

## SUMMIT LANE SCHOOL

### DECEMBER 2017 END OF MONTH REPORT

#### KINDERGARTEN

The Kindergarten Students have been reading about Winter Holidays. They have continued learning to identify and write uppercase and lowercase letters as well as letter sounds for Aa, Ff, Nn and Bb . We have continued learning about Verbs as “describing words” as well as rhyming words. They have also learned new sight words and CVC words. In Math, the students are learning “classifying and sorting” as well as “understanding addition.” In Science, we continue learning about “The Five Senses” – Tasting.

#### FIRST GRADE

First grade students have been busy with *enVision* math learning strategies to solve addition and subtraction facts to 20 including; fact families, ten frames, number lines, and part-part-whole, to name a few. In preparation for their field trip to MacArthur High School Science Lab, they have been reading informational text about various animal habitats in *Journeys* and working on animal projects in Science *Fusion*. Also, they have been participating in various activities connected to December holidays including; reading books, locating the various countries on maps and globes, and making related holiday projects.

#### SECOND GRADE

The second grade students visited the Levittown Public Library this month and had an opportunity to tour the Children’s Room. The librarian explained the different sections of the library and demonstrated how to check out and return books. She also showed the children the additional materials available to them such as videos and audio books. Each child was able to check out a book of their choice during the visit with the hope of instilling a life-long love of reading. Bookmarks and pencils were also provided as a means of reminding the students about their visit. Hopefully, the more we promote reading in our daily lives, the more engaged the children will be and more visits will be made to our local library.

#### THIRD GRADE

This past month we visited Nassau County’s Safety Town in Eisenhower Park. Safety Town is a program that was created in 1964 to teach and promote early childhood safety education. The children learned how to be a safe pedestrian, a safe bike rider, and how to drive a car! We all enjoyed this wonderful trip. Mrs. Stripp and Ms. Granath’s class will be traveling there in the month of March. We are currently working with our addition and subtraction facts and estimating numbers. We are also reading a variety of texts, such as folktales and biographies. We wish everyone health and happiness during this holiday season and we look forward to a new year!

## FOURTH GRADE

Fourth graders had a very busy and exciting month. In English Language Arts, students began reading novels in the classroom (*Tales of a Fourth Grade Nothing*, *The One and Only Ivan*, and *The Chocolate Touch*). Students are excited to wrap up these novels with culminating activities. Students created a cinquain poem for our writing unit this month that encompassed themes about winter. Students also explored all types of figurative language this month and created sentences on a snow globe utilizing each form of figurative language that we learned. In math, students worked hard on learning the steps to tackle long division problems and learned about factors and multiples. In science, students worked diligently on the electrifying unit of electricity! Students worked in partners and small groups in the science lab to create circuits and test objects to see if they conducted electricity. In social studies, students wrapped up culminating Native American projects and received an introduction to the explorer unit that we will more thoroughly begin in the New Year. We are looking forward to an exciting fresh start with the students come January and we wish all of our families a wonderful holiday and a happy New Year!

## FIFTH GRADE

Fifth graders had another wonderful month! In the middle of the month, the 5<sup>th</sup> graders participated in a new computer program offered by the district, An HOUR of CODE. This program allows a “coding” teacher to visit the classes and introduce the skill of coding to the students - they caught on very quickly and enjoyed the activities! The students also participated in loading a truck for a clothing drive. Many Summit Lane families donated clothing, and when the truck came to pick up the many, many bags, the fifth graders loaded the truck. They really enjoyed the challenge of getting it all on, as well as the feeling of knowing that they were helping with the process of donating. Additionally, 5<sup>th</sup> graders began in-class rounds of the annual Spelling Bee. Only a few students made it to the next round. The winners of the second round will go on to compete in the school-wide spelling bee in January.

Holiday festivities abounded as well in the month of December. A fifth grade tradition continues as the students make their graham cracker gingerbread houses! They are looking forward to a restful and happy holiday vacation!

## ART

Kindergarten and first grade students are creating 3D pencil and crayon box characters. Second and third and graders made bookmarks for the Bookmark Contest. Fourth and fifth grade students continue painting beach umbrellas using tints and shades, referencing Artist: Teil Duncan.

## MUSIC

Mrs. Giordano has distributed NYSSMA solos to advanced instrumental students. Mrs. Wade continued to prepare her 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grade students for NYSSMA. Mrs. Wade has distributed Piano NYSSMA registration forms. Piano NYSSMA will take place at NCC in March. Mrs. Giordano gave the All-County band and orchestra students extra help on her lunch period and before the school day. Mrs. Wade continued to prepare her All-County students for the concerts in January.

Mrs. Wade held rehearsals for “Willy Wonka”. All students performing had to audition for the speaking/solo roles. Fifth grade chorus students serenaded the faculty with Christmas carols at the holiday breakfast. Mrs. Wade worked with the 5<sup>th</sup> grade students and prepared them to sing the *Star Spangled Banner* at the PRIDE Assembly.

## PHYSICAL EDUCATION

Hungry Hippos - The students in grades K- 5 participated in the scooter game of Hungry Hippos. The students worked cooperatively with their teammates to gather as many vegetables (balls) as possible while in the hippo position. All students were able to observe proper scooter safety, use their core and improve their muscular strength and endurance. The rules were modified for grades K- 2.

Bowling - The physical education teachers utilized the entire gym to create 14 bowling lanes in which the students were assigned various jobs to run each lane and practice a variety of skills including: Proper grip, approach, follow-through, pin setup/placement and number assignments, scorekeeping. The students also learned bowling etiquette including: Basic bowler's vocabulary ( lane, alley, pins, gutter, grip, approach, foul line, ball return, pin setter, follow through, spare, strike, turkey, perfect game, head pin, etc.) Students in grades K – 2 participated in games of “Silly Bowling” and “Build up 6”. Students in grades 3 – 5 participated in games of “Build up 10”, “Take-em down” and “Strike Derby”. These games help to improve their bowling skills.