

SUMMIT LANE SCHOOL

SEPTEMBER 2017 END OF MONTH REPORT

KINDERGARTEN

The kindergarten students have been reading about school, families and dinosaurs . They have been learning to identify uppercase and lowercase letters as well as letter sounds for Aa – Jj. We have started learning about nouns for people and rhyming words. The students have started reading beginning sight words and color words. In math, the students are learning the numbers 1 – 5 as well as counting objects 1 to 5. In science we started to discuss the five senses, and the students are learning about the sense of “seeing.”

FIRST GRADE

Students have adjusted to routines of the new school year, while actively engaged in various *Back to School* and *All About Me* activities in preparation for parents at Back-to-School Night. Students created various projects including mini-books, where they wrote and illustrated about themselves and then shared with their classmates. They have met new friends, read various texts and completed graphic organizers on friendship. First Grade teachers have been busy coordinating curriculum, cataloging materials and presenting to parents about the first grade math and reading programs.

SECOND GRADE

The second grade students have been busy settling into their new classrooms and creating projects and displays to enhance the rooms. They worked on “Getting-to-Know-You” activities during the first few days of school and extended those activities to include written work that is decorating the hallways. The teachers jumped right in and began all of the academic area studies, as well as an introduction to cursive writing. We are all excited to be back at Summit Lane School and are looking forward to an exciting year with the second graders.

THIRD GRADE

The third graders have started the year very successfully! The students have adapted well to their new hallway and teachers. This first month of school, we got right to work learning so many different concepts. In the area of math, we are learning about multiplication and how it’s related to addition. In reading, we have explored the ways schools were in the past and how they are now. The students were fascinated with the idea of a one-room schoolhouse. In social studies, we have begun to explore our world by learning about the continents and oceans. In science, we are going to be exploring how scientists investigate and gather data. It has been a wonderful first month and we are all looking forward to a great year!

FOURTH GRADE

The fourth grade students are starting off to a great beginning of the school year as they are transitioning to being in a new hallway and learning the procedures and routines of a fourth grade classroom. Students created "I Am" poems about themselves so the teachers could gain insight about their new students. In math we have covered place value, and are currently working on adding and subtracting whole numbers. Our literacy blocks are up and running and we are working on the skills of story structure and point-of-view. Teachers are working in conjunction with interventionists to work on literacy skills and concepts. In social studies, students are learning about map skills, discovering where New York is located on a globe, and the land of New York. In science, fourth grade is working on scientific inquiry and matter. We look forward to starting experiments next month!

FIFTH GRADE

Fifth Grade is off to a great beginning! We have begun our year with several activities capping off the summer reading experience. The book, Escape from Mr. Lemoncello's Library, was enjoyed by all, and the creative lessons and activities which follow are well-received. We have already gotten our crayfish in our classrooms, and that always starts off our science study of organisms with a high level of excitement. In social studies we are introducing our students to the world geography to get them more familiar with different countries on the earth, as our world continues to grow more connected through today's technology! The 5 grade teachers enjoyed Back-to-School night. There was an excellent parent turnout, which affords a great opportunity for communication between the faculty and the families of the 5th graders.

ART

Art students in grades K-3 have created Fire Safety Posters, while grades 4 and 5 created bookmarks for the PTA Bookmark Contest.

MUSIC

We are off to a great year! Permission slips have been given out for 3rd, 4th, & 5th grade chorus, 4th and 5th grade orchestra, and 5th grade band. Third and 4th grade students have selected brass, woodwind or percussion instruments and will receive them soon. Third grade students have been measured for all instruments. Lesson groups are being arranged based on instrumentation and availability due to block scheduling. All County and LISFA students have been nominated and PEAK nominations for 4th grade chorus students were submitted. General music classes are learning about notes on treble and bass staves. Willy Wonka rehearsals have begun.

PHYSICAL EDUCATION

All students reviewed classroom rules, attendance and safety procedures, including practicing a fire drill and lockdown drill. Students in grades K-2 also reviewed use of personal space through a variety of games as well as basic skills for soccer. Students in grades 3-5 worked on cooperative games, basic soccer skills and lead up games of soccer