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PRINCIPAL'S CORNER

by Mrs. Jessica Avery

January 30th we began our second semester (3rd quarter.) Fortunately, we did not have any snow in January so instruction and exams took place without interruption. Students came back from winter break ready to learn. We saw great growth from 1st quarter to 2nd quarter.

It is important, if at all possible, for your child to come to school daily, as they are learning quite a bit of material and can easily fall behind if they miss too much. If a doctor or dentist appointment is required, I ask if you can schedule as early or as late as possible.

As we inch closer to spring, please remind your child the importance of focusing and staying engaged while in class. Students are doing a great job of following our school wide expectations of being respectful, responsible, and safe. I am proud of the progress I have seen in our students academically, socially, and emotionally.



*A problem
is a chance for you
to do your best.*

Duke Ellington

DEAN'S CORNER

by Ms. Lauren Barrett

Congratulations students! In the months of November and December a total of 390 Caught Being Good Cards were written recognizing students who are following our school-wide expectations of being respectful, responsible, and safe. In December, we celebrated by taking part in our Minute-to-Win-It Challenges during our PBIS events. Students are encouraged to keep up the wonderful work as our next celebration will take place in February.

From our Caught Being Good celebrations...



Problems are nothing but Wake up calls for Creativity.
Gerhard Gachwantner

EARLY START

by Lisa McLaughlin

Early Start classes have been humming with activity during these winter months.

The classes continue to explore the alphabet, numbers, counting, name writing, nursery rhymes, and rhyming words. In November, we enjoyed a visit from Penny Russel from the Wolf Trap Institute of Early Learning Through The Arts. Here, we experienced dancing, singing, acting, counting and building through the use of puppets, props and music. The classes enjoyed a pajama, movie and snack mix day before winter break! Mid-year Pre-K PALS testing took place during the month of January. Keep up the hard work Early Start!

We had fun with Ms. Russel from Wolf Trap..



We always enjoy the outdoors with friends....



CLINIC

by Deborah Poston

February is National Dental Health month! Developing good habits at an early age and scheduling regular dental visits helps children get a good start on a lifetime of healthy teeth and gums. Did you know that poor oral health can affect not only your appearance and self-esteem, but has also been linked to sleeping problems, as well as behavioral and developmental problems in children? Daily care should include brushing your teeth twice a day, making sure the inner, outer, and chewing surfaces of the teeth, as well as the tongue are clean. Use a pea sized amount of fluoride toothpaste and floss daily.



We learned and had fun during a visit from Smiles for Children.



KINDERGARTEN

by Megan Eberhardt

Kindergarten is so much fun! We cannot believe that the second quarter is already over.

Students are working hard to learn new things. Students have mastered letters, sounds, rhyming and beginning sounds. We are working on learning new sight words, spelling new words and reading books. We have worked on patterns, part/whole relationships, counting sets to 20 and writing numbers.

We will begin working on word problems, addition and subtraction in the third quarter.

Please make sure you are practicing sight words with your students nightly.

We hope to see you at parent conferences in February and parent engagement nights.



Comparing numbers through computer networking, tracking movement of a shadow, making patterns, making patterns with ozobots...

GRADE 1

by Kendra Smith

First Grade is doing awesome work this year!

We have shown growth in our reading and math skills.

We have learned about counting money, sorting using two attributes, and mastering addition and subtraction.

In science, we have learned about the sun and are currently learning about the seasons.

In social studies, we have learned about important government leaders such as the governor and mayor. We have also learned about important historical figures such as Pocahontas and Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

Keep up the great work first grade !!

GRADE 2

By Jelicia Johnson

2nd Grade students are very busy in all subject areas!! They have tackled many new concepts and ideas and are incorporating these into their schoolwork. It is a joy to see the students working.

At this point your child has completed Winter PALS testing and STAR testing. We are excited to see the growth in our students from the Fall. Teachers are continuing to work with students to increase their reading levels and reading comprehension. Students are reading material that is on their level and learning how to look back in the text for details to prove their answers. Students are working on continuous skills like main idea, context clues, summarizing, and drawing conclusions. A good way for students to remember the main idea is by asking questions. What is the story mostly about? What tells me more about the main idea?

By reading and asking these questions will lead your child to determining the main idea of any story.

In math your child has taken the 2nd nine weeks benchmark and STAR Math testing. Students have been working on skills like estimating sums and differences, solving single and two step word problems, rounding to the nearest ten, 10 more/less, 100 more/less, and comparing numbers. We are now working on identifying and writing fractions as well as comparing fractions. Make sure to connect with your child's teacher on skills that they could use more practice on!

Social Studies has been very busy as well, we are studying Famous Americans and the contributions they have made to change the lives of Americans. Next we will be studying map skills! In Science your child has enjoyed learning about erosion and weathering. Your child has been working on an in class Erosion Model project. This project has offered students an opportunity to model the effects of weathering and erosion on land surfaces and then create a model to reduce erosion from occurring. The students have been working hard and we are excited for more fun opportunities to grow the minds of children!!



GRADE 3

by Jessica Vargas

Third grade has been up to big things this second quarter. We had tons of fun learning about matter and performing investigations to learn about mixtures. Our social studies lessons took us to the world of economics, where the students got to create their own products and commercials to sell those products. Math continued to expand our brains as we navigated problem solving with addition, subtraction, multiplication and division. We also explored area and perimeter using hands-on manipulatives. Reading is always engaging, as we continue to focus on main idea, using context clues, and making inferences. We look forward to continuing our path of learning as we begin to prepare for SOLs this third quarter.

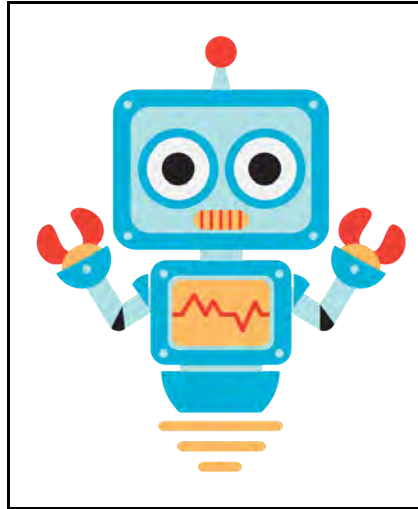
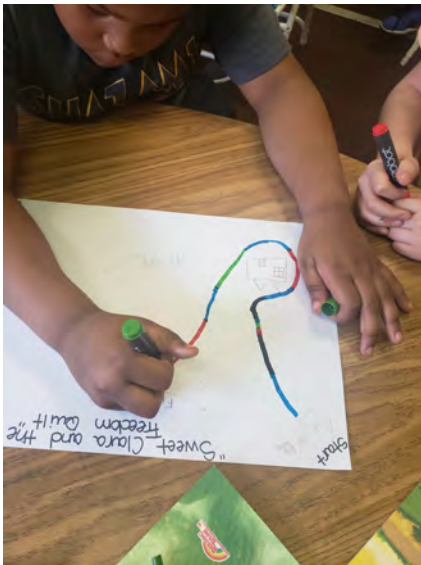
It was fun to learn with projects.



GRADE 4

by Ashley Nettles

The fourth grade is so excited to be moving into the new nine weeks. This nine weeks we have the opportunity to go to Jamestown. Please make sure to turn in your permission slips so you can go! Currently we are working on measurement in Math, review skills for Reading, the Civil War in Social Studies, and ecosystems in Science. Mrs. Nettles' class has also been experimenting with coding our new Ozobots for various subjects. Make sure to continue reading your AR book, studying Virginia Studies, and practice your multiplication facts..



GRADE 5

by Natalie Karakla

Our fabulous fifth graders are working super hard!

We have completed many skills so far this year! We have been working on the following skills in reading: Theme, Organizational Patterns, Context clues, Main idea/details, Figurative language. We have been working on the following skills in math: Mean, Median, Mode, Range, Probability, Fractions, Word problems. We have been working on the following skills in Science: Living Systems, Plants, Matter. We continue to work hard preparing for our benchmark tests and achieving success by turning in HW every week! Keep up the hard work fifth grade!



THE BEST WAY OUT IS
ALWAYS THROUGH.

Robert Frost

AROUND THE SCHOOL

KINDERGARTEN IS PRACTICING THEIR BEATS DURING MUSIC ...



QUESTION & ANSWER TIME ON STORIES WE READ IN THE LIBRARY...



ALWAYS FUN IN THE ART ROOM...



CELEBRATED HOUR OF CODE DURING COMPUTER LAB...



DIGITAL LEARNING DAY IS FUN WITH PIXEL ART IN THE COMPUTER LAB...



TEAMWORK IS ALWAYS APPRECIATED....



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