Mr. Fowler is adding to the student collaboration going on in the ELA discussion about author’s purpose. Allowing for collaboration has other benefits besides being a best practice for student learning. Teachers that allow time for collaboration also has less discipline problems in their classrooms. Planning for time for students to discuss new learning in class sets kids up for success academically and socially. It keeps them engaged! (CSI 2.3 Meet the diverse needs of all students)

Mrs. Behrens and Ms. Izaguirre are visiting with their peers after leading a Wednesday Family meeting. Those 2 teachers have had success using Nearpod in their classrooms and as a result were asked to share how they use it with our staff. (CSI 1.2 Integrated Learning Approaches and CSI 3.3 Develop Quality Personnel)

Mrs. Badillo’s Advanced Art students were our guests at a Friday Rise and Shine. The CHS students are amazing artists. Mrs. Badillo does a fantastic job bringing out their gifts. They have inspired future artists at SW Elementary. (CSI 4.1.1 Community and School Strategic Partnerships)
Pictured above: Our CHS intern helping kids with math fluency in Mrs. Stanley’s class. She’s getting a chance to find a passion and hopefully a career, and SW kids are getting more small group attention for learning. (CSI 1.3 Prepare Students to be College and Career Ready)

Pictured below: Students at the art station in our Makerspace. Every classroom spends time in our Makerspace creating, exploring, playing, designing, and strengthening their ability to think and solve problems once a week. (CSI 2.1.1 Makerspace as an extension of the classroom)

Pictured above: Mrs. Oyler’s students are using Nearpod and math manipulative research area of rectangles. Nearpod allows teachers to keep students engaged, address preconceptions/misconceptions and frame new learning for students. (CSI 2.1 Increase innovation of instruction)

Pictured below: 17 4th grade students attended Circle the State with Song this year. Mrs. Abraham continues to bring out the best in our talented students. On February 27th at 6pm in the CMS Auditorium, our 3rd grade students will perform the musical “Aristocats”.