

SUMMIT LANE SCHOOL

MARCH 2018 END OF MONTH REPORT

KINDERGARTEN

The Kindergarten students have been reading about animals and learning about different kinds of bears, Leprechauns and weather. They have continued learning to identify and write uppercase and lowercase letters as well as letter sounds for Oo, Jj, Kk and Ee. They are also learning about capitalization and punctuation, proper nouns for places, people and pets and verbs in the Future Tense. They are always learning new sight words and CVC words. In Math, the students learned to count numbers to 20 as well as beginning composing and decomposing numbers 11 to 19. In Science, we continued learning about types weather, Spring and how the sun warms the Earth. We started learning about space; Earth, the sun, the moon and the stars. In the month of March, Kindergarten has participated in the Hoops for Heart event in physical education class and enjoyed our Green Bagel Brunch for St. Patrick's Day.

FIRST GRADE

Students in first grade have been busy this month working in the various curriculum areas. In Math, students have been reinforcing basic math skills using Math Sprints and *fun4thebrain*, and solving double-digit addition and subtraction facts with and without regrouping using multiple strategies. In ELA, they have been reading different types of text and strengthening their comprehension strategies by incorporating graphic organizers. As scientists, students have been discovering how amazing animals are and the habitats where they live. Finally, in Social Studies, first graders have been reading and discussing interesting articles in their Scholastic Newspaper, referencing the text to support their claims.

SECOND GRADE

The second graders all enjoyed learning about their community and how the government works through the Junior Achievement Program. Topics included decision making, how money moves through a community and the production of goods. These interactive learning activities allowed the children to gain a better understanding of what actually takes place in the community around them. These lessons will provide the second graders with a firm foundation in these concepts as they move on through the grades. The hands-on experiences made the information engaging and exciting for the children and the response from them was overwhelmingly positive.

THIRD GRADE

The third graders have been busy reading a variety of genres such as poetry, trickster tales, and fables. Another genre we have been exploring is informational text. Through our magazine subscription to ***National Geographic Explorer***, the third graders have the opportunity to read about the current events happening throughout our world, especially in the area of science. This month the magazine had articles about three different topics: pollination, tornadoes and simple machines. The students are learning new vocabulary and different text features while exploring interesting scientific events.

FOURTH GRADE

Fourth graders at Summit Lane had a very exciting month. Students attended a Mad Science Assembly and witnessed amazing chemistry experiments that explored many spectacular reactions. Many students volunteered to get a hands-on experience during the many demonstrations at the "Spin, Pop, Boom" presentation. Much fun was had by all. In conjunction with our science topics, students are reading stories in Journeys which correlate with environmental topics. Students are very interested in the natural disasters that we are reading about as they have posed very inquisitive questions. They are practicing writing skills to develop their abilities and provide text evidence to support their inferences.

As part of a St. Patrick's Day activity, students learned about limericks, silly poems often heard around St. Patrick's Day, and the unique rhyme scheme that they follow. Students then created their own limericks as part of our celebration. Students also had the pleasure of sliming Mr. Squillaciotti and staff members as part of our "Hoops for Heart" event. A great time was had by all!!

FIFTH GRADE

Our fifth graders have enjoyed a very busy month. We enjoyed a Mad Science Assembly, which really held the interest of the students. Many of our very talented fifth graders gave a wonderful performance in the school's production of "Willy Wonka". We also participated in our "Hoops for Heart" event where many students got to slime the principal and other members of the faculty.

Greenkill Registration was completed in the beginning of the month. The students are very excited for their trip to Greenkill. In the classrooms we are getting involved in the study of nature and various ecosystems in preparation for their trip.

ART

Kindergarten students are learning the colors of the rainbow, Roy G. Biv (red, orange, yellow, green, blue, indigo, violet). First graders are drawing and painting tigers. Second graders are learning weaving techniques. Our third and fourth graders are drawing and painting tropical birds and our fifth graders are working on Frida Kahlo portraits.

MUSIC

NYSSMA students have been instructed to purchase their solos. All students are preparing their pieces, practicing scales, and working on sight-reading. Online registrations have been completed. Fourth and fifth grade Vocal NYSSMA students continue to work with Mrs. Wade on sight singing & their performance pieces. New students who have reached proficiency levels have been added to Band and Orchestra. Grades were calculated for Term 2. Mrs. Giordano has started planning for the Memorial Day Parade. Willy Wonka performance was held during the daytime and evening on February 28th & March 1st. It was a very successful production. The cast of Willy Wonka had a candy cast party where they got to eat all the props! Mrs. Wade assisted Mrs. Dano with the annual Hoops for Heart event.

PHYSICAL EDUCATION

The students in the physical education classes participated in a unit on basketball. The students practiced ball handling skills, dribbling, passing and shooting. Students were encouraged to use proper form when executing the skills. Some of the games the students played utilizing these skills were: Dribble Tag, Dribble Knock Out, Knock Out, Triangle Tag, and Make it, Take It. Students also had fun playing Scooter Basketball and Musical Chairs Basketball. The students participated in a Ninja Shot Challenge competition where the players were trying to see how many baskets they could make individually in a certain period of time.

All students started to work on their throwing and catching skills, by participating in the Summit Lane Snow Ball Games. Students in grades K-2 participated in team games that concentrated on knocking down as many items as possible utilizing the throwing skills. Students in grades 3-5 participated in team games that also required them to use the skills that they had learned previously, as well as used a points system, defensive/offensive strategies, and agility work to help their teams achieve the highest scores possible.

All classes also participated in the annual Hoops for Heart events run by Mrs. Dano.