

The Learning Center Newsletter: Voyager Edition

October 16th, 2020



Novices

We're nine weeks into school, and the Novices are still working hard all day every day on everything from writing workshop to eating pumpkin seeds! In math they have been splitting into groups, and working on number riddles, math mysteries, and subtracting big numbers to 100. They are also learning all about fall and pumpkins in Theme class, as well as learning how to say hello, and good morning in different languages.

On fun Friday, they did a pumpkin force test involving dropping pumpkins from a high location. Also on fun Fridays they have been playing games, doing author shares, carving pumpkins, collecting leaves, and much more!

The Novice classroom has been doing a tremendous job in learning their numbers, letters, grammar, and much more! In the past few weeks with the perfect fall weather, the Novices have loved going outside for class, and fun. We'll keep you posted on the Novices, and all the fun in our next newsletter!

By: Dakota Artice



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Players

The Players have had a fantastic week visiting and planning parks, and adding leaves to their nature notebooks.

In Literacy they have been looking at animals that live in French Creek. After researching their chosen animal, they have started writing about it, as well as adding some amazing pictures. The Players have all found lots of information, and are excited to share what they found out.

Math class has included learning more about addition and subtraction. The Mathematical Animals read Grandfather Tang and have enjoyed making tangrams of different animals from the story. While the Mathical Creatures worked together to solve tangram puzzles.

On Wild Wednesday, they visited Huidekoper and Cora Clark Parks. They discussed what they liked at the parks and then came up with suggestions for their own park. In the woods at Huidekoper they had to collect five different fall leaves and then identify them. After this they put rubbings of their leaves into their nature notebooks. They had a lovely lunch at Cora Clark Park and then headed back to the school.

By Rowan Camp



The Players had fun looking for leaves in Huidekoper Park!



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Apprentices

The Apprentices have been rolling through the eighth week! In Literacy they are nearing the halfway point in Paint the Wind, Inside Out and Back Again, Al Capone does my Shirts, and The Voyage of the Frog. When they're not reading, the Apprentices have been practicing their cursive skills, and continuing their free write. Some of them have decided to write short stories for the Novices!

Meanwhile in Math, the French Fries and the Smart Cookies are learning strategies to tackle large division problems. The Mathematics have started multiplying mixed numbers and continue to work with fractions.

Some of the biggest news in the Apprentice room is the upcoming election for class president. Not only is there going to be an election, but the first debate of a series of debates happened this week. The Pine Cone party, the Academians, and the лучшая вечеринка have been debating topics that the students came up with themselves. Each candidate has chosen a party to run with. Good luck to those candidates!

By, August Yeager



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The Voyagers are settled in, and having a great week, even the puppet Chompers! The theme for now is government. The Voyagers have interviewed three people, most recently Andy Walker the city manager, but they've also interviewed Autumn Vogel, a city council member and Kimberly Mourer, a representative from the Meadville sewer authority. We also got to learn about gerrymandering and play a gerrymandering game. Soon we'll be having a class election.

In math the Quarentiners are doing some fraction work. The Bubble Guppies are doing positives and negatives, and the Die Mens are doing equations, identities, and coordinates.

In writing workshop, we just finished roots, prefixes and suffixes. Now we are making a variety of things that help people remember spelling rules. Some people are making Scratch games, and some people are doing other things. Rose and Reverie are doing a song, three games, a video, and a written portion. This week is a Prodigy/Khan Academy week. Graham and Cole are very excited to play some more. The other weeks we do writing during our independent time, and some Voyagers like that more, but we all like both. We hope not to go remote any time soon, and we hope to get out of this pandemic soon!

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