

SUMMIT LANE SCHOOL

OCTOBER 2017 END OF MONTH REPORT

KINDERGARTEN

The Kindergarten Students have been reading about Halloween, fall and apples. They have been learning to identify and write uppercase and lowercase letters as well as letter sounds for Kk to Zz. We have started learning about Nouns for places and things. The students have continued learning about rhyming words. The students have started reading beginning sight words and number words. In math, the students are learning the numbers 6 to 10 as well as counting objects 6 to 10. In science, we continued learning about "The Five Senses", hearing and smelling.

FIRST GRADE

October was a busy month, with first graders participating in a Fire Safety Month Assembly. Students were able to watch a firefighter dress in fire safety gear; boots, pants, coat, hat, air tank and oxygen mask! After the program, each class had an opportunity to climb aboard a fire engine and see all the equipment firefighters use to keep us safe. Also, students embraced autumn while engaged in many literature readings, apple and pumpkin projects, and writing activities. Students also participated in many exciting activities during LEADD Week, including wearing theme-related clothing for each daily health motto, such as; ACES Exercise Day, PTA sponsored bFit Assembly, Nutrition Day and our Get A Voice Assembly, with the whole building dressed in Summit Lane Spiritwear.

SECOND GRADE

Summit Lane's second graders spent time in October sharpening their science skills. The children worked on activities and lessons centering on the idea of scientific inquiry. They learned how scientists explore new ideas and how they develop new understandings about things in the world based on their inquiry skills. The students also learned about the tools that scientists use in order to assist them in their studies. The children will be able to apply this knowledge when they take a field trip to the Outdoor Learning Center in November. They will be putting their inquiry skills into practice to explore a science unit on the development and growth of plants.

THIRD GRADE

Welcome Fall! The third graders have been drilling and practicing their multiplication facts on a daily basis. They are recognizing math vocabulary to know when to multiply. We are currently working on understanding division and how it relates to multiplication. In reading, we have explored a variety of genres such as, biographies, historical fiction, realistic fiction and poetry. The children are enjoying the wonderful stories our Journeys reading program offers. In social studies we are finishing our unit on map skills. Our next unit will focus on our own country, the USA! Now that we have explored the scientific process, we will be exploring what engineers do in science. We encourage all third graders to continue reading every night and practicing their math facts.

FOURTH GRADE

Fourth grade had many exciting activities and learning experiences this month. The fourth graders were all geared up to use the Science Lab in conjunction with our unit on scientific inquiry and matter. Students calculated the mass of apples and observed their changes over a week long period. The results were recorded on data sheets and students wrote comparison statements. In math, students are continuing to learn how to multiply by one and two-digit numbers, as well as breaking down multi-step word problems. In English Language Arts, students read an informational text about Martin Luther King Jr., exploring author's purpose. Students also read an informational text about how children around the world get their library books in different ways. The Social Studies unit on the New York State Maps and Geography was wrapped up early this month and students have been excited to transition into learning about Native Americans. Students attended a field trip to Jones Beach Nature Center to learn about Native American History and Games. Much fun and learning was had by all. We look forward to continue learning about Native Americans in the upcoming month!

FIFTH GRADE

Fifth graders have had a wonderful and exciting month learning so much, as well as having the opportunity to participate in many special events. Early in the month, the entire school joined in the Division Avenue Pep Rally, allowing our students to see what is in store for them as they grow older and to feel the pride of our Levittown Schools. In conjunction with the Blood Drive, many fifth graders got to participate as "Little Doctors". They got to help sign up blood donor volunteers and offer snacks. During LEADD Week we were treated to many interesting and valuable assemblies and activities. We learned about proper nutrition, exercise, and about making good decisions. The month ended with our Halloween Parade, which is always great fun!

The month also brought us lots of learning in science. While studying about organisms, and learning to classify them, we had a special visitor from the organization of I FISH NY teach us about fish anatomy and the different adaptations of the fish, which allow them to live in their particular habitat. In addition, we took a trip out to sea on the Yankee 111. The boat left out of Captree and brought all fifth graders on a three-hour oceanographic tour, which included learning about the scallop dredge, microorganisms in the water, plankton, the captain's nautical instruments, and even included a squid dissection. The weather was beautiful, and we had an amazing day!

ART

Kinder - "Shape Monsters".

First - Seashell still life.

Second - Warm/cool color fish using chalk pastel.

Third - Fantasy maps/watercolor.

Fourth and Fifth - Lighthouse paintings in the style of artist Karin Olah.

MUSIC

All Music students are well into the swing of the year. All grade 3-5 participating students have been given their band and orchestra instruments, and rehearsals have begun before school. Third, fourth and fifth grade students continue to rehearse chorus music. Seven fourth grade students have been accepted to the PEAK County-Wide Music Festival, which will be held on November 19th. Mrs. Wade has been rehearsing with the PEAK students, teaching them their music.

Students have been nominated for All-County and LISFA. Four chorus students have been accepted for the All-County Chorus; one student has been accepted for the All-County Orchestra; one student has been accepted for the All-County Band; and one student has been accepted for LISFA. All-County lessons will begin soon, now that the music has been received and distributed.

The musical selected this year, "Willy Wonka, Kids", will be performed by sixty-five of our fourth and fifth grade students. Rehearsals have begun after school with the performance in February.

PHYSICAL EDUCATION

Grades K - 5 spent a week participating in Fitness Stations. In grades 3 – 5 students selected index cards at random, read the instructions on each card and performed the skill listed. Students were asked to perform skills that they have already learned previously as well as learning some new skills such as, bicep curls, up/downs, downhill skier and the coffee grinder. Each day the students were challenged to continuously exercise for a greater amount of time. Grades K – 2 used similar stations and rotated in small groups through the class period.

Students in grades 3 – 5 participated in the PACER, which stands for **Progressive Aerobic Cardiovascular Endurance Run**. The boys and girls had the opportunity to obtain their best score through two runs, with the second run being optional. Students in grades K- 2 participated in an activity called "Beat the Beep" which is a scaled down version of the PACER that introduces the students to running on various start signals.

Students in grades 3-5 completed their unit on soccer and also had the opportunity to play the game "Capture the Balls". All students participated in our Halloween scooter unit.