

## OLSS 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter Newsletter

In Pre-k they have been learning about number and letter recognition, patterns, following directions, weekly science experiments, rhyming, and being kind to each other.

Pre-K

Ms. Pouncey's kindergarten class had a great start to the school year. They have done many activities such as making pumpkin pudding and butter. Also, they planted grass seed and watched it grow. The kindergarteners really enjoyed all their specials, especially art. They made turkeys and polar bears along with other crafts.

Kindergarten (Ms. Pouncey)

Kindergarten has recently been doing fun projects with Ms. Shaw. In art class they made turkeys and polar bear models. They also did science experiments. They love having centers at school and going to see each one. The top thing on their list is recess.

Kindergarten (Ms. Shaw)

First grade has recently been preparing for Thanksgiving. The students put together paper bag turkeys and stuffed them with newspapers. They also decorated paper crowns printed with turkeys on them and the words "Happy Thanksgiving." In class, they have been practicing sight words, working on words that begin and end with "blends," and doing more independent reading. They have also been practicing the word "perseverance" which they know means to try again and again and not succumb to defeat. For math they have been practicing doubles facts and writing addition sentences. This is just the beginning for 1<sup>st</sup> grade! They are ready to *persevere* through the rest of the year and experience new activities.

1<sup>st</sup> grade

In 2<sup>nd</sup> grade we are learning about adding 2- digit numbers and converting dimes to pennies. We are also learning about different animal groups (reptiles, mammals, etc.) We are learning about First Communion as well.

2<sup>nd</sup> Grade

In Ms. Quade's 3<sup>rd</sup> grade class this year, they have done activities and projects. In science they learned about the continents and habitats. During recess the students enjoy playing 4 square and Frisbee. They also designed their own monsters and presented them to the class.

3<sup>rd</sup> Grade

During the first quarter, we were coming in from recess and saw a black snake slither across the sidewalk. In science class, we had 2 specific projects that we had a lot of fun doing. The first is a mold experiment where we let bread sit out for 15 days and the second was an animal adaptation diorama. Overall, we have had a fun start to our 4<sup>th</sup> grade year.

4<sup>th</sup> Grade

During the first quarter of 5<sup>th</sup> grade, we mostly did science. In science we made a plan on how to save the environment and got to use the computer lab. We are doing class dojo. Class dojo is a point earning system. We can earn things like the prize box for 25 points and a stuffed animal for 30 points. That's most of what we did.

5<sup>th</sup> Grade

This is what we were doing in the first quarter of 6<sup>th</sup> grade. In Math we learned about angles, how to multiply and divide fractions, and one other thing we learned about were reciprocals. For ELA we learned a lot of things. We learned about vocabulary, appositives, and nouns as subjects. In Literature, we read stories that fit the topic of growing and changing. With that we watched Inside-out. In social studies we learned about the Ancient Assyrians, Babylonians, and Jews. In science we learned about Earth's structure. The spheres of Earth and the layers of Earth from the crust to the mantle. In Religion we learned about 10 commandments: especially about the first one. We also learned about the different types of prayer.

6<sup>th</sup> Grade

In 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Math we have a problem set every night which is 30 questions. For social studies we are making our own colony where we make our own flag, map and more. In Religion we get 3 or 4 worksheets to do every week. In ELA we do a spelling pre-test every week and if we get an A we don't have to take the test or do 5x each. We also get a spelling packet every week. We get 1 week to do the vocab worksheet and 1 to study the test. In Literature we read a story and do some questions for it. Then we have an open-book test. In Science we do an outline of a chapter, do the reviews, do a lab, and then have a test. We have a book report every month. When we finish a book we usually watch the movie for it.

7<sup>th</sup> Grade

This year 8<sup>th</sup> grade has participated in many activities. Most recently, we changed the missalettes for the new liturgical year in the church. We also planted a garden early in the year and recently returned to pick apples and potatoes that had sprouted. Like other classes we attended the assembly in honor of local fire/rescue workers and law enforcement. During the assembly the student council president, Lyla Bailey, presented them with the items collected by all the students. The 8<sup>th</sup> grade also participated in school fundraisers and events such as Hobbit Day, the fall Bazaar, the bake sale for the OLSS basketball teams, and S'mores and stories. Now we are looking forward to the Turkey Trot and knight for a Day at St. Mary's Ryken High School.

8<sup>th</sup> Grade

The first quarter has provided a lot of work for the OLSS treasurer. Our first tag day alone earned over \$925! The treasury department will continue its duties and provide donations to charitable foundations throughout Maryland.

Treasury