

AnnaMae's Crew Weekly Newsletter

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Collaboration during
a Conflict Management
activity... Fun, fun!



Hello Everyone!

Menu presentations are looking super! We only have one more group to go this next week. Thanks for your help practicing with your child, it really makes a difference! As mentioned earlier, Maggie Carlson, a community expert, did come and chat with us. She is traveling to visit a friend who is teaching English to the people in the Achuar Community (an indigenous village in Ecuador). Maggie has invited us to create books about ourselves, the food we eat, our houses, our transportation, etc., leaving every other page open for children in Achuar to share about themselves. The rest of the expedition is pretty well wrapping itself up. **Don't forget our celebration is this next Thursday from 5-6 pm in Paris. Just a heads up... For donation you will be able to purchase French pasteries, pan au chocolat. We will also have cookbooks available for \$6 (or you can use the order form included in the SLC newsletter). Proceeds will be donated to World Vision to purchase food producing animals for people in need.**

For Math, I've introduced a new skill that ties right back to patterns. It is called "frames and arrows." You will be able to read about this in their Friday homework. One thing about Math that has been brought to my attention as a concern by a couple of families in the last few weeks is that their child does not really seem to "know" a skill after I've introduced it (they struggle with it in the Friday homework packet)... I want to let you all know that the Everyday Math curriculum that SLC has adopted does not intend for each skill to be learned to a "mastery" level right away... each skill is continually touched on and often re-taught over and over again giving students a chance to recall past information and build on it until they have it down. It is always best to work with your child a little extra if they are feeling uneasy about a skill, but don't worry too much... we'll be going over it again in school. Daily 5 is moving right along. We did not learn new strategies this week, rather reviewed a few that we've already learned about.

Friday homework is in their backpacks. It is due Friday, January 29th.

If you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to contact me. I can most easily be reached via e-mail at: annamae@schoolcraft.org I can also be reached via phone by calling the main Schoolcraft number at 218-586-3284.

Thanks!!
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UPCOMING DATES TO REMEMBER...

January 25th - No school - Staff work day

January 26th - Roy, Katie, Tomi, Josi present their lunch menu

January 28th - 1st Grade Food Celebration in Paris, 5pm-6m

January 29th - Hat Day... send in a \$1 donation to Relay for Life and wear a hat all day!

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS!!

JOSI AGUILERA - JANUARY 7TH

FRANCESCA STEWART - JANUARY 29TH