



Messenger



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How is your quest as we reach the mid-point of the year?

What is your Quest for Excellence?

From MVA Math Teacher and Sophomore Advisory Teacher, Mrs. Allison Dodson: To help math students understand and (maybe) enjoy the content

they are learning.

My personal

quest is to

graduate with

my masters

degree in

May!



The semester is almost complete, just a few weeks until the Winter break. Our MVA students are amazing, and we are honored to have been part of their Quest for Excellence this semester.

Knowing there are only a few weeks left, we encourage all to finish strong! If you are doing well, push to the end. If you are struggling, please ask us for help. We would be happy to help you with the information or some extra support to help you get your work done and turned in.

Because the weather is always a factor during the winter months, we plan to have several online game days, movies or virtual field trips. Look for information on times on the MVA landing page or Facebook and Instagram.

The 2022-2023 yearbook is starting to take shape. Please send your student's picture for the class page as well as any activities they might be involved in. We would love to feature them in our Student Spotlight as well, we truly love to see what other Quests our students are involved in outside of MVA.

The last day of class for the Fall semester is December 16th. Then we will be back with vClasses on January 3rd. We hope you have a safe and relaxing Winter break. Take a moment to reflect on the progress your student made, and then get ready to begin the Quest again. Onward and upward!

DECEMBER

Dec. 1 - K-5 Assembly

Dec. 1 - 6-12 Assembly

Dec. 11 - PZ weeks 14-16

Dec. 12-16 - High School Finals Week

Dec. 15 - Elementary Party

Dec. 19- Jan. 2 - Winter Break

Kindergarten - 2nd Grade

First and second grade students participated in Edventures virtual field trips to learn about Native American Heritage. Edventures are a series of virtual field trip experiences focused on a seasonal theme or unit of study. Think of Edventures as virtual one-day conferences designed for PK-12 students. These involve virtual author visits, guest speakers, walking tours of special locations and museums, and career explorations. We learned about tools and foods from the 259 Native American Program and read about shelters with the Kansas Historical Society. Students then created a structure that Native Americans might have lived in.

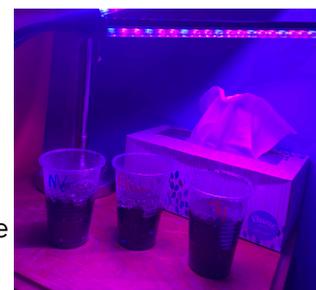


First and second graders read stories about turkey and created their own turkey hideout to help protect the birds. Students learned about perspective by representing their structure from all viewpoints: front and back, left and right. They discussed how the turkey would get into the structure, camouflage, and how long the turkey would need to stay. Most students agreed it would need to be hidden until after Thanksgiving to be safe. Students use the design process to draw their ideas and then create them to life with blocks, craft supplies, and natural items from their yard.

3rd - 5th Grades

The 3rd - 5th grade classes discussed the history of the holiday Dia de los Muertos in early November. Students looked at how in Central America they make Papel Picados to decorate and celebrate holidays.

5th grade set up an investigation over different questions they have about seeds and germination.



They will be testing how they germinate in an area with constant light from an LED grow light, window sill, book case across the room from the window as well as in a dark bag. We can't wait to see what we find about what plants need!

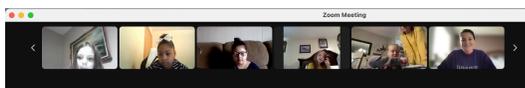


**CHOCOLATE
CHEX MIX**

Time 20 Mins Level Easy

Ingredients

- 3 cups Rice Chex cereal
- 3 cups Corn Chex cereal
- 3cups Chocolate Chex cereal
- 1 cup semisweet chocolate chips
- 1/2 cup peanut butter
- 1/4 cup butter
- 1 teaspoon vanilla
- 1 1/2 cups powdered sugar



**BOY
With
Rake**



K-5 celebrated with a Fall Party. Students had a great time playing Bingo and looking at our 2022-2023 Snack Recipe Book. If you would like to have a copy of these recipes contributed by MVA staff and K-12 students, check out this [link](#).

We love to recognize our students and the amazing things they do both in school and out in their communities, so **feel free to send your student's information to us to share**. Thank you to all the students who let us share their stories!

Student Spotlight



Logan Piper did a presentation in class about his family's trip to the Hot Air Balloon Festival in Albuquerque. The presentation was amazing and he had his class engaged with questions and comments. Great job, Logan, we are proud of your accomplishments in your Quest for Excellence!



Cutter Weil qualified for the 19 and under Tiedown roping at the Junior World Finals in Las Vegas. To get qualified there are roping events all over Oklahoma, Kansas, and Texas, and also a few other states where contestants can get qualified. Cutter got qualified at roping in Fort Scott, Kansas. There are a few other ropings in Las Vegas that he could have qualified for, but as he didn't plan to go out there this year until the very last minute, he only had time to qualify for the Junior World Finals. Cutter will also rope in Vegas Stars 19 and under Tiedown roping.

Counselor's Corner

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MVA Clubs schedule for December

Club Name	Meeting Day	Time
Art Club	1st Thursday	12:30 - 1:00 pm
Cooking & Culture	2nd Wednesday	11:00 - 11:30 pm
Gaming	Discord	Ongoing
Photography	2nd Thursday	12:30 - 1:00 pm
Yearbook	2nd Thursday	12:00 - 12:30