

A white sheet of lined paper with pink corners is pinned to a corkboard. The paper has a row of seven circular punch holes at the top. The text is written in a large, black, sans-serif font. The word 'Elementary' has a yellow highlight under the 'e'.

Nikiski North Star Elementary

a focus on JOY

2020/2021



"Play is our brain's favorite way of learning."

-Diane Ackerman

First - Traditions!

Wacky Wednesday



Thankful Thursday

I am thankful for..
"My teeth and my dogs."

"I have to say, this
year is full of
silver-linings."

—Margaret Gilman



NNS Principal

2020 Silver Linings:

Incredible Parent Engagement

Parents are involved in their students' education in a way like never before

Tremendous Staff

Staff have continuously risen to the challenges of 2020 and shown their dedication to their wonderful students.

Professional Development

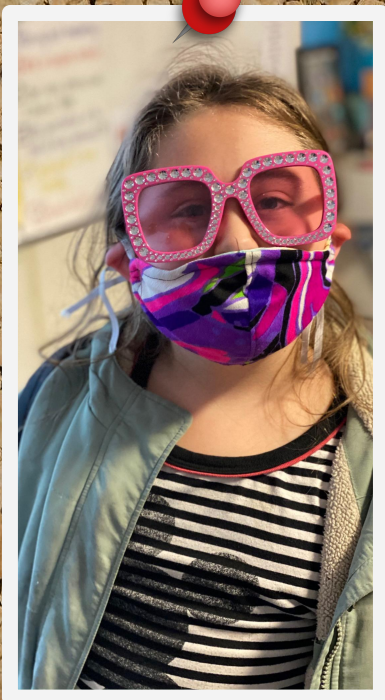
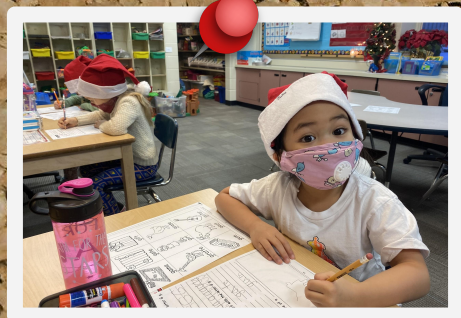
Spring & Fall PD helped us prepare to transition to remote this fall.

Cohorts Create a Family Feeling

Togetherness & Cohesion like never before.
Understanding: we truly need each other.



Cultivating Joy - in Person







Cultivating Joy Remotely

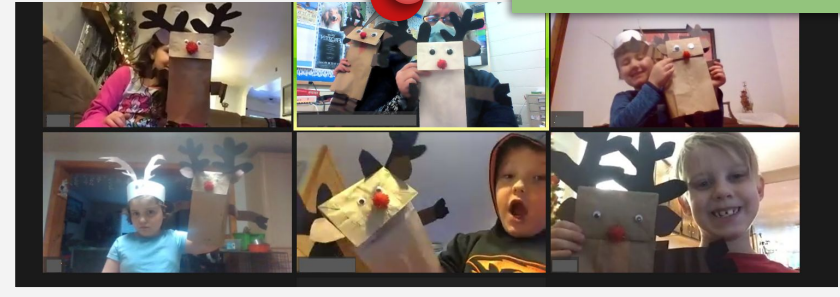


Science Lesson
w/Mr. Doth in 2nd Grade!

WHAT IS IN THE SNOWGLOBE?



JamBoard Fun in
Ms. Love's Class



Reindeer Puppets in
Mrs. Rizzo's Class



Halloween Costume Party in
Mrs. Barnes' Class



'I Know I Can'
lesson w/ACPE

Getting Creative to Connect



New Schedule for Remote Learning



Title & Intervention Home Visits



Sticker Contest



Spirit Week



The Great NNS Halloween Drop-Off



NNS Outdoor Classroom

Goals:

➔ Connection

➔ Creativity

➔ Celebration

➔ Problem-Solving

➔ Joy

Remote Instruction Schedule

9:25 AM

Instruction for all students via Zoom

2-3 PM

Staff Virtual Office Hours

Throughout the day

Specials, Intervention Services, One-on-One Reading Lessons, Battle of the Books, Student Leadership Team

📌 Title & Intervention Home Visits + Support



Tricia Young
Interventionist

- Delivered a backpack with books & treats to each student
- 30 min. reading & math lessons over Zoom



Shannon Porter
Title I Teacher

- Delivered a backpack with books & treats to each student
- 30 min. reading lessons every day over Zoom

Efforts are:

➔ Targeted

➔ Personalized

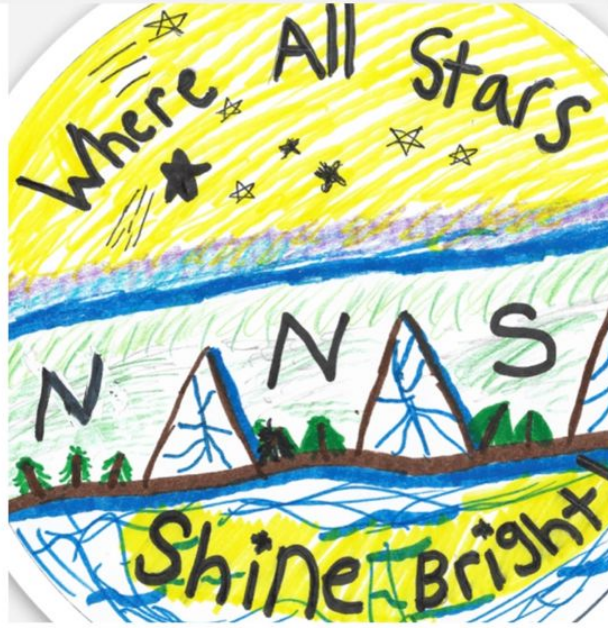
➔ Consistent

Results Include:

➔ Priceless Connections

➔ Academic Gains

Together Again & It Feels So Good!



Lilly, 2nd Grade



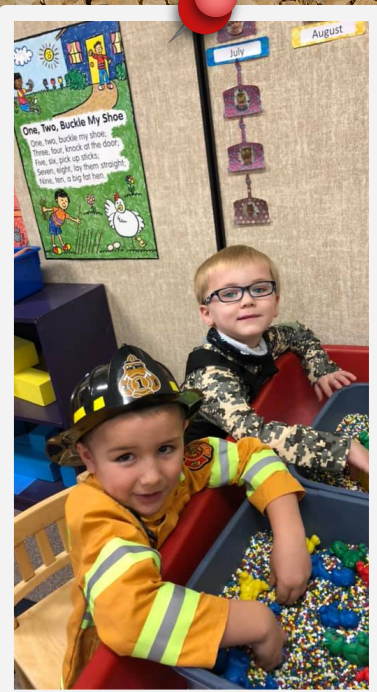
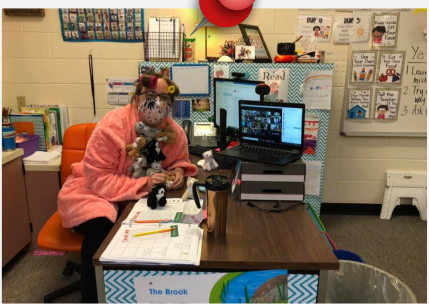
Emma, 3rd Grade

Spirit Week & The Great Nikiski Drop-Off

NIKISKI NORTH STAR SPIRIT WEEK!

MONDAY - WACKY HAIR DAY
TUESDAY - PJ DAY
WEDNESDAY - WEAR YOUR COSTUME
FOR THE GREAT NNS
HALLOWEEN DROP-OFF!

WEEK OF OCT. 26



Our Brand New Outdoor Classroom



Getting Creative to Stay Connected



Battle of the Books



Student Leadership Team



NNS Holiday Express + Food Drive



"If I Built a House" Story & Birdhouse Build



Chris Fascione, Professional Storyteller all-school assembly

Goals:

➔ Connection


➔ Literacy

➔ Social Interactions

➔ A chance to give back


➔ JOY

Battle of the Books - All Welcome!

A vertical stack of books with various colored spines including green, blue, red, and yellow.

ALL STUDENTS
Grades 3 & 4
YOU ARE INVITED
To Join the NNS
BATTLE OF THE BOOKS TEAM!

MONDAYS + TUESDAYS
12:00 - 12:30 on Zoom

A vertical stack of books with various colored spines including blue, red, and yellow.

NNS 5TH GRADE
STUDENTS
YOU ARE INVITED
TO JOIN THE
Battle of the Books Team!

THURSDAYS + FRIDAYS
12:00 - 12:30 on Zoom

Getting started

Who needs help?

How can we (safely) help?

NNS Food Drive!

JamBoard Brainstorm

Students in Grades 3-5:

Join the *first ever* NNS Student Leadership Team

First meeting: Wednesday 11/4/2020 12:00-12:30 on Zoom Check your email for the invite!

Student Leadership Team

Open to all students grades 3-5 who want to get involved!

Who might need some extra help right now?

- medical personnel
- not because of the fact that I have run out of ideas
- workers
- police
- senior citizens
- people with bad health care
- homeless people
- people in general
- people who are poor
- people with bad water
- people without electricity
- people with covid
- people in general
- people with bad owners
- teachers
- people with kids
- animals
- residents
- people in general
- people with bad owners
- people with bad health care
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Brainstorm: What can we do to help people in our community?

- use a sticky note to share your idea!
- write cards to go in that people pick up at kids
- have students play games with people who are sick
- provide notes of encouragement
- A Care Package System (this one the best)
- anything as long as it helps them
- write cards for the elderly
- put jokes and riddles in the lunches people pick up
- send jokes and riddles to senior citizens
- hospital donations for the injured
- work areas of with people who are struggling
- food boxes for the holidays
- donations
- random hiccups
- drawing food care packages
- alms for covid

Thank You Santa
& Nikiski Fire
Department!

➔ Grades 1 & 2
Zoom w/Santa

➔ Grades 3, 4 & 5
Zoom w/Santa

➔ Santa Meet &
Greet Outdoor
Classroom

➔ NNS Holiday
Express!

Special Guests: NNS Staff, Nikiski Fire Dept. &



*All Aboard -
the Nikiski North Star
Holiday Express!*

Sharing Holiday Cheer
- not Germs!



Open to all NNS
families - past,
present & future

Safety
& Joy

STUDENT LEADERSHIP TE
OSTING A CANNED FOOD DR
P OFF NON-PERISHABLE FOOD
E NNS HOLIDAY EXPRESS



Here comes Santa Claus!

The Nikiski North Star Holiday Express





Happy Holidays!



Hands on Learning & FUN!



"If I Built a House"
Read aloud & family fun building event!

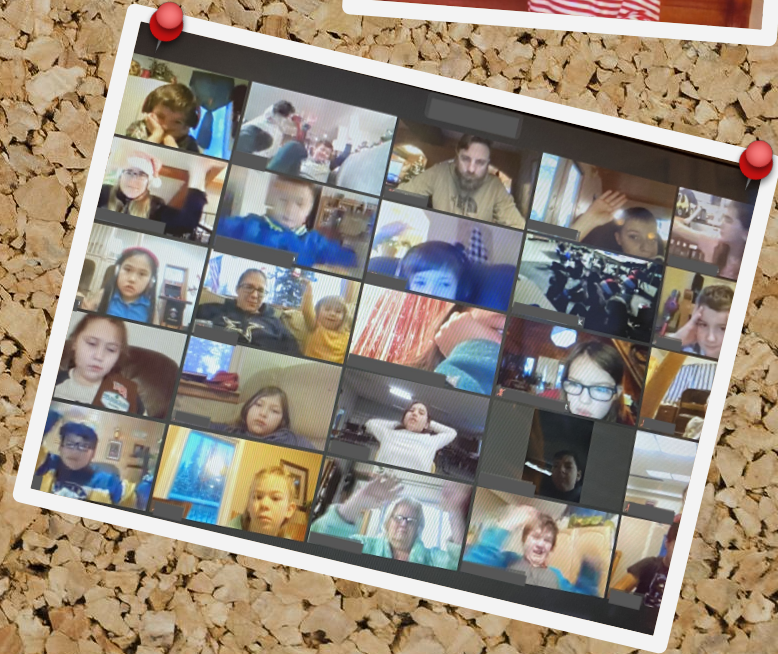


Thanks to our partners:

River City Books

Nikiski Hardware Store

All-School Assembly with Chris Fascione, Professional Storyteller



"But are the kids learning?"

- Daily 1:1 reading instruction for 1st grade
- Learning long division via telephone
- Improved reading scores even for a student with no internet

Skills:

➔ Troubleshooting Tech

➔ Resilience

➔ Adaptability

➔ Communication

➔ Working Independently

➔ Self-Advocacy

Physical Education with Mr. Way



Elementary School Counselors - an Integral Part of the Education Team

Fall Focus:

Following the Intro to
School Counselor Lesson:

1st Grade Student

“What did we do without a
school counselor?”

Teacher

“We struggled, buddy.
We struggled.”

Remote
Connections:

- Zoom
- FlipGrid
- Videos
- SeeSaw



Awesome PD:
Sources of Strength
& Mindup

➔ Introductions!

➔ Positive Adult &
Peer Relationships

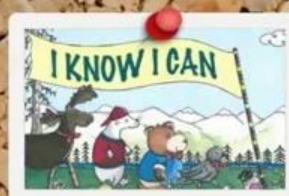
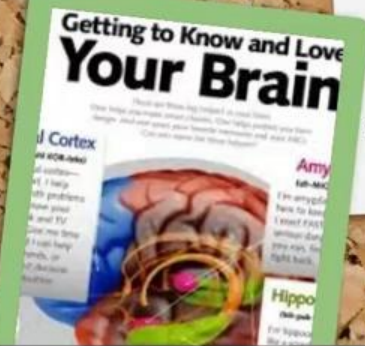
➔ Identifying &
Normalizing
Emotions

➔ Self & Social
Awareness

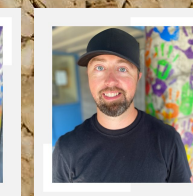
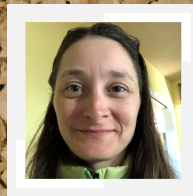
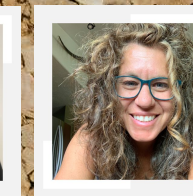
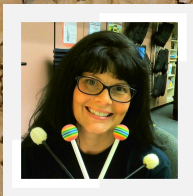
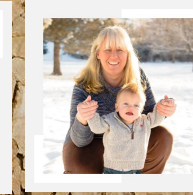
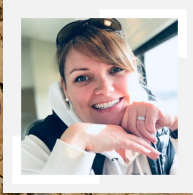
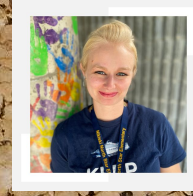
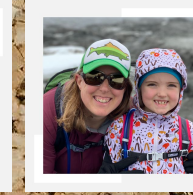
➔ Kindness, Empathy
& Gratitude

➔ Joy, Strengths
& Coping

I-Team - PBIS
Teacher Collaboration &
Consultation



Dear School Board Members,
For all of the support, many thanks from our crew to yours!
NNS



The End

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