

Week of 10/8/18



4 Red and 4 White Teams

Students are becoming more familiar with our routines and becoming much more independent. We read about the 7 Habits of Happy Kids. We wrote a reflection about each habit and most of us volunteered to share a connection to ONE habit with the class. We created our computer accounts and received computer assignments. We also learned how to open Publisher and save a file which will become a personal Totem Pole. Students will continue to work on them next week. The concept of mindfulness as “A bath for the brain” was reviewed. We practiced breathing exercises and used [Annaka Harris’ Mindfulness for Children](#) web site to participate in a listening exercise.

4 Red and 4 White Homework:

1. Practice keyboarding 15 minutes a day, at least 5 days each week. Knowing the keyboard will help you complete projects faster. [Click here to try these keyboarding sites.](#)

5 Red and 5 White Teams

Students are getting used to our routines. This week, students finished their personal posters and we printed them for display in the classroom. Later we studied the geography of the United States using the web site [Sheppard Software](#). Keyboarding is a critical life skill. We created accounts in “[The Typing Club](#)” and the students had time in class to practice keyboarding. We are asking ALL STUDENTS to participate in the 30 DAY KEYBOARDING CHALLENGE and practice keyboarding for 15 minutes each day, 5 out of 7 days a week (at least). This will help them be ready for our typing-intensive projects coming up. In groups, we completed the “Bucket Challenge.” Using straws, tape and string, students had to create a structure that would suspend a small cup above their table. The structure that could hold the most weight was the winner. The structures were tested by filling the “bucket” with small washers. We then completed a reflection sheet about the experience. In preparation for our upcoming foreign language units, students learned how to create an account in Mango. Mango is an online language program which we utilize through the Connetquot Public Library. The actual accounts will need to be created at home since an email address is required.

Please follow these directions to create the account:

[Click here to access the Connetquot Library Databases.](#) Then click Language, scroll up and click Mango Languages. Under the orange Log-In button click the words “Create One” to create an account. Students will need to write the email used to create the account, the library card number, and the password in their agendas. The password should be their six digit birthday.

5 Red and 5 White Homework:

1. Set up a Mango account. Write the email in your agenda for next week.
2. Students that are new to C-Quest this year – we will give you a copy of the *City of Ember* – please read it to prepare for reading the series. When finished we will give you the second book, *The People of Sparks*.
3. 30 DAY KEYBOARDING CHALLENGE
Practice keyboarding 15 minutes every day – at least 5 days a week. This is NOT optional. Please do it. The results will pay off!