



Line School Beacon

June 3, 2016

Upcoming Events

6/13/16 Grade 5 Recognition 6:30 PM

6/15/16 Field Day and BBQ

6/16/16 Last Day of School Last Assembly 10:00 AM

Early Release 12:30 PM

Mrs. Secunde's Second Grade Class

During this past year we've had many fun learning experiences, recently the students were introduced to BeeBots, a codeable bee that goes over a game board and kids answer questions. They recently did a Mystery Hangout with a second grade class in California that lives on an island, and gathering data in math that includes long jumps and arm span measurements. In grammar we do Kahoots and Jeopardy Labs to practice various learning targets like, contractions, singular and plural possessive nouns, homophones and homonyms, prefixes and suffixes. As we wrap up our learning in the next month, we'll continue to review and work on those fiction and non-fiction targets; both in reading and writing.

I asked the students to reflect on each subject area and what they may have learned or enjoyed this past year in second grade, here are a few.

Kiahna - DEAR time, Drop

Everything And Read

Calvin - Learning division

Hannah - I love doing opinion writing.

Ava - I worked really hard in reading this year.

Emily - Reading with my friends in my guided reading group.

Lillianna - I enjoyed working on money and telling time.

Julianna - I got to the reading level I always wanted to get too!

Kylie - I enjoyed working on third grade spelling words.

Jacob - I love reading non-fiction books.

Jazmin - I enjoyed doing research.

Logan - Writing is inspiring me to make a movie.

Tanner - I like multiplication.

What did I enjoy the most?
Everything!

Ms. Haberman's Kindergarten Class

I asked the children what was "new" since the last time we wrote in the newsletter and was pleasantly surprised at just how much they notice. I told them that you already knew all about specials, recess and our schedule. What did they want you to know

about that you didn't already? Here is what our brainstorming revealed.

We are now writing "how to" books during writing and measuring in math. We have measured weight (the unit is pound) with a balance scale, how long or wide something is (the unit is inch or foot) with a tape measure, and the temperature each day (they don't know the degree unit yet) using a graph to compare.

And here are a bunch of new things our classroom:

OSMO - a new station in literacy block where we have a new app on the iPad that has a mirror and helps us spell words. It's fun!

a new calendar pattern every month.

new sight word posters all around the room.

big books that are like new because Mrs. Wedgewood laminated and fixed fixed them.

two painting easels, the old big one and a new table sized one.

a new place for hundreds in calendar.

some new (old) games in the ABC station.

some new letter cards for dry erase (thanks to Mrs. Bryant).

and another 20 point celebration where we make a graph to pick the one most people want.

Finally, we're going outside without boots and snow pants.

And even though they didn't mention it, I'd like to add that we're learning more about comprehension in guided reading groups. I think if you ask they may be able to tell you.

Mrs. Calnan's Class

In third grade we are finishing up the year with lots of learning and fun. We just finished our unit on fairy tales, tall tales, and fables. The children really enjoyed learning about the characteristics of each type of story and making connections throughout their learning. The read-aloud stories were enjoyed by all, helping us to make connections to other fairy tales, tall tales, and fables we have read.

We just finished taking the DRAs. They did an awesome job. I think some of them even surprised themselves. They are great readers. Help them to keep that momentum going by continuing to read with your child at home this summer. It will keep their skills up until school starts in the fall. Taking them to the local library can be a fun experience as well. They usually have many fun things planned over the summer.

In math we just finished units on multiplication and fractions. The children are amazed that they can multiply larger numbers. Students would benefit from practicing their math skills over the summer to keep them from getting rusty.

Using their IXL or Everyday Math account would be very helpful in doing this. They can also practice their math skills using other online games that they enjoy.

I would also like to remind parents that the third grade field trip is on Thursday, June 9. Students will be going to and from the Gray Animal Farm within the school day, so no special travel arrangements need to be made. Please remember to dress your child appropriately for the day. They should wear sneakers and have rain gear available, if needed. Also bug spray, tick prevention, and sunscreen might want to be considered. Any bug spray or sunscreen will need to be administered before they come to school. For lunch your child will need a bagged lunch with a drink in an unbreakable container. Please label all lunches and drinks. The school cafeteria will provide a bag lunch to students using money from their account if you choose to do that. Also a reminder that any parent volunteers will need to meet us at the farm. There is no room on the bus. We are hoping for a nice, sunny day filled with lots of fun!

Thank you parents for all of your help and support this school year. It has been a great year packed with learning and fun. I have truly enjoyed working with your child. I will miss them next year when they become 4th graders.

Mrs. Wescott's 4th grade

We hope you enjoyed seeing our floats as much as we enjoyed making them! A great big thank you goes out to all the parents who brought such a wide variety of food for our Regional Dinner! As always there was more than enough, and everyone went away

happy, and full!

The 4th graders, and their chaperones, learned a great deal about life in the past on our field trip to Willowbrook! Their were so many hands on activities it is hard to choose a favorite but you might hear about; riding the Carousel, grinding the grain, walking on the old fashion treadmills, writing on the slates in the school house, typing morse code, washing and ringing out the clothes, making butter for the cornbread, or doing a printing! All of your support and purchases during our Economics Fair back in November, helped to fund this amazing opportunity, so thank you once again!

Finally, after writing our own bills this year and passing these through mock legislative sessions we are anxious to go to Augusta on June 1st to see where the real senators and representatives do their job! We will also get a chance to visit the Maine State Museum!

It has been a wonderful school year!

News From Art

The art room has been a busy place with artists in the fourth and fifth grades stitching a "stuffy". A stuffed creature that they have planned, cut out a pattern for, cut out the parts for, and stitched together the pieces for a unique stuffed three-dimensional artwork. Students enjoyed learning or practicing the art of stitchery, we thank Ruth's Recyclables for the felt that we used,

The artwork of French artist Henri Rousseau was the inspiration for paintings in the



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second and third grades. Henri Rousseau was creative in that he used observations from his daily routines and combined them in a unique way. The plants at the arboretum in Paris inspired the vegetation in his jungle paintings and those at the local zoo inspired the animals. In art class, we worked with foreground, middle and background, learning how to place our objects to simulate the illusion of three-dimensional space. Paintings of jungles, underwater scenes, and forests, were filled with real or imaginary plant and animal life. We “popped” one creature into the foreground by gluing a spacer to the back.

Younger artists have been reviewing using and recognizing the color, lines, and shapes in their work and the work of others. First graders used stitching and yarn to create a two dimensional picture. a different and new technique.

Portfolios for first through fifth graders will be coming home soon. Enjoy the artwork!