

PowerUP! News

North Missouri Center for Youth and Families

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Surveys

Earlier this week you received an email with a survey link to evaluate our program. Each year we ask parents to complete the survey. This is a requirement of our 21st Century Learning Grant that funds our program. Because of this funding we are able to keep our fees for afterschool care lower than some competing programs. We appreciate your willingness to support our program and completing the survey will be tremendously beneficial to the program.

If you would prefer a paper copy of the survey, please let Amanda know when you pick up your child. You can fill them out and return them to us in an envelope we will provide to you.

Take home parent/student activity

Due to COVID, we were unable to host any parent/student activity nights. In place of the activity night, we have put together a take home bag with parent/student activities. You will receive the bags next week. When you complete the activity with your child, if possible, we would like for you to tag us on FACEBOOK with a picture of your completed activity. More detailed instructions will be included with the take home activity bag.

News from our classroom activities!

Miss Nicole—Art Class: In art we kept our travels around the world going. We finished up our time in Africa making zebras, painting an African sunset, and giraffe headbands. Then we made some Valentine's Day art projects. We made heart fish, pop up heart cards, and heart puppies. We played several games on our PE days. We played musical chairs, did dance and exercise videos, duck, duck goose, whiffle ball hockey, and dodgeball. We also took advantage of the extra nice weather we had and spent some days playing outside. We spent food Friday's learning about meal time manners, and 3D cookie art. After Africa we traveled to Mexico! We made sombreros and listened to music by Mariachi Bands and learned a few Spanish words. In March we are going to continue our travels in Mexico and make a stop in Ireland to celebrate St. Patrick's Day.

Miss Amy—STEM: Last month, we read a story about a groundhog. Then we designed and created a burrow for the groundhog from different materials. We created a Heart Marble Maze and a standing heart from Legos. We read a book called, "Tar Beach" by Faith Ringgold. Students designed skyscrapers from construction paper to make the city

Dates to Remember!

- Spring Break: Chillicothe R-II Schools will be closed April 1st – 6th for Spring Break. PowerUP! will be open on April 1st, 5th and 6th from 7:30 am -6:00 pm. ****POWERUP! WILL BE CLOSED ON FRIDAY, APRIL 2 FOR SPRING BREAK FOR STAFF. We will only be closed on the 2nd.**
- Please complete the parent surveys by March 31 at 5:00

that was described in the book. We read the book called, "The Great Paper Caper" by Oliver Jeffers. Students created different types of planes and tested them out.

In March, we will be reading and doing Dr. Seuss Stem Challenges to celebrate his birthday! We will read each book first, make a plan, and create the Stem Challenges.

Miss Carla—Learning Center Academics: Good Afternoon, just a brief note about February's activities in the Learning Center. This month the Kindergarten have been doing a unit on Giraffes, I included, Reading Giraffes Can't Dance, writing, "What can you do that you love? Social Emotional skills" things we can't do yet". Throughout the story, we identified sight words that we know. My students say they can't read, but they know a lot of sight words. We continue to practice sight words daily and counting activities to 100.

The 2nd graders have continued to read 15 minutes a day or listen to storyline. If I have not initialed each students paper feel comfortable knowing they have met this requirement for school. They also made valentines cards and participated in the Giraffe Unit. Students have worked on Reflex Math to be up to date with lessons the teacher is teaching.

The 4th, 5th, and 6th grade students have been working hard to do all lessons on Zearn Math for school. Denise and I work with all the students, so we all can get comfortable with the Zearn Math. We are trying to bring all students up to date on lessons. We will continue to do word searches, flash cards, computer games about math to improve multiplication and division skills. The older students have completed the Giraffe Unit learning facts. These students have voted to continue learning about animals. At this time we are we are doing surveys with each child.

Miss Denise—Learning Center Academics: February flew by so fast and is behind us all now. The learning center has been very busy keeping up with all schoolwork assignments and homework packets. The 4th and 5th graders have been doing a lot of their math lessons on Zearn to catch them up. The fun animal unit we did this month was on giraffes. We watched 2 educational videos about giraffes and they played a question quiz game to review what they learned about giraffes. I read the book Giraffes Can't Dance which is the cutest book about a giraffe named Gerald. The giraffe can't dance like the rest of the jungle animals, but he finds his own music to dance to and finds out he can dance in his own unique way. The book is teaching about how we are all different, and we have to accept others because they are special in their own unique way. The students then created their own Gerald giraffe dancing picture and these turned out really cute! They wrote about how "We all can dance when we find the right music we love...what you can do that you love?" Each student wrote 3 things they love to do and illustrated it. These are all displayed on our big PowerUP wall for all to see.

We also completed a one day unit on a full day on zebras. Again 3 short educational videos were shared and a question game was played. I read What if Zebras Lost their Stripes. The morale of this story was how we are all different and must accept each other. We made valentine zebras to hang up on learning center doors. The kids seem to enjoy our animal units and the fun things we all learn about each animal. I think we are all ready for spring and some sunshiny warm weather.

Sign up for Remind

Please make sure you are signed up for the Remind text so that if we need to close for severe weather. Sign up for remind by text @powerup181 to 81010.

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