

PCA Notes– 11/4/15

K:

Kindergarten just took a trip to Schmitts farm in Melville. We are studying pumpkin cycles. We are working on scientific writing in writers workshop. We are focusing on fall objects and their characteristics. We are immersing our students in emergent texts to begin to develop early reading skills.

1st:

Readers' Workshop – First graders just finished our Readers Build Good Habits unit of study and are now continuing strategies learned in our new unit of study, Being Word Detectives.

Writers' Workshop – First graders just finished our Small Moments unit of study and have now begun our How-To-Books unit of study.

Math in Focus – First Graders are engaged in math fact fluency and number stories.

Social Studies – Communities – people of a school community and needs and wants of people in a school community

Science – First graders are currently in our Weather unit of study

Recent Class Trips: Sea Cliff Pumpkin Patch and The Nassau B.O.C.E.S. Outdoor Education Center at the Brookville site and participated in the Colonial Long Ago program. Students visited a log cabin, made candles, made a fire poker at a blacksmithing shop.

2nd:

Second grade is reading fiction books and thinking about strategies to use when words are tricky.

In math they are learning about subtraction and how to regroup.

In social studies they are learning about their local community, Sea Cliff. This week we went and visited the Sea Cliff mayor at town Hall.

3rd:

Third graders have started their interdisciplinary study on Brazil. The focus will be on the connection between global issues and the effects on animals in the rainforest. We visited the Nassau County Museum of Art in Roslyn. The collection we viewed was called "The Moderns". Students enjoyed opportunities to discuss art, sketch art and create art

4th:

Fourth has been busy working on their realistic fiction stories based on a small moment in their lives.

They are excited about creating character bags to teach others about character traits in their independent reading.

The students spent a day with Tipi Ted and learned about Native American life. They are looking forward to a trip to Garvies Point!

5th:

Math– +/– decimals

Reading/writing– finishing up narrative, studying theme, writing up our first book clubs...going to start informational reading/ writing in the next few weeks

SS– studying ancient civilizations...inca, maya, Aztec

MUSIC:

Winter Concert is coming up on December 9th.

The Sea Cliff Singers have auditioned to perform at the Barclay's Center during the intermission of an Islander Game.

PE:

The National Circus Project came to Sea Cliff Elementary School for a week-long event that developed circus skills along with fitness, balance and self esteem. The circus program culminated with an in-school "student" circus performance featuring Sea Cliff fifth graders. Many thanks to the Sea Cliff PCA for coordinating and sponsoring this program.

In the month of November we will be teaching volleyball & newcomb to grades 3-5 and throwing catching skills and net games to our k-2 students.

Art

K- Just finished exploring primary and secondary colors. We will be working on Symmetry as well as the start of our Ceramics unit.

1-First graders are beginning an Eric Carle collage unit of study where we will be learning about storytelling through art.

2- Second graders have been working on using symbolism when creating their artwork.

3- Third graders just visited the Nassau County Museum of Art and had an amazing experience there. They were engaged in many activities that promote visual literacy. Thank you to the PCA for sponsoring it! We have been learning about how to use Art as a way to focus and relax ourselves. They are also finishing up their Observational Drawings.

4- Students are working on Small Moments. They learned about depth and created a Collage to illustrate their Small Moment Memory.

5- 5th graders created Collographic prints. They built their printing plate and will be involved in the printmaking process.

Art Club for 4th and 5th graders just started and we are creating art for the winter concert.

Our first Elementary Art Exhibit will be in November. Students who will have work on exhibit will receive a letter.