

Welcome to the 3rd Quarter!

We had a FABULOUS second quarter in Room 120! The students have continued to go beyond my expectations for their social and academic goals this year. The students continue to do well with their new "out of the classroom" job responsibilities. Each day, students complete their job duties and then collect their classroom coin to add to their Boyd Bank Account. The students can use their "Boyd Bucks" to make purchases at our store or save for our annual spring trip to the Dollar Store.

Our students (and staff) are LOVING our new Room 120 workshop. The **CASELL CREATIVE CORNER COMPANY** has been growing each and every day. The students have been in training to use the heat press machine to make t-shirts, hand towels and mugs. (just to name a few) By now you have all opened your Christmas Gifts and have been able to witness their hard work first hand. They are proud of their accomplishments and I am too! With the guidance and attention of our staff, students have been working on these awesome handcrafted products using our new Sublimation Machine! Thank you Dr. Scanlan!

Students have also been operating the Staff Snack & Drink store. Students take orders using the Cassell Creative Corner Google Form, fulfill the order, collect the money and deliver the goods. Each student participates in all aspects of this process. It has been an excellent learning opportunity for the students of Room 120!

The students enjoyed their ART therapy during the first semester with Miss Meg and we were sad to see her finish her assignment at Cassell School. However, we are so looking forward to Music therapy starting next Tuesday.

Our new Enrichment Schedule for the Second Semester is as follows:

Monday-Art Tuesday-Art Wednesday-Music Thursday-Gym Friday-Gym

The third quarter will continue to fill with many exciting learning activities. The students will soon begin our unit on Three Forms of Matter which includes watching water turn to ice, which seems quite fitting for the season. We are also starting our Realistic Fiction Stories unit, beginning with this week's story, "Julia Castle". Students will also be working with our Geometry Unit that includes, points, lines, line segments and rays. Our daily geography activities will include researching and learning about countries around the world.

Our social worker, Ms. Lemberis, will be retiring next week and we all wish her well! I will share information as soon as our new social worker is assigned.

As always please reach out to me with any questions or concerns. I am looking forward to the rest of the 2024 school year!

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