty of time to save those tokens. I look forward to what this year has to offer!!

402 Bioeducational Updates

Welcome back! The school year has gotten off to a great start. Although we have had to begin remotely it has been wonderful to be back together again. We have welcomed new and returning students to our homeroom and everyone seems to have adjusted well. For some students it was a change of cluster, homeroom, teaching staff, and/or peers. Students are working hard on their academic and personal goals and are very motivated to earn tokens to spend in AMPazon, our virtual store for reinforcement. Our day begins with Morning Meeting where we check-in, discuss the schedule for the day and complete “Writer’s Workshop”. The students wrote about their goals for this school year and we had a chance to discuss them. In Guided Reading, we are reading The Five People you meet in Heaven. The students have done a wonderful job taking turns reading and participating in discussions. This month’s theme is Self-Care and Healthy choices. In Group, they discussed choices they have made in the past and reviewed goals they would like to achieve this year. I look forward to a great year!
**403 Bioeducational Updates**

Welcome back to school and welcome to Homeroom 403! As a group we have had a strong start to the school year and look forward to an engaging year!

Writer’s Workshop focused on Self-Care, how students can find a healthy balance in life, and how to work through the current stresses of balancing remote learning, engagement in classes, and increased screen time. While discussing this important topic, students used graphic organizers to structure a complete paragraph.

We are reading *The Five People You Meet in Heaven* by Mitch Albom in our Guided Reading class which meets every Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 11:00AM. This story focuses our discussions on values, social responsibility and attitudes. We also reviewed static versus dynamic character development and the use of symbols and color in writing.

The Concepts Math classes centered on were: applying the 4 mathematical operations to positive and negative numbers; solving for a variable in multi-step equations; and using the order of operations. ELA focused on a grammar review, the 4 main parts of speech and knowing the subject and predicate of a sentence. Engineers, the engineering design process and 6 simple machines were the focus of science this month. History concentrated on the 3 branches of our U.S. government as well as the 3 most common forms of government utilized around the world. Transitional Services class involved career exploration, interest inventories, and career planning. So far, each student had the opportunity to invest their time into exploring many different careers.

**404 Bioeducational Updates**

Hello and welcome to the 2020-2021 school year at Lighthouse School! While we are still in the remote world, it has been so nice to see and hear everyone and get back to learning. In Writer’s Workshop, students have been asked to reflect on their summer and let us know their favorite and least favorite parts of the season. Guided Reading began with a jolt as we started reading “The Lightning Thief”. The story tells of a young adult, Percy Jackson, who struggles with dyslexia and ADHD, and how Greek gods and myths begin to come to life around him! The students in 404 have gotten to know each other more during our first month together. While they knew each other in a general sense before, they have had time to interact more and learn about who their peers are. All of us in 404 are looking forward to a fun and wonderful year of learning and growth and we can’t wait to see what we are capable of together!
**405 Bioeducational Updates**

Welcome back!!! It is great to start another school year and reconnect with each other. We are continuing many parts of the daily routine despite being away from the school building. In 405 we start everyday with morning meeting, which includes calendar, reviewing the schedule for the day, and discuss writers workshop. We started reading *Sideways Stories from Wayside School* for our guided reading lesson. The class seem to enjoy hearing about the different characters in the book and the silly adventures they get into. We were very excited to launch our new reinforcement dispensation system which enables our students to be reinforced like they were for on-site learning. Students can use their tokens to purchase motivating items in our virtual store called AMPazon. Orders are placed on Tuesday’s so there is plenty of time to save those tokens. I look forward to what this year has to offer!!

**406 Bioeducational Updates**

Welcome back to Lighthouse School! We are off and running in the remote setting for the beginning of the 2020-21 school year. Our homeroom activities began each day with Morning Meeting and we used this time to check in and discuss the day’s schedule. We also worked on Writer's Workshop and some examples of this month’s topics are *Five People I Want to Meet in Heaven* which relate to the book selected for Guided Reading and *A Time You Had to Stand up for What You Believe In*. This last one was a bit challenging for the students, but they persevered with staff assistance. The students are excited to be earning tokens for working on their goals and enjoyed looking on AMPazon, the school’s virtual reinforcement catalog.

Self-Care and Healthy Choices is this month’s Bio-educational theme and we discussed taking an active role in protecting one’s own well-being, health and happiness, in particular during periods of stress. This is a very appropriate theme as we all adjust to remote learning and the challenges of using the technology.

Our homeroom has Guided Reading three days each week. The book we are reading is *The Five People You Meet in Heaven* by Mitch Albom. During reading we paused and discussed how the decisions we make affect others and our own future.