

5H News

Technology News

As many of you know, 5H is in the midst of piloting new technology this spring. The children are eager and quick learners. Right now our podcasts are being recorded. All 5H students researched and wrote scripts about Ancient China. Now, everyone is immersed in recording, editing and adding soundtracks. A play list will be created of all projects with each student receiving a CD of the China podcasts, much like our Light podcasts. It has been a wonderful culminating project on Ancient China combining research, writing, fluent reading and creativity! The classroom is a pretty serious sound studio in the afternoon these days.

5H also received an ELMO document camera courtesy of the Hunnewell PTO this year. Thank you! We have used it to view and share student work in all areas of the curriculum. Currently, our ELMO is on loan to our first grade buddies as they watch their chicks hatch this week.

Lastly, a new SMARTboard was installed in 5H this week. I anticipated its arrival in the summer, with subsequent training in August. However, we were fortunate to receive the board now and 5H students and I have been learning as we go. We have used it in math and science thus far. I will attach a few slides of some work we did this week using our Smartboard. I wanted to share with you some of the work on squaring patterns in math, scale and magnification of a penny in science and a few digital microscope slides of plant and cheek cells that we will be using next week. It is a great way to capture student thinking, problem solving and sharing of information. Ms. Vachani even used it before she left. She shared maps of where she is going in Honduras and photos of her new school.

We have just begun to explore all the possibilities of this new tool and thank you for your patience and support on this learning curve!

Upcoming Dates

May 18-29	China podcast recording
May 28	8:45AM Additional Choral Concert
May 22	Math Assessment Unit 8
June 1	8:45 Men Read at Hunnewell
June 8	Puberty Unit Begins
June 10	Field Day 10:45AM
June 11	Field Trip Peabody Essex Museum
June 15	5 th grade celebration 6:30PM
June 23	Clap Out 11:45AM

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