



## LEVITTOWN PUBLIC SCHOOLS



**DATE: October, 2017**

### **I. LEE ROAD**

#### **A. Student/Instructional**

##### **Kindergarten**

October has been a fun and eventful month! Students have been learning how to write and compare numbers 1-5 and are going to learn numbers 6 -10. We have been discussing topics such as families and pets and will start to read stories and discuss community helpers. Wantagh Fire Department visited our school and taught students all about fire safety. We also had a wonderful time at the pumpkin farm and students are learning all about the life cycle and different parts of a pumpkin. We can hardly wait for the Halloween parade and festivities!

##### **First Grade**

This month, the children participated in a variety of Science and Social Studies topics such as; the season of fall, weather, our five senses, continents, and neighborhoods. Reading, writing, and thinking took place to practice new learning and skills. In Math, the first graders are practicing addition and subtraction facts using models, number lines, and counters. They are even beginning to memorize some facts. Halloween and our parties with class parents are always a highlight. Thank you, families for your daily efforts for the children's learning.

##### **Second Grade**

Second graders have been learning odd and even numbers and arrays in Math. In Social Studies, they have been learning about Citizenship and ways they can be good citizens. Second graders have also been learning about United States symbols. Students were fortunate to have a visitor from the Outdoor Learning Center come to the classroom and do a hands on lesson with them!

##### **Third Grade**

Third graders had another month of learning and engagement. They focused on deepening their understanding of multiplication and have now begun to apply strategies to learn division. Third graders are enjoying daily mindfulness lessons and are embracing our school-wide theme of teamwork. In Social Studies, they are beginning to learn all about the continents and oceans and are enjoying learning map skills. In Journeys, they have been learning cause and effect as well as deepening their vocabulary by exploring various shades of meaning of increasingly more challenging words. Third graders are excited for our upcoming Halloween celebration and parade!

## **Fourth Grade**

The fourth graders are full speed ahead! In Social Studies, we had a brief introduction to map skills, then on to studying the geography of New York. In Science, we finished a unit on animal adaptations, and in Reading, we have completed several lessons in Journeys as well as two issues of Storyworks Magazine. In Math, we are continuing to master our multiplication and division facts as we move forward in our EnVision 2.0 series.

## **Fifth Grade**

The fifth graders had an amazing time visiting the MacArthur science Lab headed by Dr. Friedman. They learned all of the different parts of the microscope and how to properly use it. The student's viewed various slides with animal cells. In Reading, students have been working with the Journey's program and their reading groups. We have been focusing on sequencing, story themes and comparing and contrasting characters. The students have also been reading the book The Lemonade War by Jacqueline Davies to prepare for our upcoming unit on Economics. In Mathematics, the students have been working on Multiplying Greater numbers, Multiplication Properties and Exponents. We also have been focusing on problem solving skills.

## **Instrumental Music**

The band and orchestra programs are officially underway and are off to a great start! Students in grades 3, 4, and 5 were given the opportunity to choose an instrument at the end of last year. Once instruments were assigned and the schedule was made, small-group lessons began at the end of September with band and orchestra rehearsals starting soon after in October. The beginner students are becoming familiar with the foundations of their instruments and reading music while the continuing students are working toward further improving their techniques and music literacy skills. In addition, the band and orchestra students are already gearing up for their upcoming winter concert in January! We are all looking forward to an exciting, rewarding, and fun year of music!

## **Speech**

Students have been introduced to their speech and language goals for the 2017-2018 school year. Each student has been provided with a speech folder that will be used to take homework and other information home. Homework will be given periodically to reinforce each student's speech and language skills outside of school. Folders will be a great way to communicate back and forth with parents.

Within the speech and language therapy room students have been focusing on producing their speech sounds in words, phrases, sentences and conversation. Many other students have been working on answering and asking questions, following directions, sequencing, fluency strategies, describing, auditory memory, grammar and building vocabulary. Students enjoy incorporating their speech and language goals into fall themed activities such as Apple Articulation, Football Inferencing, Spooky Speech and Jeepers Peepers ask and answer game.