



MINNESOTA HISTORY 6

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Minnesota History students started the year by researching what makes Minnesota unique. We learned about the history of several companies and sports franchises that call Minnesota home. Students then researched Minnesota and were able to explore what makes Minnesota a state to be proud of.

Students then began exploring evidence of the earliest cultures to live in Minnesota. The 6th graders were able to travel to Jeffers Petroglyphs to examine the petroglyphs and other artifacts that Minnesota's early Native Americans used.

This quarter, students have also learned about Minnesota's physical geography and key physical features. The 6th grade recently began their BizTown preparation. We are scheduled to go to BizTown on November 15. There are several weeks of lessons to prepare students for this amazing hands-on opportunity. Ask your son or daughter about their BizTown preparation! We will need several parents to chaperone this field trip.

MUSIC–

CHOIR – Mrs. Derrickson – mrs.derrickson@sesmschool.com

In Choir, students have started the year by reviewing music terminology and music theory. They also have been working on singing technique, specifically stagger breathing, blending vowel sounds, and expanding their ranges, while preparing music for a performance at a local nursing home. The students also composed their own vocalizations, which are used daily for vocal warm ups. In the coming weeks, they will perform at Divine Providence, evaluate their performance, and learn a little about the evolution of vocal technique and style throughout history.

BAND – Mrs. Moldan

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This quarter we are focussing on the school song and Don't Stop Believin' for pep band. I am having the students play this music for me individually or in groups of 2 by the end of the quarter. I highly encourage them to come play these 2 songs with the band at the games. It is an effective way to learn them faster. Our first concert will be Dec. 19th at 7pm. Students will be performing Christmas music for you!

THEOLOGY 6 – Old Testament

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In Theology 6, we cover the stories in the Old Testament. Throughout the first half of the quarter, we discussed the structure of The Bible, the different types of literary forms we see when reading The Bible, and how The Bible was translated and compiled. The students also took a prayer quiz on The Apostles' Creed.

We are finishing our second lesson of the school year, which focused on The Creation Story. The students completed an art project where they each chose a different piece of the creation story to depict and placed it in "the hand of God". The prayer quiz for this lesson is The Act of Faith.

We will start Lesson 3 at the end of the week, where we will learn about Original Sin and the story of Cain and Abel. The prayer quizzes for this lesson are The Hail Mary and The Our Father.



PHYED 6–

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In Phy Ed, students have been evaluating their fitness. Students have completed the mile run, shuttle run, sit and reach as well as sit-ups. Students have also been spending time working on their volleyball skills and strategies. The volleyball players have been very helpful in helping their peers improve on their skills. It has been exciting to see how much students have improved from the the start. We are finishing out our first quarter of PhyEd with flag football. The football players have been working with their teams on developing different offensive plays and helping students with their skills as well.