

The Learning Center Newsletter: Voyager Edition

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Novices

The Novices have been learning about animal hibernation, migration, and adaptation in Theme. They experimented with oil and water to see how the animals in the Arctic can survive in the cold water. They are going to apply what they have learned to determine an animal's ecosystem.

In art class, the Novices used their feet to make paintings. They used their toes to hold paint brushes as they created wonderful works of art. "It felt weird and it tickled," Camden Pierce said.

In drama class, the Novices have been making a song with the Players about the new school building.

In math, the older Novices have been doing logic puzzles and addition and subtraction with money. The younger students have been working on addition and subtraction story problems.

Reporting by Nolan Dunkle



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Players

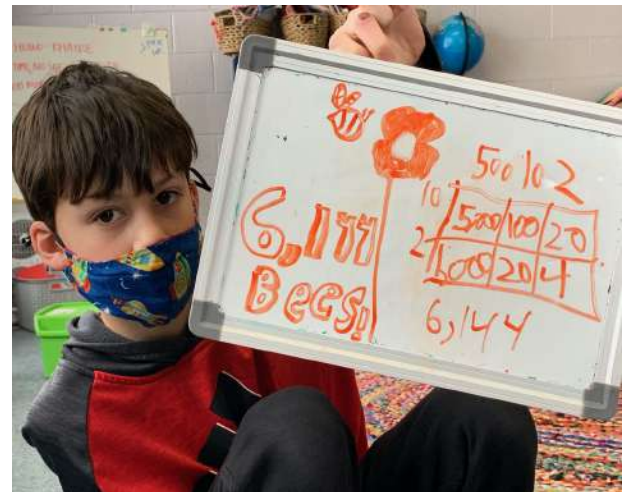
This week, the Players are finishing up their subtraction and addition unit in math! The five reading groups are reading *Nate the Great*, *The Witches*, *The Boxcar Children*, *The BFG*, and a *Biography of George Washington*. In Writing Workshop class they are learning about idioms, metaphors, similes, and hyperboles.

For Wacky Wednesday the Players learned about trees and how they age. The distance learners even made trees in art class!

“This week we blew paint out of straws to make trees and made cardinals sitting in the trees,” Genevieve said. “It was very fun!” The in-class learners made stamps to create pop-art!

In Theme class they are learning about Native Americans and their house construction methods, and how they used rope to lash sticks together. Today the Players learned how the Native Americans made bricks for their houses, and made bricks themselves, too!

Reporting by Maddy Mehler



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Apprentices

We had a four and a half day weekend, but the Apprentices got right to work like busy bees when they came back. In Literacy, there are four groups that are reading the following books: Stone Fox, Bridge to Terabithia, The Tale of Despereaux, and Tuck Everlasting.

The Apprentices have three math groups. The Math-matics group is working with decimals. The French Fries are working with division, and the Smart Cookies are working with fractions. The Smart Cookies are going to take a test on fractions soon.

In Theme the Apprentices started a new subject: economics. They began by looking at currency from different countries. They also set up a barter and trade system.

In drama class they are being dramatic and designing a set for the Glass Menagerie. The Apprentices are good at being dramatic. In French they are giving descriptions of people.

That is what the Apprentices have been doing. That is all for now, folks. Until next week!

Reporting from Landon in the Voyager Room.



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Voyagers

This short week flew by in the Voyager room! In math, the Die Mense group has been looking at methods of division and factoring to apply them to polynomials. While the Bubble Guppies have been practicing Algebra by illustrating variables with blocks. The Quarantiners have been making mystery pictures for each other using ordered pairs on coordinate planes.

In theme, the Voyagers have started a new topic: the Silk Road. They began by looking at the geography of the Silk Road and researching what the terrain was like for the people traveling on it.

This week some of the Voyagers gave presentations on topics that they researched for their transformative change essay project. Other students have been making poetry chapbooks. Their chapbooks included 6-8 poems they wrote.

In literacy, one group started to share their final projects. The group that read *Red Scarf Girl* shared their projects on Thursday. The students created a timeline of communism throughout China's history, made a short documentary about the book, and simulated an exhibit from the book. On Friday they had an online interview with Ji-li Jiang, the author of *Red Scarf Girl*. They watched a documentary she made, and asked her questions about her experiences during the Cultural Revolution in China.

Reporting by Agatha Crowley

