

Counselor Connection

Connecting Parents to the Counselor's Classroom Lessons

The purpose of the Counselor Connection newsletter is to let you know what your children have been learning during classroom guidance each month. Guidance lessons are provided by the school counselor at least monthly in grades K-5 to promote positive social skills, behaviors, and choices. The lessons in October focused on "Power of the Tribe" and Red Ribbon Week.

"Power of the Tribe" is one of the beliefs in the "Indian Way". We use the Indian Way to teach and promote prosocial behaviors. The Power of the Tribe includes respecting one another, "bringing everyone along", and teamwork.

Red Ribbon Week is a week in October that we encourage and celebrate healthy choices. In addition to guidance lessons, students participated in a theme dress up week and were given daily wellness challenges.

Kindergarten

All Kindergarten classes participated in 2 lessons in October:

1. Students met Froggy's friend Mansa Mouse. Mansa taught Froggy and our students a lesson on manners.
2. We played "Healthy Choices" bingo.

2nd Grade

Students participated in following lessons:

1. During guidance, we discussed and practice Conflict Resolution using E+R=O and our Everyday Heroes.
2. Students participated in a Red Ribbon Week Word Hunt.

4th Grade

This month the 4th grade students were introduced to the concept of "cliques". They learned the signs and dangers.

1st Grade

1st grade students had two guidance lessons:

1. Small groups of students worked together to plan an imaginary party. The activity allowed them to practice and discuss the "Power of the Tribe".
2. Students played "Healthy Choices" bingo.

3rd Grade

In September, students in 3rd grade participated in the following classroom guidance lessons:

1. Students were introduced to a book called "My Mouth is a Volcano". They were encouraged to consider how interrupting makes other people feel.
2. Students planted red tulips for Red Ribbon week.

5th Grade

In October, the students worked on identifying "communication bloopers". We discussed the effect that these "bloopers" have when working in a group.

Contact Information

Please feel free to contact me with any concerns that you may have for your child.

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