

HSA Meeting, April 12, 2019

Teacher's Report

The kindergarten classes enjoyed celebrating diversity week. Thank you so much for the drumming and music presentation. All classes have started their third science unit about Plants, Animals and their Environments. They are learning about resources, conserving them and how people and animals use resources. They are learning about ways to help take care of our Earth.

Residents Forward visited the first grade. They did a presentation on helping and saving the Earth. They spoke about recycling, reusing, reducing. In honor of Dr. Seuss's birthday the first grade students read some of his books. The classes read books about Spring and the children painted pictures and wrote about the new season. They finished the science unit on Sound and Light. The classes enjoyed attending the book fair.

In Math, the second graders have been studying money. They are making real life connections, and they are using coins and dollar bills to make different combinations. In Social Studies, all of the second grade classes read, Flat Stanley. The students made their own flat travelers which will be traveling around the world, and this will connect with their unit on geography and mapping. The students have been working hard on an engineering unit with the PEP teacher, Mrs. Conway. They have had a lot of fun building mazes, catapults and even their own electrical circuits. The second graders continue to be busy and have fun learning.

Happy Spring! The third grade is abuzz with learning and all kinds of fun and engaging activities. In math, the students are finishing a very big unit on fractions and will be gearing up to learn concepts in geometry, data interpretation, and more. In language arts, we are doing lots of reading in whole groups, small groups, and individual settings. Genres include fiction, non-fiction, poetry, etc. The subject of world communities in social studies continues to be a huge focus and is tying in with their reading. The study of China and other countries is a focus. In science, they are still exploring topics in engineering and will soon launch into their study of traits and variations in nature. Don't forget to send in washed, half-gallon containers for boat-building in early May.

The 4th graders have been very busy. Each class has either completed or are finishing their writing of a Pourquoi Tale. In social studies, all classes are currently learning about Colonial NY. In science, classes have finished their unit on Mystery Matter and will soon be starting their unit on Electrical circuits. In Math, the students completed their unit on Fractions and are in the process of learning Geometry. Also, they've been preparing for the NYS Assessment in the beginning of May. All classes had a presentation by Weber's Peer Leaders about the dangers of smoking. Each class was visited by CAPS organization and did two lessons on bullying. The 4th grade classes enjoyed a presentation called Wildlife on Long Island where

they were able to see birds and other animals from Long Island who live in a rehabilitation center.

The fifth grade is currently writing research based argumentative essays. They are learning to multiply and divide decimals, and find the volume of composite solids. In science, they started a unit called "Web of Life" and are learning about the food chain. They are excited to paint rocks as part of their legacy project for this year!