

Upcoming Dates...

Port Farms Family  
Trip September  
23<sup>rd</sup>.

Letter Writing  
October 12<sup>th</sup>.

Special Person's  
Day October 13<sup>th</sup>.



*Introducing our first Voyager-  
composed newsletter!*



*We were so excited to find a  
praying mantis at recess!*



The Novices had an exciting two weeks at The Learning Center! Sarah, one of the Novice teachers, described what the students were doing in math and in theme. In math, the class is starting off with patterns, sorting and motor skills. In the mornings, the Novices are doing number sentences, and using a magic purple bag that they pull names out from. When Novices' names are pulled, the students introduce themselves. This is meant for new novices to describe themselves to their classmates. In theme, as is the case with the rest of the school, the first theme is community, with Meadville as a community. The Novices made a map of Meadville this week. The map encompassed a wide area including the police station, the fire station, and Allegheny College.

Connell, one of the novices, said that his favorite activity in math was doing the patterns. He knew about the fire stations and the police stations and was able to locate them on the map. He stated that he enjoys math and is excited about recess and more games.

Leah, another of the novices, likes the number sentences at the start of the day. She recalled that Allegheny College is on the map of Meadville that the novices created. Leah said that she liked math. When asked what she was excited for, she said that it was good when the students got to pick who does the calendar pattern.

Overall, it sounds like the Novices had a great two weeks and look forward to more in the future. - Ian Foreman

This week in the Players Room has been very exciting. They have finished their map of the important places in Pennsylvania, and have been talking about the American Revolution, and how Philadelphia was the first capital. Student Nolan Dunkle explained, "We are learning stuff about the country being created, and the Minutemen." Theme in the Players Room has been very interesting.



In math, they have been reviewing place value through playing math games. In reading, the Players have gotten into their first reading groups of the year, and chosen their first books. They are looking forward to learning all the things that Emily and Taylor are going to teach them.

- Amelia Crowley



It's been a busy week in the Apprentice room! What with meeting old friends, making new ones, and getting into the general Learning Center vibe it's surprising they had time for lunch! The Apprentices have been working with the first theme of Community by making collages of the fifty states. They have just a few more to go!



In math they've split up into their first three math groups. So far all of them have been working not only with fractions but with new teachers! When not meeting with Dan for math, students have gone to either Delaney or Andy, our resident Allegheny student, for games and activities to practice number facts and problem-solving. The Apprentices have also been getting to know each other by creating a crossword puzzle with their names. The students are being challenged...but loving it!

In literacy the students have been researching recent events and planning newscasts around it. They can't wait to see how they turn out! For writing they've been finishing up the classroom constitution and doing their best work writing. Some students are even making their own dictionary! It's been an exciting week in the Apprentice room and we can't wait for more! - Max Yeager

The Voyagers are having a great time transitioning to middle school. We have had a very full first two weeks. We did math baselines, reading baselines, and writing baselines! We are also working on calligraphy and we are also learning about different types of maps and we decided to make a giant dymaxion map and we're folding it up into a 3D globe. We also started literacy and math. In math we are making a "math manual" to put in the back of our math binders for reference.

Our new ( and very awesome ) teacher Chris is teaching us how to do batik, which is where you paint a picture with wax onto fabric and dip it in dye and the final product is pretty cool. Chris is also teaching us Shibori which is a Japanese art where you wrap any object in fabric then dip the fabric in dye or you could sew a design on to the fabric. The type of dye we use is called Indigo dye. Chris likes to use this often because it's better for the environment.

All of the Voyagers are very excited to learn so much more next week!!!!  
-Molly Carswell