

SUMMIT LANE SCHOOL

MAY 2018 END OF MONTH REPORT

KINDERGARTEN

The kindergarten students have been reading about baby animals, ocean animals and insects. They have continued learning to identify and write uppercase and lowercase letters as well as letter sounds for Ww, Xx, Yy and Zz. We have continued learning about capitalization and punctuation and verbs in the past, present and future tense. They have also learned new sight words and CVC words. In math, the students learned to analyze, compare and create shapes and describe and compare measurable attributes. In science, we have been learning about plants and animals. Students are also learning about Baby Animals and their habitats.

FIRST GRADE

May was another busy month for first graders. In ELA, they analyzed text, discussed character traits and expressed their opinions on various topics and genres. To culminate the character trait unit, students attended the play *Frog and Toad Together* at the Bellmore Theater. In math, they explored geometry using 2D plane shapes, 3D solids and fractions. In science students utilized SMART Boards with the interactive *Scholastic News* newspaper learning about many interesting concepts. In social studies, students visited the Long Island Puppet museum where they learned about various types of puppets and the countries of origin. Finally, students were able to observe their book buddies and friends in various plays, concerts, and science activities.

SECOND GRADE

The second grade classes each spent a morning learning about the history of their town at the Levittown Historical Museum. The children learned about life in the 1940s and 1950s when their town was first developed. Artifacts, including a full kitchen and bedroom, allowed the children to develop an understanding of the similarities and differences between life then and now. The students were able to participate in games of the time, including the milk-bottle drop. In addition, they listened to a variety of music that the first children in Levittown enjoyed. By providing this activity to our students, the second graders were able to experience history directly relating to their town. It was a fun-filled and interesting day for the Summit Lane students.

THIRD GRADE

This has been an exciting month for the third graders. The butterflies arrived! We have been raising painted lady butterflies in our classrooms. They came to us as larva and we observed the metamorphosis that occurs in this insect's life cycle. The students have done a variety of projects to learn all about these amazing animals. We have begun to read the classic novel, Charlotte's Web. The children are enjoying this marvelous story about friendship by E. B. White. At the end of the year, the children will be performing a reader's theater production of the story to their families. It's been a very busy and fun month!

FOURTH GRADE

May has been a busy month for our fourth graders. The beginning of the month brought us the math State testing, while the end of the month brought us the State science test. In preparation, students used hands-on materials as part of their performance assessment portion of The NYS science test. They enjoyed learning about the various tools and experimenting with them. Each of the fourth grade classes have been reading various novels this month. Students have loved digging into these new books. We have worked on various reading comprehension skills such as character development, main idea, and inferencing. Students are excited to end the year with another great book! We are excited to wrap up the month with our spring concert. Students are looking forward to performing in the band, orchestra, and chorus. In addition, some of the wonderful performers participated in the Memorial Day Parade. To also wrap up the month, students will be presenting their animal projects that they have been working on over the past month. Students are eager to share what they have learned about their animal that they chose and teach their classmates about it.

FIFTH GRADE

The fifth grade students have enjoyed a party to welcome spring. They have taken their NYS math tests on May 1st and 2nd as well as iReadymath tests. In social studies they continue their extensive study of Canada and completed their independent study projects and presented them to their classes. They began the *Just Say Hi* program, which highlights inclusiveness and understanding of people with disabilities; and they continue to work with the social worker and the *Too Good for Drugs* program. All fifth grade students are working hard to prepare for the Science Fair on June 5th. Many of our fifth graders will perform in the Spring Concert on May 31st. All staff enjoyed a wonderful staff appreciation luncheon hosted by the PTA.

ART

Kindergarten has been working on farm landscapes based on their field trip. First, second and third graders are creating self-portraits wearing sunglasses with the theme "*The future is so bright, I gotta wear shades*". Fourth graders are finishing Statue of Liberty paintings and fifth graders are creating Statue of Liberty portraits.

MUSIC

Extra help was given to all NYSSMA students. Over 40 students participated in NYSSMSA this year, which was held at East Meadow school. Mrs. Wade and Mrs. Giordano attended and assisted all of their students. All-county students and PEAK students received a certificate of performance from Nassau Music Educators Association

NYSSMA vocal students performed the "Star Spangled Banner" at the Spring Concert along with the orchestra, band, and chorus. Mrs. Giordano led the band students in the annual Memorial Day Parade. NYSSMA and All-County students will perform "The Star Spangled Banner" at graduation and have been rehearsing for this event. All fifth grade students are preparing to perform two songs at graduation.

Mrs. Giordano assisted in "Music Night" where students pick their instruments for next year and summer music forms have been distributed. We are working on instrumental music registration for next year. Mrs. Wade continued to assist in annual reviews and assisted in kindergarten orientation, leading two groups of incoming kindergarten students by singing songs and playing musical instruments.

PHYSICAL EDUCATION

All physical education classes reviewed and practiced the games that they will be playing on Field Day. These games are *Steal the Bacon, Alaskan Kickball, Capture the Balls, Bean Bag Toss, Treasure Hunt, Make It Take It, Four Ball Blast, Fishing Derby Obstacle Course and Relay Races*.