



Acadia Team Newsletter 3/22/2024

Field Trip Updates:

- UMF tours are a go!
- We'll be headed towards Phillips/Avon where we'll watch the eclipse at the Phillips Community Center at the Phillips Community Watch Party
 - Students will have an opportunity to use restrooms/purchase snacks at a grocery store in Avon.

- There is a large amount of people expected in these areas. Students will be traveling with parents and may not always be near staff. All parent drivers have been vetted and approved by the district central office staff.
- Questions should be directed to Mrs. Roesner or Mr. Holman.

On the Horizon:

- 4/1 Practices begin (all teams will meet after school)
- 4/5 - Advisee Day Out (each grade level plans this day)
- 4/8 - Tentative Field Trip to UMF and Phillips, ME to see the eclipse! We will make a decision to "go or no" by 3/25
- 5/8 Now a full student day
- 5/22-5/24 Acadia overnight field trip to Acadia National Park (details to follow)

Needs on-team:

- Tissues are needed!
- Bakers of snacks for April 8th's field trip (Thanks to those who have volunteered. When going to a party, you have to bring something...)
- Buyers of eclipse glasses.

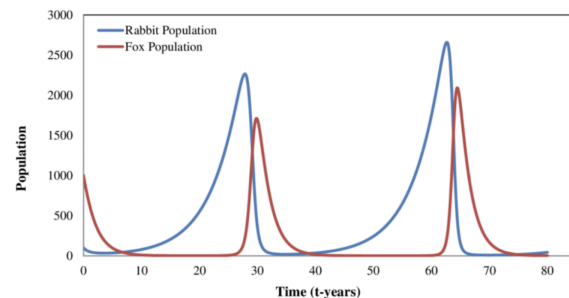
In our classes:

Conflict, Tension, and Competition:

This week we started our informational reading unit. Students started off with a pre-assessment.

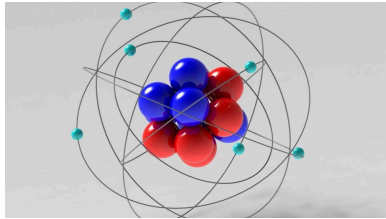
We then analyzed data sources, noticing and wondering about their

content. Using these data sources student developed their working definition of competition - when



organisms struggle to get limited resources, such as shelter, water, and food. Next week we'll play the "Oh, Deer!" game and see if the data we collect is similar to the data we saw in the real-world examples.

It's Elemental:



We have started learning about the table of elements. It's amazing how such a short list of materials makes up Everything. And how it all makes sense. We will be going deeper into the table and the structure of atoms. Bragging rights may soon be earned by any student who can sing the Table of Elements song.

Life Cycles:



We started with all Acadia people leaning about and filling out brackets for March Mammal Madness. It's not just mammals involved. MMM answers the age-old question of what would happen if two animals got into it, which would win. By playing students

learn about adaptations, specializations, and different ecosystems. It's silly but run by experts. Check it out: [MMM](#).

Microscopes & Metaphors:

We've been writing up a storm! Students began this week with an informational writing assessment.

From there, we chatted about our Maranacook Post-Secondary Planning Essay Contest essays. Students' editors' sheets will be due on that draft next Thursday. Students looked at the figurative language used by Mary Oliver in her poem Messenger and then worked on a slide show about the figurative language vocabulary we discussed in class.

