

The World Series of Thinking

Mrs. Kolonoski invited students from the 6th grade Pinwheel classes from Fredon, Hampton, Sandyston, and Stillwater to join the 7th and 8th grade KRHS Kaleidoscope students in the World Series of Thinking. The students were given nine innings of challenges throughout the day that they needed to complete. In "Baseball Brain Strainers," students had to identify the Major League Baseball teams by clues like "Beanstalk character" (San Francisco Giants) and "Sunbeams" (Tampa Bay Rays). Logic puzzles and visual word puzzles tested student problem solving approaches. STEM challenges had students engineering hats from 2 pieces of paper and building towers to support a baseball from straws and paper plates.



As the challenges progressed, it was interesting to watch the thought process of the students as they tried to determine the best approach to the question at hand. Each person on the team contributing their own unique perspective. This was definitely a day of calisthenics for the mind. The students had to draw upon not only everything they have been taught in school, but life experience as well.



Here the students are attempting to make a baseball hat out of two pieces of paper and a few simple supplies like tape and a fastener.

What a wonderful opportunity for these students to interact and test their intellect for the day.