

Maple Lane Gazette

From Dodd's Desk...

Maple Lane Families,

Spring is underway and our students have been enjoying this great weather! April brought many fun activities at Maple Lane, while learning and instruction continued at a maximum. During the month of April, field trips included bowling and the Warren City pool. We also enjoyed other events like dance class with Ms. Peggy. These were awesome rewards for all of our students' hard work!

Mr. Dodd Award winners for the month of April included Quintin from R13, Aaron from R5 and Brody from R14. Mr. Dodd's Good Citizenship Award recognizes those students who have demonstrated an exemplary ability follow our STAR rules (Safety, Try your best, Act Responsibly, Respect). Students have their choice of McDonald's lunch or shooting hoops in the gym. Congratulations to our April winners!

I want to take a moment to thank all of the wonderful volunteers who donate their time to helping our students. These volunteers were honored at a breakfast on April 25 at the Macomb Intermediate School District main building located on Garfield. The breakfast included student performers from Lutz School and acknowledgement from our Board of Education. Our program would not run as successfully without our incredible volunteers – so thank you!

Last week, we said farewell to our wonderful building operator Mr. Michael Houbeck who begins his retirement journey. He worked at Maple Lane for 42 years! He took pride in beautifying Maple Lane. Mr. Mike made it his mission to incorporate student success into his daily routine. He will be missed! Best wishes, Mr. Mike!

The online state assessment has begun. The test is called the Michigan Student Test of Educational Progress (M-STEP) and is given online to measure current student knowledge. The M-STEP assesses student learning on Michigan's standards in mathematics, English language arts (ELA), science and social studies. Results will help us identify areas where we can improve instruction and learning. We are asking for your help to ensure your child is prepared for this online assessment series. Encourage your child to approach the M-STEP with a positive attitude. Also, please make sure your child gets plenty of rest the night before, has a good breakfast and comes to school on time each day. We wish our students the best of luck during testing.

Enjoy this beautiful weather!

Sincerely,

Jack Dodd, Ed.S.
Principal



R2

This month we read about an eight year old wheelchair racer who participated in the New York Road Runners Youth wheelchair training program. At weekly practices his coaches taught him techniques for going fast, slowing down, turning and stopping. He won his first big race last November. "When something seems hard, you have to keep trying." We asked our students what was a challenge for them, but with determination became better over time. Some responses were roller skating, skateboarding, riding a bike and riding a scooter.



Our class tied for first place on the door decorating contest for Reading Month. A pizza party celebration was awarded to us!

Classroom News!

R3

Spring finally has Sprung...We think!!? The students are certainly happy to be able to get outside, run and get some fresh air and sunshine. To celebrate spring, our class dyed eggs all different colors. Many of them had never dyed eggs before, so it was a wonderful experience for them. When asked why spring is special, our students had some great answers!

Jacob- " There is no more snow!!"

Darcy- " The birds are singing."

Kobe- "The sun shines more."

Ben- "Mama animals have baby animals."

Kyleigh- "The weather is warmer."

DJ- " Everyone LOVES spring!"

Landon- " "The flowers are blooming."

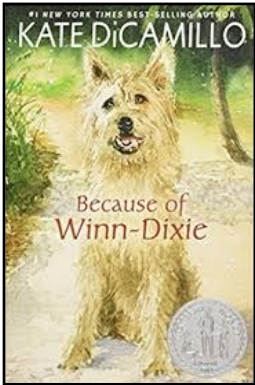
Alex- "You can play outside."

Dustin- " We will get recess."

I guess we can all agree that spring is a lovely time of year. When the sun is out and it is warmer. everyone is happier. All of us in Room 3 will continue working very hard to learn as much as we can before the end of the school year. As Pete the Cat says- " Birds are singing, the sky is bright. The sun is shining, I am feeling alright!"



R4



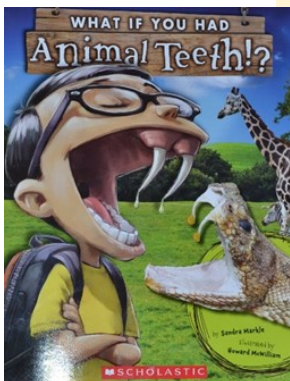
We have finished the book *Sadako and the Paper Cranes*. We identified important events from the story. We also read “Because of Winn Dixie”. The students really enjoyed the theme of friendship.

In science we studied land forms. The kids participated in making a volcano and watching it erupt.



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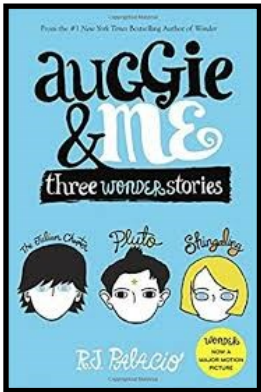
R5



April was a month of celebration for R-5 as we said farewell to our friend Lucas with special gifts and treats in honor of his full-time return to his local district. The class also enjoyed a pizza party as a reward for the door decorating contest. Thank you, Mr. Dodd! Our door featured the- What if you had ... (animal teeth, animal hair, animal nose, or animal ears) books. Each student picked a body part and created their face. So cute- Wait until they come home. They also wrote a little blurb about their special feature.

In Science and Social Studies we’re learning about “re-using, reducing and recycling” along with other creative ways to help improve Mother Nature. The class joined in on the Earth Day activities by cleaning up playground litter and planting and documenting the growth of our Mother’s Day seedlings!

R6



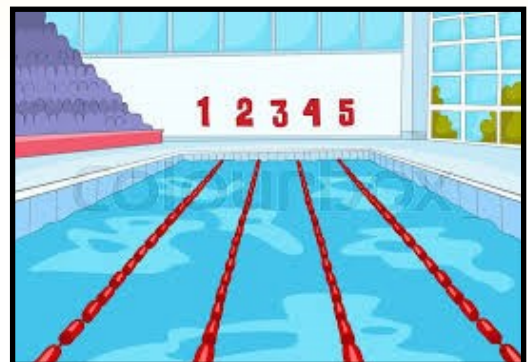
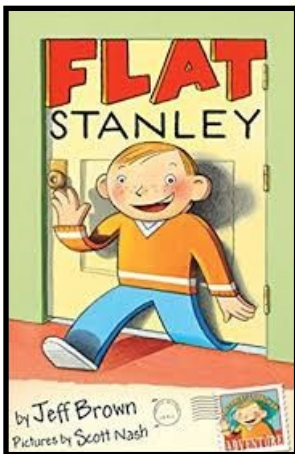
In R6 we are making flowers for Mother's Day since it's coming soon! Thanks to our amazing Teachers Ms. Sasek, Ms. Pierce, and Ms. Lori had the idea for some amazing flowers for our mothers. We have been being positive every day. We just finished our book called "Auggie & Me" and now we are reading "Ginger Pye". Due to the lovely weather, we have been doing outdoor recess since everyone has been following the S.T.A.R Rules, we deserve it. ❤️

-By: Adam Starks

Classroom News!

R7

In the month of April, Classroom 7 has been working on fractions and also multiplication facts in mathematics. Twice a week, we work on Moby Max to build our mathematics skills. We have had a lot of testing: M-Step and MI-Access, but we kept a positive attitude and are almost done! We enjoy reading Time for Kids. It is very relaxing and cool to read. We read Flat Stanley before and after going to the Macomb Center to see the production of Flat Stanley. Three students are integrated and doing very well at their local school. On Friday, April 20th, we went to the Warren City Pool and had a great time.

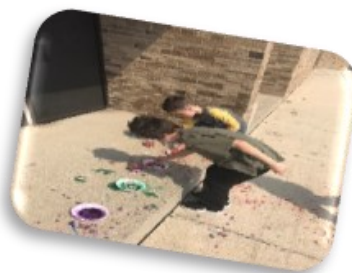


R10

Although the weather has not been to “springy”, we certainly celebrated Earth Day! We talked about the three R’s: Reduce, Reuse, and Recycle. We even came up with a way to make a bird feeder out of peanut butter, bird seed and paper towel toilet paper rolls!

We are really focusing on our writing by exploring nouns, verbs, & adjectives more! We were introduced to Vicky Verb; she is a writing action hero who is teaching us how to describe our nouns! We talked about cupcakes being delicious and animals that can be fierce! It’s fun to watch our sentences save the day!

We snuck in 2 Art projects to celebrate Earth Day! “Bubble Art” by reusing water bottles and netting from lemon and orange bags! We had so much fun, and the art turned out amazing! Then we made some mosaic Earth pieces to hang from the ceiling! Come on down and check it out!



Anybody recognize these R-10 super heros?



R13

April & May

Students have been working hard to complete their M-Step assessments this month. Fifth graders have already finished. This week our fourth graders will begin taking the test. Please make sure your child has eaten breakfast and is well rested in order to give their best effort on the test.

Also coming up in May:

There will be presentations by Rockwell for students who are moving up to 6th grade next year. (5/11)

Great Skate field trip (5/25)

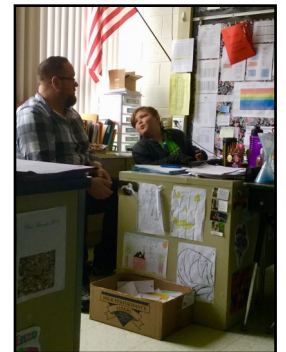
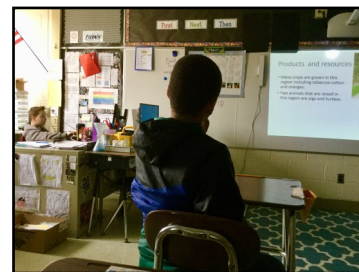
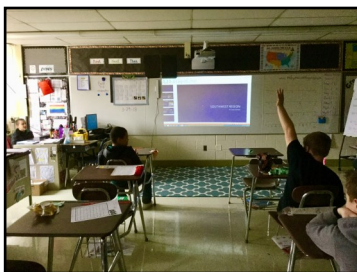
Memorial Day break (5/28)

IEP's will be held for students moving up to middle school. Please contact Mrs. Glappa if you aren't sure what day and time you are scheduled.

Other reminders:

As the weather gets warmer, please send your child to school in light weight clothing. Our school does not have air conditioning and the temperatures in the building will increase as the weather temperature does.

Students may bring water in a water bottle if they choose.



R14

Wow! I can't believe we only have two months left until summer. In R14, we have been busy finishing our unit on the solar system and starting our unit on Life Science. This week we dissected owl pellets. We have some real scientists in this class. It was amazing the bones we found.



In writing, we are working on our opinion pieces. We learned that not everyone has the same opinion and that it's okay. The students are enjoying expressing their thoughts on different subjects and feeling like their voices are being heard. In addition to our academics, we celebrated Earth Day on the 22nd. We went on to various websites to learn about how we can take care of our planet by simply doing little things each day. Students finished the unit by writing an Acrostic Poem to go with what they learned.

As we go into the next month, we will be busy wrapping up our year. Our 3rd and 4th graders will complete their portion of the M-STEP or MI-ACCESS. We will be finishing any units we are working and I'm sure having some wonderful recesses outside in this beautiful sunshine, that were finally getting.

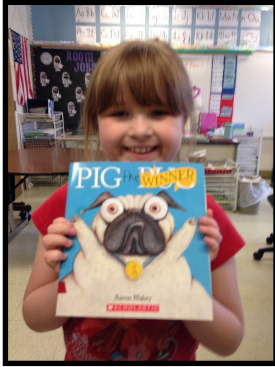
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Congratulations to Quintin* and Lucas who have gone back to their local schools full time!

We will miss you!

*pictured



Maple Lane Families—the students are really enjoying selecting books from our new ReadBox! Please make sure all books are returned by the end of each week.




UPCOMING EVENTS

May 28

No School, Memorial Day

June 15

Half day, Last Day!

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