



## LEVITTOWN PUBLIC SCHOOLS



**DATE: February, 2018**

### **I. LEE ROAD**

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

##### **Kindergarten**

February has been a busy month for kindergarten! During Science, students have been learning about different animals and their habitats. They have also been working hard on identifying vowel sounds and spelling simple CVC words . During writing, we remind students to sound out words they don't know, use the Sight Word Wall to help them spell and use punctuation. We have celebrated various holidays such as Groundhogs Day, Valentine's Day and Chinese New Year. For our 100<sup>th</sup> Day of School, students dressed up as a 100 year old man/woman and counted 100 snacks!

##### **First Grade**

February may be the shortest month of the year, but it was another full one of learning for our first graders. The month began with charting predictions about Groundhog Day and then following up with results. Some of us are ready for more chances to enjoy snow and others are eager for an early spring! The children enjoyed PARP week beginning with the outstanding "Hip Pickles" assembly. There was great involvement in the program with students and teachers alike being active participants in playing instruments and creating even greater excitement for our big reading adventures ahead. The students enjoyed sharing valentines with classmates and families; there is lots of love and caring in our classes. We look forward to continued strides in our daily lessons and learning each day. Thank you, families for your daily support in our progress and successes in first grade.

##### **Second Grade**

Second graders have been very busy practicing telling time and counting money. In Social Studies, we are learning map skills, the oceans and the continents. Each second grader made a Valentine's card for our Veterans. The cards held special messages thanking them for keeping us safe and were filled with love and Valentine wishes. Second graders have been practicing their coding skills in the computer lab.

##### **Third Grade**

Third Graders continue to be very busy. In Reading, we are continuing to work in the Journeys' Program. We have been working on our close reading skills, and making sure we are asking and answering questions as we read a story. We have also been focusing on various skills including Author's Purpose, and Point of View. In Math, we continue to use the Envision 2.0 Program to work on lessons involving subtracting three digit numbers which require the students to regroup as well. We are also working on multiplication skills. In Social Studies, we are finishing our unit on Government, and will begin doing research on Brazil. In addition, both of our classes continue to practice Mindfulness.

## **Fourth Grade**

February was a short yet productive month for the fourth graders. We've been using Storyworks magazine in conjunction with Journeys to incorporate our ELA common core skills. In Science, we have begun our unit on matter taking part in many hands on lessons to teach volume, density and mass. In addition, we are looking forward to a STEAM activity on Buoyancy. In Math, we have just finished a unit on Fractions and are on to Geometry!

## **Fifth Grade**

February has been a busy month for our fifth grade students. In Reading, the students have been focusing on Understanding Characters, Author's Purpose and Analyzing the Text through Author's Word Choice. We also continue to work on short and extended responses. In Mathematics, the students have been working hard on learning how to Multiply and Divide Fractions and Mixed Numbers. Our fifth grade students have been engaged with our Social Studies Unit on Mexico. They are learning all about the geography, economy and history of Mexico. The students had a wonderful time on their class trip to Mangoes where they got to experience the food and culture of Mexico.

## **Physical Education**

To start off 2018, the students completed a successful and exciting unit of Basketball. Kids of all ages were able to work on their hand eye coordination during this Unit with skills such as dribbling and passing. There were a lot of students with experience in this Unit so I always talked about helping a classmate if you think they need some advice, and I saw many students teaching others. Shooting the basketball was the most popular part of the Unit. Older students competed in activities such as "Make It, Take It" and "Around the World." While younger students continued many dribbling and passing activities such as "Four Corners" and "Treasure Hunt."

Our next Unit for the month of February is going to be a Winter Olympics Unit. With the Winter Olympics starting and taking place every four years, it is a fun time to watch all these events! During this Unit, students will learn about the Winter Olympics by learning events such as the skeleton, luge and speed skating using scooters and carpet squares. They will also learn about events such as hockey, curling and the biathlon. These are non-traditional activities that students do not have much experience with so I am very excited for them to learn what these events are all about in the Olympics!

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