
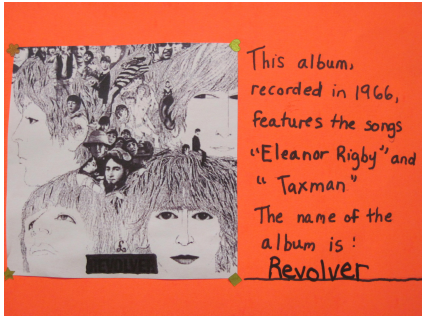


Kate & Nicole's Fourth Grade

Newsletter June 2, 2011

UPCOMING EVENTS IN 4th GRADE:	6/8 Class outing to Christopher Street Pier-- pack a lunch!	6/10 High School Graduation 12:00 Dismissal	6/13 Moving Up ceremony 9:00 in auditorium	6/14 Last Day of School 
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Current Immigration	Teaching Projects 2011
<p>As our final social studies investigation, we are learning about the experiences of immigrants today. Our class read aloud, <u>Home of the Brave</u>, focuses on the experience of a Sudanese refugee and his acclimatization to life in middle-America.</p> <p>Through interviews, picture books and non-fiction reading, we are also thinking about the similarities and differences between immigration 100 years ago and immigration around the world today. In addition to considering when and where, we have been asking three specific questions of each story we hear:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Why did you leave your country? • What was your experience like coming to America? • What was your experience like once you were here? <p>A very special thank you to immigrants in our own community--the parents who have shared their own stories with us!</p>	<p>Fourth Grade teaching projects are underway and what a treat our first week has been! After selecting a topic that they feel particularly passionate about, each fourth grader conducted research, wrote an explanatory essay and created original visual, hands-on and instructional elements to present in class.</p> <p>Our "teachers" have thought of everything, from who should work together in a group, to what groups can do when they are not working directly on the teacher's project! So far, we have learned how to make stop-motion films and worked in groups to create our own; tested our knowledge of the 50 states and learned all about the history of the Beatles. Our tastebuds have also been involved in the learning as we created a no-bake "ice box cake" and ground fresh herbs into teas and poultices. With more than half of our teachers still to go, our projects are proving to be educational, engaging and fun!</p> <p> Check out the bulletin board outside our classroom for more about this year's teaching projects--we're adding new projects every day!</p>

Return and Collect Reminders:

- Please go through your child's books at home and **send back** any that belong to the classroom- they should say: LREI, NYSTL or Kate Treitman in them
- We still have plates, pans and tupperware containers leftover from the [Bake Sale for Japan](#)--please come by the classroom and **collect!**