



LEVITTOWN PUBLIC SCHOOLS



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A. Student/Instructional

Kindergarten

January has been an exciting month for the kindergarteners. With a new year came new challenges and exciting topics! Right after the break we set new learning goals for 2018 and continued researching weather patterns and the seasons. We will also begin animal adaptations! In Writing, we have been using our large sight word bank and cvc patterns to sound out words and write sentences all on our own, focusing on medial vowel sounds. We also learned about Dr. Martin Luther King this month in Social Studies! In Math, students are moving on from addition and being introduced to subtraction.

First Grade

The first graders began the new year making goals for 2018. One grade level goal is to keep learning and growing each day! Our GAV Program was tied into our learning about Martin Luther King and how he used his voice to make a difference. The snowy weather this month provided opportunities for learning about the season of winter and the science of snow. A happy and healthy new year is wished to all of our Lee Road families.

Second Grade

In January, the second graders visited the STEAM room. Their challenge was to build a polar bear den with small and large marshmallows and toothpicks. Fun was had by our budding engineers! We also visited the Levittown Library and talked about Martin Luther King's I Have a Dream Speech.

Third Grade

January was filled with lots of learning for Lee Road's third graders. In Math, they learned all about addition and subtraction strategies that include regrouping, break-apart method, and many rounding and estimating techniques. Students continued to apply Main Idea and 'close read' strategies in their NY Ready Workbook. They also fine-tuned their written response skills when reading a variety of informational text and responding with text based facts to support inferences. Many deep and interesting conversations arose around the stories that were read. Third graders hopped aboard a plane and set off to Brazil. They are enjoying their study of the culture and geography and are applying cooperative learning skills as they work in groups and begin to conduct research on the topic. Third graders have also been continuing their mindfulness meditation in class and are greatly enjoying the benefits of improved self-control, as a result. January has blown by and we eagerly await the learning February will bring!

Fourth Grade

We started the New Year with a new unit in Science: Food Chains. In Social Studies, we finished our unit on Native Americans. To go beyond the textbook, the students read the novel Eagle Song, decorated wampum belts, and will be creating “False Face Masks” in Art. Of course, January wouldn’t be complete without the study of Martin Luther King Jr. The children not only learned about MLK’s life, but about civil rights and segregation as well. We read many books, completed many activities and writing assignments and even watched MLK’s famous “I Have a Dream” speech on You Tube. Fourth grade had a very busy beginning of the New Year!!!!

Fifth Grade

Lee Road fifth graders have been diligently working on their when I was little narrative pieces....They have had fun comparing their life as a 10 year to their life as a 5 year old. We took a trip to meet the Author of Escape from Lemonchellos Library On Friday, January 19th. A good time was had by all. We are enjoying our new Science program and have done several interactive activities such as creating group lessons on the earth cycles, creating model earth out of clay and a computer science activity.

Art

During the month of January, students at Lee Road have been busy creating cards for the Valentine’s for Veterans program, organized by myself and Michelle Cacamis. Cards will be proof-read, and corrected then collected by the office the Councilman Dunne. We have 100% school participation as valentines were created in Art, or the classrooms. The Lee Road PTA has opted to participate in the Square 1 art program. In cooperation with the PTA, Mrs. Arreaga and I have worked together to organize the fundraiser. Each grade level was given a theme and followed the requirements of the Square1 program. First grade students will be taking on the concept of perspective, or size in relation to themselves in art class. Using graduated circles, and changing placement to reflect the illusion of size changes, students will be able to illustrate changes in how the viewer perceives the size of the snowman. Fifth graders will be learning about the pop art movement and creating “Action-Word Pop Art.” Mrs. Smith’s fourth grade class has created a cross-curriculum collage project to illustrate their Haikus written in class. The second and third grade classes will be working on a cave painting unit, focusing on the caves at LesCaux. Other building projects in the works are banners for the MacArthur/Lee Road Family Fun Night, and decorations for the main entrance.

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