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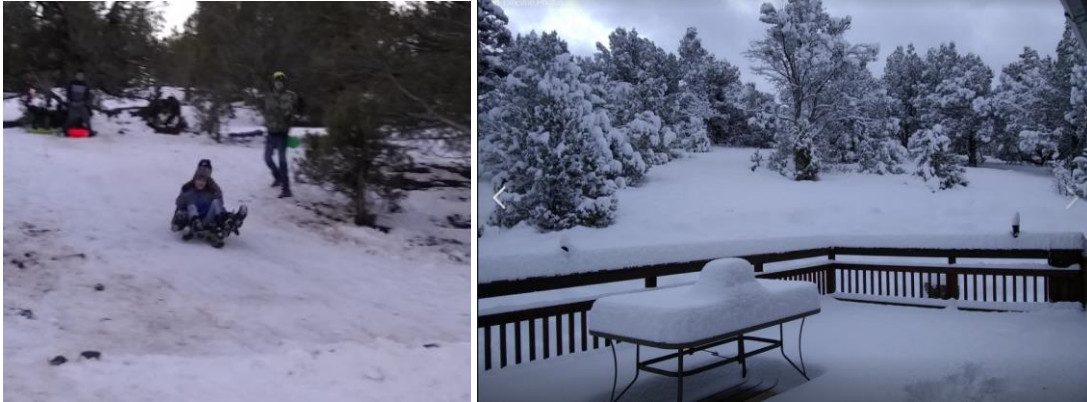
As we begin the second semester, we have a lot to be thankful for here at the AICM boarding school. Our students have been working hard and have shown a lot of growth. Most of our students came to us behind grade level, and we have been working hard to get them caught up. We currently have 26 students enrolled, and they are split into three classes. With our classes being small we are able to give students attention they would not get in a traditional classroom as well as it gives us the opportunity to build more meaningful relationships with the students. It also helps us to better meet the academic needs of each child right where they are at. Each of our students bring unique characteristics and personalities to our school. This school year we have been able to implement more technology into our classrooms. Our students have enjoyed using the computers to complete an online intervention program for reading and math. We have been using this program for about two months now with our 5th-8th grade students, and have seen great progress being made. Our younger students have enjoyed playing math games online as they solidify the skills that they are learning in the classroom. Our students are also learning how to type during our weekly computer class. Their favorite part of the day is often computer time. They are having fun and learning at the same time. Our students have enjoyed going on a few field trips so far this year and we look forward to enjoying a few more later this year. We have visited Show Low park, the pumpkin patch at Willis Farms, and the Show Low swimming pool. We always enjoy the privilege of getting off campus to experience something different than our daily routines. Please pray for our students and their families as they work to overcome the obstacles that are thrown their way. Pray for encouragement for the staff as they work with our children and as they complete their jobs around campus. Most importantly, pray that our students will be accepting of the gospel and that what they learn while they are here will stick with them throughout the rest of their lives.



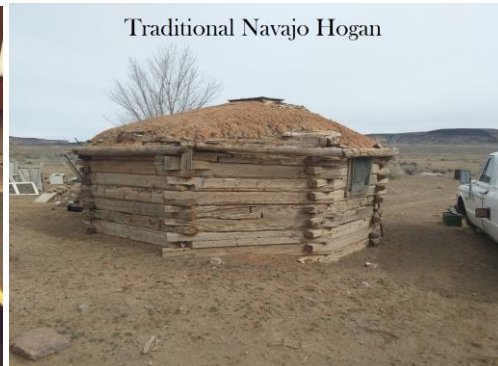
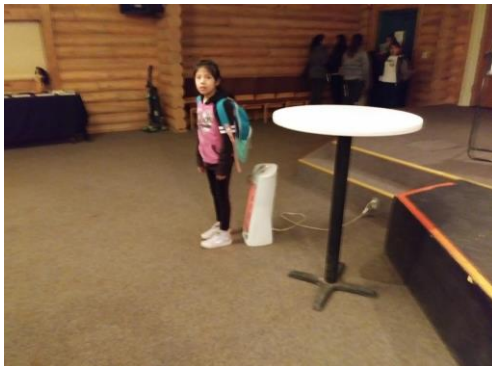
Students recently learned about force and gravity as they designed and built contraptions that would protect an egg when dropped from various heights.

Greetings from sunny and warm Arizona

Ok, it's not always sunny and warm here in the White Mountains. We have been experiencing lower than normal temperatures and more snow than we have seen for many years. God is faithful and everyone has been keeping warm. Thank you for all your prayers, encouragement, and support to keep us going. The weather slows things down and can be inconvenient at times, but God gives the strength to keep us moving forward.



We started off the new year praying for guidance in everything that AICM does. We have reached out to a church outside of White Cone on the Navajo Reservation. We had a good meeting with the Navajo Pastor, Ray Johnson, and offered to help with outreach to their community. Please pray with us as God puts us where he needs us.



Traditional Navajo Hogan

The picture to the left was taken inside of our beautiful chapel building. We use it in the mornings before school for worship and a bible lesson. When the chapel was built nearly 20 years ago it was never outfitted with a sufficient heating system. Because of the cold winter this year we have had a hard time keeping the inside temperature above 50 deg and we have had to cancel our chapel service in the past due to the cold. We would like to install an adequate HVAC system that will allow us to keep the building warm all through the winter and cool in the summer so we can maximize the use of this wonderful resource that God has blessed our campus with. This is just one of the projects that we need to get done as we take a hard look at each structure here and the repairs that are needed.

Thank you all for the concern you have for the Native American communities we serve, and partnering with us in the work we are called to do. If you would like more information or would like a representative from AICM to come to your church please contact us at contact@aicm.org or call 928-537-5912. Also visit www.aicm.org and catch the vision.