

Notes from April 2018



In Pre-K 3 we...

- planted flowers and a vegetable garden.
- discussed animals at the zoo.
- had a presentation from Cole about dental hygiene and the importance of brushing our teeth.
- tasted fruits and vegetables in class.

In Pre-K 4 we...



- learned about plants- plant parts, life cycle, jobs, needs, seed investigation, parts of a plant investigation, and planted grass, root vegetables, and bean seeds.
- learned about dental health: what is a dentist, how to brush our teeth, healthy food for our teeth, and had a visit from a dental student.
- learned about nutrition: food groups and healthy foods for our bodies.



In Kindergarten we...

- wrote and illustrated a book that is being published.
- had fun learning about dental health with a dental student.
- are learning about word families.
- are learning about different countries around the world.

In First & Second Grade we...



In first grade we:

- read stories and found cause and effect, and problems and solutions.
- told time to the hour and half hour.
- worked on graphs and charts.

In second grade we:

- read stories and found point of view, sequence, and problems and solutions.
- told time to five minutes.
- used inch rulers, yardsticks, and measuring tape.

Both classes began studying the different animal groups.



In Third & Fourth Grade we...

- took the NY State ELA Assessment.
- identified and used different strategies to order and compare fractions.
- practiced cursive uppercase letters A-R.
- wrote book reports about a book on our reading log.

In Fifth & Sixth Grade we...



- learned about making inferences when reading.
- wrote persuasive paragraphs about something we wanted to change. This included pre-writing, first draft, edit/revision, and final draft.
- watched the original "A Wrinkle in Time Movie" and compared it to the book and new movie.



Art Creations

- PK: Made colorful paper fish, bird houses and birds, a duck pond scene and race cars.
- K: Made crayon and watercolor underwater scenes and pictures of children playing outdoor games.
- 1-2: Created a large city and town mural with buildings and vehicles. We also made spring banners.
- 3-4: Worked on patterned animal paintings.
- 5-6: Made styrofoam prints and scratchboard drawings. We will be starting a string art project next.

Library



- Our focus was on non-fiction this month with books relating to Earth Day.
- PK-2nd: Read about different landscapes and habitats of the Earth and how to take of them (reduce, reuse, and recycle) colored corresponding worksheets.
- 3-4: Wrote short stories on how they would help the Earth and what they could invent to do so.
- 5-6: Continued to read The Lion the Witch and the Wardrobe by C.S. Lewis. Also worked on Earth Day worksheets.

News from After School Care

- Read several books that 3rd through 6th graders helped facilitate.
- Earth Day crafts and worksheets.
- Made globes with straws.
- Welcome spring crafts, i.e. foam butterflies and caterpillars made out of water bottles.



Spanish News

- PK3-K: Learned means of transportation and emotions in Spanish.
- 1-2: Learned body parts in Spanish such as hair is *cabello*, face is *cara*, *dedos* are fingers, nose is *nariz*, etc.
- 3-4: Have been learning some Spanish expression and body parts and the history of 5 de Mayo.
- 5-6: Students learned how to say "what time is it?" in Spanish and furthermore how to write the time in Spanish. Students also learned the history of the battle of Puebla 5 de Mayo of 1862.

What's Kicking With Coach

- PK: Will continue to work on improving their locomotor skills and will begin a rhythms and dance unit.
- K-2: Finishing their hoops and jump rope unit and will begin a rhythms and dance unit shortly.
- 3-6: Finishing their hoops and rope challenge unit and will be starting their baseball skills unit.

Vocal Music

- PK: Lots of singing including a new version of Down By the Bay.
- K-2: Lots of fun doing the "Hokey Pokey" and other movement songs.
- 3-4: Beginning skills on recorders.
- 5-6: Natural percussion video, STOMP and continuing to work hard on band pieces.

Extra, Extra!

- Look for the May Home & School Connection Newsletter.
- We are accepting registration applications for the 2018-2019 school year.
- Summer Camp pre-registration forms have been sent home with families. Please return the pre-registration forms by June 1st.



May upcoming Events

- 1st: May Crowning.
- 1st-2nd: NYS Math Assessments, Grades 3-6.
- 3rd: Cinco de Mayo Celebration.
- 10th: Ascension Thursday Mass at 9:00 at St. Paul's Church.
- 11th-13th: RCS Festival @ MVCC.
- 28th: Memorial Day - No School.
- 31st: Art Show/Spring Concert @ 6 p.m.

