

SUMMIT LANE SCHOOL

JANUARY 2018 END OF MONTH REPORT

KINDERGARTEN

The Kindergarten Students have been reading about Snow and Winter. They have continued learning to identify and write uppercase and lowercase letters as well as letter sounds for Aa, Ff, Nn, and Bb . We continue learning about Verbs in the past tense, and the Subject of a sentence. We are learning new sight words and CVC words. In Math the students learned "Understanding Addition" as well as "Understanding Subtraction." In Science, we learned about Snow and States of Matter.

FIRST GRADE

This month in Science and ELA, first grade students have been learning all about animals by reading informational text, completing graphic organizers, writing poems and stories about animals, creating Office 365 slide shows on marine animals, and completing various activities at learning centers. In Math, students have been using a hundreds chart to find patterns and place value by counting by 2's, 5's, and 10's. Social Studies was enhanced by reading pertinent monthly articles in Scholastic Newspapers.

SECOND GRADE

The second grade students have been busy with their Journeys Science unit on animal classifications. Students are learning about the vertebrate classifications and how animals compare to humans. The children have been working on activities centering around both animal habitats and adaptation abilities. Students will be learning about endangered animals around the world as well and how humans impact an animal's ability to survive on the planet. Children will be completing research projects and bulletin board displays on a favorite animal in order to enhance their learning. This unit is an engaging one for our students and one that provides an opportunity for a great deal of discussion.

THIRD GRADE

Happy New Year! The third graders have been busy, busy, busy, learning their multiplication and division facts. The students are working on math sprints to help with their fluency and accuracy. We are now revisiting place value and how it relates to addition and subtraction. In Social Studies, the students will be learning about different countries and cultures, starting with Brazil and China. In Science, the students have been learning about the states of matter and how the moon and earth work together. We encourage the students to keep reading at home and exploring a variety of genres of books! Hope you are all keeping warm during these winter months.

FOURTH GRADE

The fourth graders at Summit participated in their first Scripps Classroom and School-Wide Spelling Bees. Congratulations to our class winners and runners-up, who participated in our school bee. In addition, our Winter Concert was held this month. Many students sang in the chorus or played in either the band or orchestra. Great job by all participants!

All fourth-grade classes visited The Outdoor Learning Center at Levittown Memorial Education Center. Before going on this trip, students worked in the science lab on a STEAM activity. This activity required students to build a windmill with their groups. The goal was for each windmill to be able to carry as many marbles as possible in a cup off the table when exposed to wind (fan). The follow-up activity was at The Outdoor Learning Center. Here, students built a wind turbine with their groups. The goal of this activity was to generate enough energy that lit a light bulb when exposed to wind (fan). Students worked on changing different variables in their project in order to make their wind turbine conduct enough electricity to make their light bulb light up. Much fun was had by all!

FIFTH GRADE

January has been a busy and exciting month in the fifth grade at Summit Lane. In spite of the weather challenges, the students got ready for some district testing, as well as the School Spelling Bee. The Spelling Bee was a very competitive event; while only a few made it to the level where they could participate, the other students cheered on their classmates intensely! Fifth graders also participated in the “maturation program” learning about the physical and emotional changes that will take place within their bodies as they mature and move toward middle school. Many fifth grade students also participated in the Winter Concert. The band, orchestra, and chorus all sounded amazing!

On Jan. 19th, the students got a very big treat. They got to go to LMEC and meet with the author of *Escape from Mr. Lemoncello's Library*. The author, Chris Grabenstein, was a charismatic and engaging presenter. He entertained the students with his talk, with video clips, and with inspirational anecdotes. Many students looked forward to writing creatively as soon as they got back to class! Camp Greenkill orientation took place on Jan. 23rd so that the students and parents can begin to decide about, and to plan for, their Outdoor Education experience which will take place in April. At the end of the month, all fifth graders visited Commerce Plaza, where they had a chance to see what it would be like to be grown up and working in the real world. After many lessons on business and economy, students were assigned jobs for their day at Commerce Plaza. While at Commerce Plaza, they had to perform the tasks, get “paid”, deposit their pay in the “bank”, try to save up some “money”, and do a good job at all of it! It was certainly was a busy and productive month!

ART

This month in Art the Kindergarten students are working on Monet paintings. First and Second grade students are creating 3D Monet waterlilies. All Third and Fourth graders are painting in the style of Katherine Bernhardt, while Fifth graders are creating folk art paintings in the style of Theresa Losa. All of our grades have made Valentines for Veterans, which will be picked up and delivered by Nassau County Executive Laura Curran's office.

MUSIC

Students in Mrs. Wade's 3rd grade general music classes began to play the recorder, and are learning beginning notes and rhythms. Students in 4th and 5th grade general music classes are continuing with recorders. Students in Kindergarten, 1st and 2nd grades are learning about the different family of instruments by playing from each

different family group. Mrs. Wade held after-school rehearsals for the Theater Arts production "Willy Wonka"

The Music Department presented three performances of the Winter Concert on January 16th & 17th. Mrs. Giordano & Mrs. Wade coordinated staff chaperones for the concert performances.

Selected fifth grade music students performed in the Nassau County Division I East All-County Concert at the Tilles Center. Participating students were: Band-Tyler Persampire (Tenor Saxophone). Orchestra-Ariana Chong (Viola) Chorus-Victoria Chang, Mia Gray, Samantha Mansmann, Aiden Rohman-Higgins. LISFA-Victoria Chang (Violin).

Mrs. Wade & Mrs. Giordano continue to register and give instruction to students who are attending the 2018 NYSSMA Festival in May

PHYSICAL EDUCATION

All physical education classes participated in a unit on hockey. Grades K-2 focused on proper grip of their hockey stick as well as moving through space safely while using the equipment. They worked on dribbling and passing. The students participated in games of "Sharks & Minnows", "Knock Out" and "Two-on-Two". Grades 3-5 reviewed all the safety rules and practiced the skills of stick handling, dribbling, passing and shooting. The students in grades 3-5 also participated in game-like experiences that emphasized basic defensive/offensive strategies. As part of their hockey unit, grades K-5 participated in scooter hockey.

All physical education classes participated in a unit on yoga. Students participated in teacher lead yoga, partner picture yoga, and cosmic yoga. Through partner picture yoga, students were challenged to work together to complete yoga task cards. Cosmic yoga was used to introduce a number of new poses and focus on proper technique.