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Dear Parents:

What fun! I just celebrated my "First Wednesday" and enjoyed having some company in the classroom with students and their parents. If you missed it, you can always come this Friday and head up to Mrs. Nixon's classroom. Otherwise you can join me again on the first Wednesday of the next month.

It has been so wonderful to get a rhythm going this week without a snow delay! We have completed three test days! Whew! Miss KC has been having a lot of fun with the younger children while we are testing.

We are starting to discuss the Industrial Revolution and think about our projects that you will get to experience at History Day in March! So much happened during this period! So much is happening right now!

There is a lot of physical activity in the classroom with the younger students acting out the parts of speech with the Grammar Boxes, Command Cards, and Descriptive Literature Cards. We have also been spending a lot of time looking at the different ways to spell phonograms.

The older students have been observing the power of numbers and how quickly the power of numbers can take you into outer space or into the inner space of the atom. The primary students visit daily looking for some assistance, and the older students visit the primary room to help with reading in the afternoons. The sixth graders have also been joyfully visiting the Farm School.

This is the time of year that brings joy to a teacher's heart. All of the hard work of the fall pays off as the students dive into their routines and challenge themselves creatively on every level every day! They are soaring!

Please come and observe after we are done with testing, which should be the middle of next week!

Cordially,

Deryn Semmes