

Ross University School
of Veterinary Medicine
**Preparatory
School**



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Newsletter



Daycare/Preschool

For the month of November we have been enjoying have Art and Spanish classes in the Art Room. We have been learning how to communicate, wait our turns and share. We enjoyed celebrating Thanksgiving and we are thankful for our friends and teachers. We made turkey hats, for the celebration. We have been getting into the Christmas spirit by playing Christmas songs and singing. The children also have been able to play in the sand pen now that the shade covers are back up. This allows them to experience different textures and use different toys and have new interactions. We continue to work on social and emotional skills in the classroom.



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Preschool 2

As Preschool 2 continues to learn about trees, we have gone on nature walks, collected sticks and leaves, had a fruit tasting as we learned about what food comes from trees, who lives in trees, and who takes care of trees. Our unit is soon coming to an end. Preschool 2 will be going to Reggae Beach farm to learn and observe what we have learned thus far.

We are thankful for our family and friends who came to our Thanksgiving luncheon, the children were happy to share lunch with you. Preschool 2 would like to invite you for our Christmas reading in December, families are welcome to come and read to the students during our reading time. Please see our sign-up sheet outside of our classroom.

Pre-Kindergarten/Kindergarten

November was filled with lots of exciting new discoveries. Both classes had a blast learning about flowers and plants. We also learned the simple recipe for making a plant grow, a sprinkle of sunshine, a dash of water, a big scoop of soil. The bunnies were even able to identify the parts of a plant.

The PreK's has been having a blast with words that tell us where something is (located) like, above, below, to the side, inside and outside. We also got silly with our syllables like b/oo/k (book), top, but/ter/fly.

PreK also had lots of fun in Math. We have mastered counting to 20 as well as identifying what their numerals look like.

The Kindergarteners are reading even more simple sentences in their readers and are building basic three and few four letter words. Hurray. We love to read our mini stories from our Trucktown Readers, and creating our own images from our Big Book stories. Adjectives of size and color made each lesson interesting, as the students were able to describe things and people around them. Nouns, too, make things super interesting as we identify nouns that tell of person, places, animals, and things.

K has also been identifying, reading, writing and using the plus sign (+) and the equal to sign (=).

First and Second Grades

November has been a busy month for our friends in Grade 1 and 2!

Writer's Workshop is in full swing and we are now experts on "How To" (Procedural) Writing. We have had a lot of fun bringing real life experiences into the classroom and writing about them. We wrote about "How to Make S'Mores", "How to Make Hot Chocolate" and "How to Make Oatmeal Cookies". It was a really delicious writing unit, and I'm so proud of my class for their hard work on all of their writing pieces.

We also began a "Perfect Paragraph" writing unit and expanding our abilities to follow the entire writing process.

Students are learning how to plan, draft, edit, revise and publish their work!

In Math, Grade 1 students have begun a new topic; Adding and Subtracting Numbers to 20. We are learning new "tricks" to make the numbers easier to work with in our heads. These strategies help us develop number sense and mental math skills. Grade 2 students are also learning addition strategies in their new topic; Add Two-Digit Numbers. We have learned to add on a hundreds chart, an open number line, break apart numbers and compensation. So far our favorite trick is "compensation". Ask your child to show you how to add 2-digit numbers using the compensation method.

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Third and Fourth Grades

We are currently reading *The Sign of the Beaver* and discussing the book. Students are completing chapter summaries and other activities related to the book. We are also learning how to become better at interacting with our text so that we can get the most out of whatever we read. As some of you may be aware that in Social Studies we are learning the regions of the United States and the locations of the 50 states by touring the US in a 'class B camper van'...soon much fun!! We are making virtual stops in different states and learning a little about those states as we go.

Parents, please remind students to bring in completed and neat homework and to keep up with their text and notebooks at all times. Books are expected to be available for use when the class is in session but a few students have been forgetting to bring books to class.

Christmas is soon up on us and we are leaving "gobble, gobble" for Ho! Ho! Ho! Season, lets all remember those who are less fortunate and try to help anyway we can.

Fifth, Sixth, Seventh, and Eighth Grades (Middle School 5-8)

Middle School:

The 5/6 class has been exploring the geography of Europe and studying the Middle Ages. During our studies we made stained-glass designs and Coats of Armor. In Language Arts, we will continue to explore the Parts of Speech and vocabulary skills. Our literary selections include excerpts from *Beowulf*, Norse Mythology, Arthurian Legend, and *The Adventures of Robin Hood*. Our novel study will be *Catherine Called Birdy*.

The 7/8 class has been studying World War I, the Roaring Twenties, and the Great Depression. Our literary selections include poems of WWI, *To Kill a Mockingbird* and *Of Mice and Men*. Also in Language Arts, students continue to review the Parts of Speech, vocabulary skills, and essay format. The class met for a sushi dinner and went on a field trip to the Royal St. Kitts Golf Course.

Throughout the month of November the 5th and 6th grade class had a lot to be thankful for! We started two new topics in math. In grade 5 we learned how to multiply decimals by powers of 10, multiply whole numbers and decimals as well as how to multiply two decimals. The grade 6 students worked on rational numbers. Learning about integers, comparing and ordering rational numbers and absolute value. In science class, we are finished up our textbook on "Sound and Light" and have moved onto our Earth science topic of "Inside Earth", where we are learning about the Earth's structure; drifting continents and plate tectonics.

Upcoming Events:

December 8
Holidays Around the
World

December 14
Holiday Celebrations/
Last Day before Winter
Break

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