

STILL, Lots of Learning Happening!!



Grade 5 Social Studies This term we learned about daily life here in the colonies! We analyzed the thinking of early Americans, and discovered how life in America still has many of the same traditions, wonderings, and conflicts.

Grade 5 ELA! Speaking, listening, reading, writing we are doing it all! We are learning to add details to lengthen our writing prompts making them more interesting for those we are communicating with through written expression.

Grade 6 Social Studies! We are learning about life *long ago!* We are discovering some surprising and interesting facts about the culture, religion, and daily life of ancient civilizations.

Grade 6 ELA! Speaking, listening, reading, writing, we are doing it all too! We use the habits of good writers. Good writers use the writing process effectively, they develop strong ideas with supporting details, organize their thoughts logically, choose interesting vocabulary, and check for proper grammar and punctuation.

Grade 7/8 Social Studies! We too are learning about early American life! We put ourselves into the shoes of a Mayflower passenger, and created historical fiction journals. Then we dressed as a pilgrim, and presented our journal entries to the grade 5 learners. It was a big hit!! **Grade 7/8 ELA!** We are combining our subject areas. As you read above we integrated writing, and oral presentation/speaking skills. Integrating writing with social studies can give a great amount of benefits for students. It helps develop critical thinking skills, and improves their communication abilities, and it gives them a deeper understanding of social studies, events, and concepts