**PTA Meeting Faculty Reports**

**Kindergarten**

The Kindergarten students have transitioned beautifully into school. We are enjoying making new friends and learning the rules and routines at school. We are completing a thematic unit on Nursery Rhymes to increase our rhyming skills. In math we are learning to read, count and write numbers 0-5.

**First**

The first grade classes started off the year with interactive read alouds about going to school and making new friends. They have enjoyed sharing about their summer vacations, their families and playing various “getting to know you” games. Each morning, they have participated in interactive writing with the morning message. In math, the students are reviewing the foundations of addition using counters and number lines.

**Second**

Second grade is learning about marine life in preparation for our exciting trip to the beach! In math, we are learning various addition and subtraction strategies. Writing workshop has also begun! We learned that the best type of stories are written from your heart, so we are writing personal narratives about special moments from our lives.

**Third**

The third grade is off to an amazing start! Readers and Writers workshop is developing nicely! In math we are completing our unit on Understanding Multiplication and Division of Whole Numbers. We will be starting our multiplication logs very soon. We also finished our first class novel The Hundred Dresses. In Social Studies we are beginning our unit on Map Skills.

**Fourth**

The 4th graders have been diving into realistic fiction. They are enjoying the read aloud - Because of Winn-Dixie as they learn about characters, setting and major plot events. They are also learning more about place value and honing their number sense. In Social Studies, they are learning all about the wonderful geographic features of New York!

**Fifth**

Fifth grade has had a great start to the year exploring place value in math with whole numbers and decimals. Students have started the narrative writing unit and are learning all about the story arc diagram. They are discussing the importance of our Constitution and will be learning about our government. In science, they are designing their science notebooks and discussing how scientists use models and experiments to answer questions.

**Sixth**

The students are adjusting well to the rigor of 6th grade and being the new leaders of Camp Avenue School. They are busy working on writing their Personal Narratives, as well as learning more about the Realistic Fiction genre and story elements that go along with it. In math, the students are reviewing operations with decimals and learning about positive and negative integers. In social studies, the studies are exploring early man and hunters and gathers. Finally, in science the students have built teamwork skills through STEM activities, learning about the Scientific Method and exploring Newton's Laws.

**Art**

Grade 2-6 are creating personal sketchbooks that they will use throughout the year for creative expression and drawing practice.

Grade 1 and Kindergarten are learning about the color wheel and line in their art room projects.

**P.E**

In PE we have started off our year going over our daily routines for all grade levels.

Additionally, Kindergarten through 2nd grade have been engaged in Movement Exploration with Bean Bags & learning about Tag Games. Grade3-6 are working on Football skills.

**Music**

K- is learning how to use their voice and how to sing in an echo.

1- is learning how music can sound high and low and its musical terminology.

2- is learning how music can sound fast and slow and its musical terminology.

3- are applying various rhythmic patterns we learned last year into a song using rhythm sticks.

4-6- are reviewing musical concepts such as music notation, rhythm and terms from the previous year.

**Library**

Welcome back to the Library! This month in the lower grades we have been concentrating on Library manners as well as the difference between fiction and non-fiction. Discussions on favorite genres with a fun Dewey Decimal System scavenger hunt sparked interest in the upper grades. Stay tuned for the weeks to come where we will be celebrating Hispanic Heritage Month!!!!