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April Hostetter
- May 12th
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Elementary Class Goes 3D by Andrew Scrivo

The elementary students in Igiugig spent approximately two weeks studying land features in science this past month. They covered everything from identification to formation and destruction of these landforms. As a culminating activity the students were charged with the task of building a large, 3D map of Igiugig and the surrounding Iliamna Lake Area. The kids had a



The kids outlining Lake Iliamna.



Kaleb showing off his Hatchet scene.

blast with it, from collecting

earthen materials, to painting and forming the land features with clay. They gathered input from community members who had extensive knowledge of the area's land features and local land marks. It was great to see community members in the school interacting with the students and giving them feedback. All in all, the students spent days creating and refining this beautiful masterpiece and hopefully in April you will see the map in its new home, the Igiugig Village Council building, where it will be on display for everyone to enjoy. Flip to page 13 for more photos.

Dan Salmon Scholarship Fund by Alex Anna Salmon

The Igiugig Tribal Village Council established the Dan Salmon Education Fund in 2009 in honor of our former Tribal Administrator and Igiugig's strongest education advocate. He was dedicated to encouraging higher education, vocational training, and to inspire community service to Igiugig. We hope to keep this spirit of education alive and keep our young minds in Igiugig.

Since its creation, the Fund has received generous donation from countless supporters across the country. In February, at our "Celebrate Wild Salmon" potluck, a one-way ticket to Anchorage donated by Dena'ina Air Taxi raised an impressive \$800 for the fund. In addition, Stacy Hill has substituted for various jobs in the village choosing instead to have her pay directly deposited to the Fund. The Fund is overseen by the five-member board of the Igiugig Tribal Village Council. Currently, applications are accepted on a continual basis, and reviewed before monthly council meetings. The application requires School Information, official transcripts, a resume summarizing in school, out of school, and community service activities, life experience and honors and awards. It requires one recommendation, a budget forecast, one long essay response (750-1000 words) and five short responses. Scholarships are awarded directly to the student upon proof of program enrollment and are used towards travel, books, room and board, and other student activities.

I have to admit, that in helping to create this scholarship fund I thought to myself, "Now I've just added *one more* thing to do!" After reading through our first application submissions, however, I quickly found that *I look forward* to the educational ambition of the students. Our first scholarship recipients have really set the standard for receiving this prestigious scholarship and I would like to dedicate this newsletter article to highlighting their accomplishments.



April Lynn Hostetter applied to help cover tuition costs for attending the University of Alaska Fairbanks. The scholarship asked "Explain the importance of your secondary education/training to the future of Igiugig and/or the world."

She reflectively wrote about seeing a "lack of passion" amongst her age group stating "I see a plague that is haunting many; my peers would rather get high on drugs rather than learn something new; they would rather drink alcohol than drink up words in books." This plague robs the Native Culture from addicted youth and this is something that April wants to change—inspiring her to become a teacher, counselor and advisor for the Alaskan youth. Her essay is worth publishing.

A leader that has inspired her life path or career goals is Dan Salmon. In her short essay, April recalls getting on the "work not done" list at school, where punishment involved going to the Council after school to complete late homework assignments. "When I entered the village council building, Dan looked at me and my books and I could see the disappointment in his eyes...I was so mortified by the disappointment that I finished my homework as quickly and efficiently as possible and made sure I was never on the list again."

Applicants are also asked for their opinion on improving Igiugig. April stressed working together: "You have you include everyone, otherwise the community becomes a group of cliques instead of a village of individuals who work together." In 2009, she was awarded \$1,000 from the scholarship fund with opportunities to renew each year. Since then, school in Fairbanks has been going fairly well. "I enjoy

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most of my classes, especially the Unity in Arts class I am taking this Spring. I have decided to change my major from Political Science to Psychology and I hope to learn more about psychology and then possibly a career in school counseling after that," she recently stated.



Sheryl Lorene Wassillie applied to the Scholarship Fund to help cover tuition and travel expenses with attending her third year at Fort Lewis College in Durango, Colorado where she pursues a major in Environmental Studies. In her long essay, Sheryl informs the reader about living environmentally

friendly in order to leave a greener Earth for future generations. This is a collective goal that starts at the local and even the personal level. "Another reason why my education is important for the future of Igiugig is because of the proposed Pebble Mine. I believe that if the mine goes through that it will affect the lives of not only current Igiugig residents but the future generations of the whole Bristol Bay Region." She is using her major to explore more about the issue, and she looks forward to bringing what she has learned on campus to Igiugig where she wants to work as our Environmental Director.

When asked "Why are you a good candidate to receive this award?" Sheryl humbly recalls earning unsatisfactory grades her freshman year and now she has been striving to get on the Dean's list ever since. But that is not all. "I am not just going to school to get good grades, but also to learn something to bring back to the Igiugig community." A leader that influenced her life path was also Dan Salmon: "He convinced me to move [to Igiugig] from Newhalen to help me with my education. In Igiugig I was able to put my education at the top of my priority list. Dan made me believe in myself and want to achieve something great. He has inspired me to return to Igiugig and help the community in any way that I can. For him, I am truly grateful."

In responding to a short essay question, "What do you like most about Igiugig Village life?"

Sheryl makes a bold statement that she plans to live here for forever. In her short essay regarding what needs to be improved in Igiugig, Sheryl touches on a factor that our community has really been struggling with over the past year. "I have seen a change in the attitude in the youth of this village. I see a lack of motivation to go to school and do their school work." She then lists community activities that we (Igiugig Council) should host in order to bring youth together, outside, away from television and video games. It is important because "The future of our village lies in the hands of the youth, and if their behavior stays like it is, we will put our Villages' successful future at risk."

Sheryl received a scholarship in Spring 2011, during her semester abroad in Australia. She enjoys studying abroad, except she takes four classes a week and each session is three hours long. She has already registered for classes at Fort Lewis next semester. If her classes and credits from Australia transfer successfully she will only need about six more classes in order to graduate. "I've petitioned to graduate next May and I plan on making that happen," she says.

In a region where pursuit of post-secondary education is uncommon, April and Sheryl make all of us incredibly proud of their effort. I am honored to be a part of their application review process because their wise suggestions, insightful essays, and raw ambition inspire me to become a better Administrator *and* community member. The Education Fund is our continued support of education for Igiugig's youth far into the future. Today, we have raised 13,697 to invest in the education of Igiugig residents. Thank you to all of the donors who are working selflessly to make this Fund a long-term reality. And a special "Thank you" to April and Sheryl for setting shining examples and high standards for future applicants.

For more information on the scholarship fund and to access donation forms, please visit the Igiugig website: http://igiugig.com/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=79&Itemid=113

The Spirit of Jazz in Arts By Kaleb Hill

Prompt: In three paragraphs, explain how artists captured the spirit of jazz.

Artists captured the spirit of jazz by taking photos and painting pictures. Musicians played jazz and had a good time. In jazz, musicians played bass, trumpet, trombone, piano, saxophone and the clarinet. Musicians played a combination of work songs, ballads, ragtime, church songs and the blues.

Artists painted pictures. Artists loved painting pictures of flappers dancing. Artists also liked to sketch pictures of young people crowding the jazz clubs to dance. They would use different types of lines and bold colors to create moods.

Photographers took pictures. Arthur Bedou was an African American photographer who took some of the first photos of jazz. Photographers' pictures were in black and white. Film was faster by the 1940s so photographers could take pictures of people in motion. That is how artists captured the spirit of jazz.

Billy Pope by Lukas Zackar

Do you know who Billy Pope is? Do you know what a hairy man is? No. Well let me tell you. A hairy man is a creature that few people say they saw, living in the villages around Iliamna Lake. Sometimes hairy men take people and leave no trace of that person. The hairy man is supposedly really tall, quiet and hairy. The elders of some villages think the hairy men are people that turned into them.

Billy Pope was the son of Gene Pope and lived in both Kokhanok and Pope Vanoy. He would scare the village by hiding in the bushes and acting

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Toxins By Blaise Decker

Prompt: In five paragraphs, identify three ways toxins harm the environment. Include examples, evidence and explanations to make your ideas clear.

Toxic waste has hazardous substances that spoil and destroy everything. Three ways that toxins spoil the environment are air pollution, acid rain and water pollution.

One Cars, power plants and motorized vehicles make air pollution and we pay the price. We breathe in all the poisons that we put out there. Most people don't notice it because they lived there for a long time and that's what they're used to breathing. The pollution makes the sky unnaturally dark, and the air is hard to breathe in and out. The toxic pollution we put in the air will ruin our lungs because there is more pollution.

Second Smog mixes with the moisture in the clouds and when it rains, the pollution is mixed with the rain. It becomes acid rain and eats away stone statues and buildings.

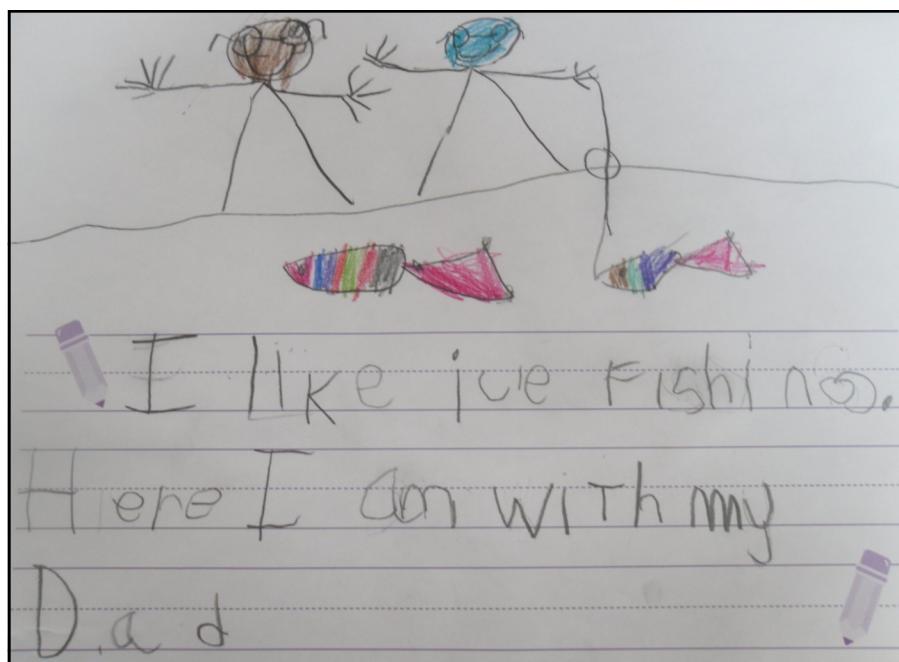
Finally Water pollution comes from factories. Factories make water pollution by dumping toxins into the water. It kills the fish and frogs, plants that get water from there will die as well or fertilizer gets in the water and makes plants grow rapidly and stop any other plant from growing. If someone or something drinks from there, they will get sick or die.

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like he was a hairy man. One day he decided to walk from Kokhanok to Pope Vanoy. He ended up missing, so people went to go look for him. They saw his tracks leading to a big fire spot but he wasn't there and they couldn't see any tracks leaving **that spot**.

The elders thought that he turned into a hairy man. The elders believed that because he acted like a hairy man and scared people at night. Some villagers said they saw him outside of his dad's house in Kokhanok asking for cigarettes. The people that said they saw him told the other people that he was really hairy and was trying to stay in the dark.

The people that lived in Kokhanok at the time Billy Pope disappeared think he's a hair man hanging outside of his dad's house. People who heard that story are scared to walk in that area at night because they think they are going to see him. They still think he's a hair man because to this day there has still been no chance of finding him.



For the past few weeks, Keilan has been working on his handwriting. Here is a picture he drew in pre-school & a caption he wrote: *"I like ice fishing. Here I am with my Dad."* Not bad for a 4 year old! "You have to wear sun glasses when you are ice fishing," he said. Too bad Martha didn't get the message. The outcome: temporary snow blindness.

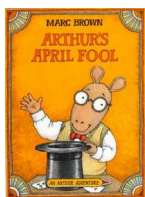
The Village Council is accepting applications (& donations) for the Dan Salmon Scholarship Fund. Stop by the Office to pick up an application or e-mail Tanya at tjsalmon@hotmail.com & she can send you a copy online.

Interested in having an **article** or **picture(s)** published? Please submit an **article** or **photos** to **Tanya**. A variety of authors always make the newsletter a more interesting read!

A BIG thanks to those who have helped contribute to the newsletter. This month our newsletter looks great!

Library/Computer News by Betsy Hostetter

Don't get fooled on the first Friday! Beware of April fool's day! Subsistence Bird Hunt opens in MOST areas-check regulations. This happens on the 2nd day of April. Russian Orthodox Palm Sunday is on the 17th, with Easter on the 24th. We will be having our annual "Who could identify these tracks?" the end of March. This year, we will be having trap demonstrators!!! I have been working on putting some old photographs in the <http://vilda.alaska.edu> website. If you are interested what photographs I used type in Mary Olympic Collection on search. That will then show you what I have been working on. I have more pictures to touch-up. Please be very patience with me, this is my very first time doing this kind of work, it is time consuming; but it is worth every second! I would like to thank Bob Forshaw from University of Fairbanks at vilda.alaska.edu for his patience and kindness. He is one of our angels helping us preserve our past.



Easy fiction

Arthur's April Fool by Marc Brown

"Arthur worries about remembering his magic tricks for the April fool's Day assembly and Binky's threats to pulverize him."

Junior Fiction

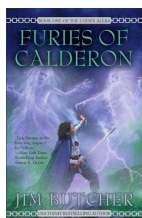
Crystal the Snow Fairy by Daisy Meadows

"Fairyland is home to the seven Weather Fairies! They use magical feathers to bring all of the weather to Fairyland. But when the feathers disappear, the weather turns wacky."



Furies of Calderon by Jim Butcher **** Book one of five**** (we have all five).

"In this extraordinary new fantasy epic, *New York Times* bestselling author Jim Butcher leads reader into a world where the fate of Realm rests on the shoulders of a boy with no power to call his own..."



Alaska nonfiction

Bristol Bay, Alaska From the Hinterlands to Tidewater by John B. Branson

"A grassroots pictorial 1885-1965" **** A MUST read book*****

Website of interest: <http://vilda.alaska.edu>



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The History of PCE & what it is: A Monthly Lesson on Your Electric Bill

By: Tanya Salmon

PCE? What is PCE? Every month Igiugig residents receive their electricity bills with a certain amount deducted from their bill. What is it? Why do you get it & how does it affect you? I can answer these questions for you, thanks to the classes I attended in Anchorage about PCE! This month we will briefly discuss the history of electricity in Alaska because that is why the Power Cost Equalization program began.

Electricity first appeared in a few rural Alaska villages due to military, cannery, mining, or logging operations. In the 1950s the BIA (Bureau of Indian Affairs) installed small generators to power schools. This electricity, however, was not available to locals. In the 1970s, electricity began to spread rapidly through the rural areas of Alaska but still an estimated 85 rural communities (most with less than 200 residents) were still without a central power system. Over the next 10 years the State of Alaska provided communities with grant opportunities for electrification. By the mid-1980s a majority of communities had centralized diesel power facilities.

The demand for diesel & other petroleum products sky-rocketed in rural AK, especially with the introduction of outboard motors, snowmobiles, & other essential modes of transportation. The BIA & the Alaska State Housing Authority began converting traditional houses to Western style houses in the 1960s. Since then, the demand for petroleum products has continued to expand with the introduction of electric utilities & other infrastructures such as schools & water treatment plants.

Petroleum fuel provides a majority (not ALL, thanks to the 4 turbines in Igiugig) of all energy for electricity in our community. Transporting fuel to rural Alaska is extremely costly & many communities struggle to keep up with the cost of diesel. The State of Alaska partnered with the Alaska Power Authority to help lower these costs, thus creating the Power Cost Equalization program.

Next month we will discuss HOW the PCE Program helps you save more money!

For more information, log onto: <http://www.akenergyauthority.org/programspce.html>

Foster Care Training by Tanya Salmon

At the beginning of April Stacie Garrison & I flew down to Dillingham to attend a Foster Care Licensing Training class. Flights, per-diem, & our rooms were paid through BBNA. Unfortunately, bad weather conditions made us miss the first day of the training. Our days were spent from 8:30 in the morning until 4:30 in the afternoon listening to presentations, watching slides, taking quizzes, & visiting with the other 30 or so people who also attended the class.

While there, we learned about the regulations that one needs in order to receive a foster care license, who to turn to for help, where to go if you are unsatisfied with your case worker, how to cope with children who have had negative experiences, & much more. It was nice to visit with other social service directors throughout the Bristol Bay region & have them explain their personal experiences in the field (seeing as I have yet to really dig into any cases).

The classes were extremely beneficial & I am glad that we decided to take the training. A few people in the community expressed their interest in fostering children & we are now able to help them obtain their license. If you have any questions regarding this topic, please feel free to contact Stacie Garrison or me & we will do whatever we can to help.

GARDENERS GOALS

APRIL garden activities:

APRIL – Reserve your greenhouse space! Let the office know if you are interested in using an area of the greenhouse to grow some of your own things. In the 'greenhouse layout' map from last month's News & Notes, you can see that a community use area has been designated and the sooner the council knows who is interested in using it, the easier it will be to lay it out and make your area ready for you.

EARLY APRIL – Pay attention to your starters!!

1 – Temperature

2 - Lighting

3 - Fertilizer.

These three things are the main reasons that your small plants grow well and the lack there of, is the reason they would be doing poorly, so look at your plants and consider those three items to determine if they are lacking anything—

Too cold – slow growth

Too hot – long stretched out growth (and easily diseased)

Not enough light – long leggy growth AND poorly colored leaves

Low fertilizer – slow growth

Too much fertilizer – fast growth but poor color and weak 'watery' plants

APRIL – Starts can be planted either in individual cells to begin with or with lots of seeds in one container that you separated into larger containers after they are bigger. The second is the best option if you are using old seeds that may not sprout very well. Transplant crowded plants (as in the middle photo) after they get their second set of 'true leaves' and water with a mild fertilizer solution in tepid water as soon as you move them to help them avoid 'shock' (which will slow growth for some days or weeks). You can also transplant smaller plants by 'pricking them out' with a popsicle stick or spoon handle when the plants are very small, however this must be done very gently and is sometimes not very successful because the plant can be stunted or easily damaged when it's root system is small.

APRIL – Inspire your kids to like vegetables by giving them their own starters to grow in a garden plot or pot for the summer.

APRIL – Start seeds for short season plants indoors mid-month. These include cabbage, broccoli, cauliflower, and head lettuce among other things. Be sure to read the package directions on your seeds because some varieties of the same plants grow faster or slower than others so your start time may be different by a week or two. Count backwards from a June 1 plant out date.



REMEMBER those Re's

Reduce – Refuse – Reuse – Renew – Recycle – Remodel – Refurbish – Rebuild – Recharge – Refill – Refinish – Repurpose – Recover – Reclaim – Reload – Reinvest – Reinvent – Re...something.

Bits 'n Pieces

Procrastination Can Kill You!!!

Well--sort of! According to researchers, a big part of how our immune system functions is related to how we manage stress. Unresolved stress produces "fight or flight" hormones in our system that contribute over time to unhealthy blood pressure and cholesterol releases, which ultimately are related to heart attack and stroke risk...and some of the most stressful things about life are self-induced coming from the procrastination on things that we offer to do, need to do, or feel are our duty to do.

Procrastination in itself is not stress inducing, it's the way we choose to accomplish the given task that is. When we put a task off for tomorrow without a definite plan for how and when it will be done, it often causes stress responses in our body that we don't even realize. It lurks in the back of our mind as something that is needing to be done and disrupts sleep while our mind continues to subconsciously work on this stuff. So here are a few very unscientific ways to help manage 'Procrastination Stress'.

Write a list – the fact that you've put it on paper frees your mind to forget about it at least long enough for a good night sleep.

Prioritize your list – rank things by their importance and/or deadline and then work through them according to their ranking.

Break down big projects into doable size activities – accomplishing something big is always a series of small steps.

Put commitments, activities, and tasks on the calendar – if some of your commitments are long term, putting them on a calendar that you refer to often will help you remember and get started at the appropriate time without taking up brain energy. (Use your favorite scheduling tool--if your iTouch is always with you, use its calendar so it will give you an alert. If you read your kitchen wall calendar every morning while you wait for the coffee to perk, note it there. If you use a pocket calendar/address book mostly, put it there.)

Enlist a project partner, this can be someone who will work with you on it, or it can just be someone you will report your progress to. (You know the old saying "Misery loves company"!)

Keep up – with tasks that are ongoing, doing the small bit that comes to you every day is not hard, but as anyone who has been in charge of washing dishes knows, a little at a time may not be too bad, but when it's allowed to get backed up it becomes an almost insurmountable obstacle that backs up everything else that needs to go on.

Do SOMETHING – sometimes just picking a little task and getting it done and off the list will make an amazing difference in your mental outlook.

Find a way to make your environment more pleasant – even if the task isn't enjoyable, a little nice background music, a nice plant, a strong cup of coffee, etc. can make it a bit more palatable.

Give away some of your work – if it really doesn't need to be done by you, if someone else does it better, or if someone else really likes to do a task that you don't much enjoy just get it off your list by giving it away.

Un-volunteer yourself – as in the item above, if the task at hand is better suited to someone else, give it up.

SMALL CHANGES add up to BIG BENEFITS!!!!

As with anything about life, making a minor change can have a domino effect not only in our productivity level but on our outlook, which in turn will alter the way we view life and the way we respond to those around us...so in the grand scheme of things, doing an unpleasant task might just make you a more pleasant person!

Today's activity is a pivot point for all future actions!

Turn Out The Lights

It's a simple task. When you leave any public building, please turn out the lights behind you. Even if you plan on returning later. The next time you look at your light bill and start to complain about the cost of it, remember that we can't keep electric bills down when you keep public lights on! We can only help you if you help yourself!



Village Snapshots



Andrew reeling in a big one.



Kaylee with her pike.



Kaleb & Kaylee posing with their catch of the day.



Jonathan picking cranberries



Kaleb, Caleb, Joylnn, & Kaylee take a snack break in the greenhouse.



Martha, the Fish Jiggin' Queen



Thanks to Stacy Hill, the school children, & everybody else who has helped, the green house is looking fantastic!



Avery exploring Fairbanks.



Dannika & Christina flying to Newhalen.



Andrew showing off his otter.



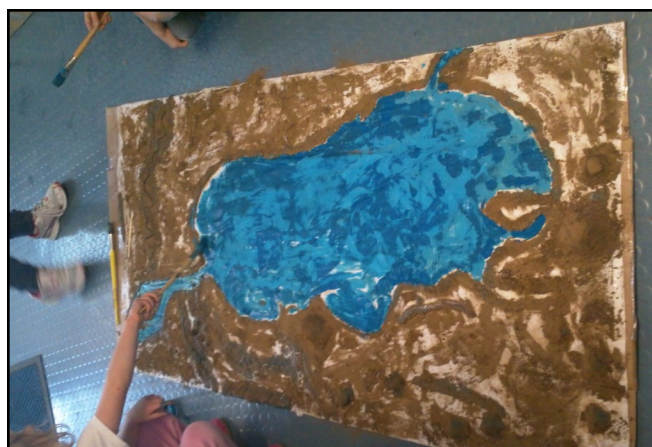
3d Project Pictures & Other Shots



Kiara outlines the Lake with clay.



Kiara, Kaylee, Jolynn, & Kaleb busy at work.



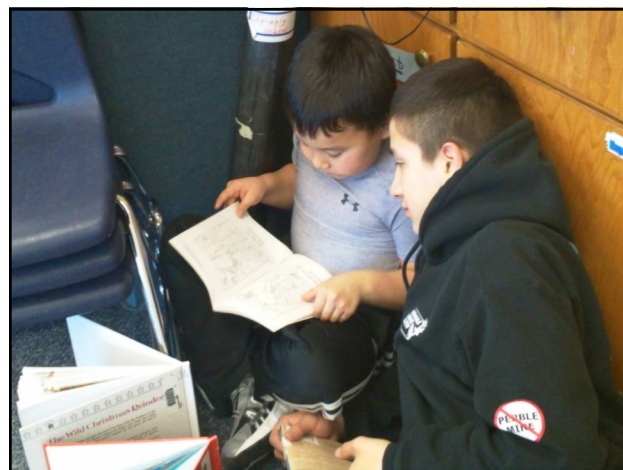
Outline & mountains are outlined with clay, the Lake is painted in, & land covered with sand & gravel.



All DONE! Moss represents the trees & the major land-marks are labeled & in place, including the Lake Monster!



Kaleb & Caleb working on their States & Capitals



Aiden reading to Dan Jr.



Kaylee & Jolynn during Lexile Reading.



Fur slippers handmade by Katy.



Celebrating Salmon Week in Washington, DC



Angel & Blaise in class.



Andrew & Katy getting excited for summer!



Amara & Cole swinging.

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Sun-set on frozen Lake Iliamna

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Big Skies!

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