



Maple Lane Gazette

From Dodd's Desk...

Hello Maple Lane Families!

February is almost here and it brings continued success for our students. The month of January flew by because of all the exciting educational and social activities that took place at Maple Lane. On January 19 and 26, students who exhibited safe behavior had the opportunity to bowl at Sterling Lanes. Our students had a blast! Many community members commented on how well-behaved our students are, making all of us at Maple Lane very proud! We also had dance class as well as therapy dogs and many other exciting enrichment activities.

While students were off for the Martin Luther King, Jr. holiday, our teachers and staff attended a professional development class to help us focus on instruction in the area of reading. In addition, we started the winter cycle of the NWEA assessment this past month. As a reminder, this is a computer test that students take three times per year. It allows us to monitor student growth and set learning goals. Using the results, our teachers will then adjust instruction accordingly.

You'll want to mark your calendar with a couple of upcoming dates. Our February break is Monday 2/19 and Tuesday 2/20, so there will be no school on these days. Our Family Fun Night is scheduled for Thursday, March 1 from 5:45-7:30. There will be a raffle as well as fun activities for the whole family. March 16 is another Professional Development day with no school for students; we'll continue our focus on reading instruction while also looking at data from the current mathematics curriculum we are using, Engage New York (Eureka Math).

Just a reminder to please dress students appropriately for the cold weather. If you need any assistance with winter attire please contact our social worker, Mrs. Stegall. We want all of our students to be prepared for frigid temperatures and some classes do continue to go outside, weather permitting. Have a terrific February! Please call the school if we can be of any assistance to the educational goals you have for your child.

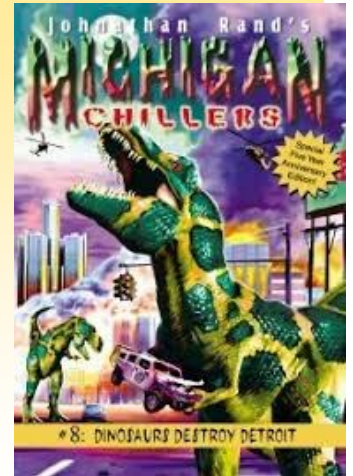
Sincerely,

Jack Dodd, Ed.S.



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Our classroom began reading a new series from the Michigan Chillers collection, "Dinosaurs Destroy Detroit." The characters travel back in time to 65 million years, where dinosaurs began running around the city of Detroit. The students learned about the different structures, and landmarks from our own state, including the Fisher Theater. In science, we were discovering the effects of air, water, and wind that creates erosion. Also, this month several of our student earned a special field trip to the cinema to see, "Ferdinand." After reading the book last month, the students enjoyed both book and movie equally as well.



Classroom News!

R3

Greetings from Room-3! We certainly hope that everyone is staying warm this January?! The students in Room 3 have been drinking a LOT of hot cocoa!! It has been a busy month in our classroom, as we have returned to our schedule after the holidays. Our students are making remarkable progress in many areas across the academic curriculum. This month, I thought it would be nice to highlight some of their achievements! So.... here goes:

Londyn- She has made the transition from writing in print to cursive beautifully

Jacob- He has made the transition from tracing to copying, with exquisite quality

Ben- He is using excellent spelling skills in all curriculum areas

Darcy- She has made improvements in her focus and completing

Dustin- He is making great strides in our math program, and is helping his peers understand the lessons!

Kyleigh- She is showing such a kind spirit towards her teachers and her peers

Alex- He is doing his best to understand and complete his math work.

Landon- He is showing consistency is doing quality work in all curriculum areas

Kobe- He is making excellent choices in being a good student and is working well in his groups

DJ- He has made a wonderful and positive transition to his new classroom.



R4

Student leaders for the month of January were:

January 8 - Jeremiah O.

January 15 - Ian G.

January 22 - Zachary D.

January 29 - D'Kin F.

Congratulations and fine job!



January has been busy, we are working hard on our math. We are learning double-digit multiplication. We have been doing our NWEA testing this month. Our room has put a lot of effort into these tests and we are proud of them. We are using the Snap and Read app on the iPads. The students really seem to enjoy using it and are being very patient as we all work together with this new and exciting app.

Classroom News!

R5

To start the New Year, R-5 took a look back in history to learn about Martin Luther King Jr. In honor of MLK day, the students made their own booklets and timeline pieces to recognize King's beliefs and better understand his role in history.



In math, we've moved into our measurements unit, and the students had some fun with a "ruler challenge," measuring everything from crayons to desks!

We're looking forward to learning about more interesting animals and their habitats in Scholastic News, and we can't wait to work up to a real game of volleyball in gym class!

Last but not least, we celebrated two birthdays this month. Happy birthday Matthew (Jan. 8) and Ms. Lillian (Jan.20).

R6

We are starting our unit on Informational Text (non-fiction) in both reading and writing. Our focus will be on using the text features as we read to predict and to enhance our comprehension as well as identifying the main idea and supporting details. We have been practicing looking back in the text to answer questions and identify the supporting details. Please encourage your students to do this when you are helping them with homework. This is helping us because we are trying to write with more details in our own writing.



We are continuing to practice having a Growth Mindset. Our saying for this month is, "Positive thoughts create positive feelings". We are talking about taking risks and accepting challenges and that it is part of learning to make mistakes.

In math, we have started learning about fractions and decimals as well as geometry and measurement. We are really working hard and trying our best! Keep up the great work with the extra practice at home.

Classroom News!

R7

Classroom 7 New Year's Resolutions

Jacob wants to make healthy choices.

Lou'Mar wants to work on making his mind and body stronger. He is going to work on learning new things and exercising. He wants to learn how to be a better cook.

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Alex wants to learn how to speak more words in Russian.

Elizabeth wants to work on speaking up and using her voice to make her requests known.

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Abby wants to work on keeping a positive attitude and a pleasant voice to ask for help.

Hunter wants to follow the rules at home and school so he can earn going to Warren City Pool with his family.

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William wants to work on using self-control when he is upset or frustrated. He also wants to work on beating his new video games at home.

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Trevor wants to learn how to mind his own business and take care of himself.

Caiden wants to work on using appropriate language at home and school. He also wants to work on respecting adults.

Reno wants to work on building his muscles by exercising so he has strong arms. He also wants to work on multiplication and division in mathematics.

R10

R10 came back from winter break ready to learn. In science we are studying different varieties of penguins. The students found the macaroni penguins the most unique. For Martin Luther King's birthday we used a brown egg and a white egg, looked at them, then cracked them. R10 came to the conclusion that we can be different on the outside but the same on the inside!



The students were able to see the movie Ferdinand, which gave them the inspiration to create a donut bulletin board and "sprinkle kindness throughout the school"!



Classroom News!

R13

We made it through the holiday break and transitioned back in to school without a hitch! Students jumped right into learning after enjoying a few weeks off. They started a Geometry unit in math. Please ask your students to tell you how many sides a quadrilateral or a hexagon has! We have been working our way up to identifying 10-sided polygons. Recently, students have been exploring area and perimeter. It would be beneficial (and fun) to find objects around the house and measure them for area and perimeter.

We also have some exciting things happening in science! Students are in the Life Science unit. They are discovering some very interesting plants. Your student can tell you about the poisonous black walnut tree. They can also tell you about tumbleweed. We discussed tumbleweed in our Life Science unit and again when it crossed curriculum into our social studies unit on the Southwest Region.

In a final note, please keep your eyes open for your child's report card and IEP progress updates. January 26th was the end of the marking period so they will be coming home soon.

GEOMETRY

R14

R14 has been busy doing work and participating in fun Friday activities.

In science we made a bouncing egg. We took a raw egg and added vinegar to make the shell dissolve. When the vinegar seeped inside of the egg, it made the membrane rubbery and the egg was able to bounce. The students had a great time learning about osmosis and watching their eggs change.



One of our enrichment activities this month was going to the MJR Theater to see Ferdinand. The kids enjoyed watching on the big screen while eating popcorn and pop. We also made cookies one day as a class and had a nice treat for snack.

In other news, we would like to wish Happy Birthday to Isaiah and also welcome our new student Liam. We are so excited to have him in our classroom.

For more info and to Register online: taiwanjonesspecialathletes.com

\$60 One Time Fee

Taiwan Jones Special Athletes Club

Sat. Feb3-Feb10-Feb17



Taiwan Jones
Former Michigan State and New York Jets Linebacker

This camp works with children with special needs to encourage physical fitness and skill development and of course a TON of FUN!

First 70 Kids To Sign Up Each Age Group

Age Group 1: 5-10 - Age Group 2: 11-14 - Age Group 3: 15+
Group 1: 9-11am - Group 2: 11-1pm - Group 3: 1-3pm

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UPCOMING EVENTS

February 14 - Count Day

February 19 & 20 - No School
Mid-Winter Break

March 16—No School
Staff Professional Development

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