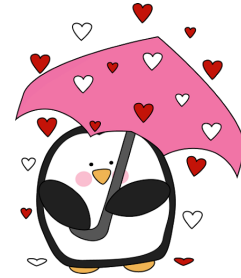




February 2020

Maple Lane Gazette

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Greetings Families! I want to start by reminding all of you about our Annual Family Night. This year's event will take place on Thursday, March 12 from 5:30 – 7 PM. We will be incorporating literacy into an Oscar-themed star-studded evening! Families will have the opportunity to take home a variety of books to share. In addition, we have many fun activities planned. These include: craft-making, a literacy game room, reading as a family and group photos. An enjoyable time will be had by all! Thank you to all of our staff and friends who will be volunteering their time to make our annual event a success.

April will be here before we know it. Just a reminder that our Spring Break will take place from April 6-10. April also marks the beginning of our state assessments. The MSTEP and MI-Access testing will take place for all 3rd, 4th and 5th graders. The specific test your child will take was determined at his or her annual IEP meeting; please contact your child's teacher if you have any questions. You may be wondering how you can help prepare for the spring testing cycle. It's important for students to have plenty of rest and eat a balanced, healthy diet. You can encourage your child that all we expect is for him or her to try his or her best. The testing will take place primarily on the computer, a format we found many students to prefer over the past couple of years. We are confident in continued student success!

March 13 will be a Professional Development day for staff, with no school for students. We will be working on practicing and modeling Language Arts lessons with the support of one of our English Language Arts Consultants, Bethany Tabacchi. Then, in the afternoon, we will be completing a book study on Restorative Practices. Restorative Practices involve looking at discipline from a more comprehensive and empathetic lens, rather than a punitive approach. Restorative Practices are meant to be more impactful on our students in terms of changing their behavior. It will be a great opportunity for our staff to collaborate.



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Spring conferences have been scheduled for April 16. You will receive more information about available times as this date gets closer. If you have any questions or concerns you'd like us to address before that, please just let us know. Thank you and enjoy the month March!

Jack Dodd, Ed.S.
Principal



IMPORTANT DATES

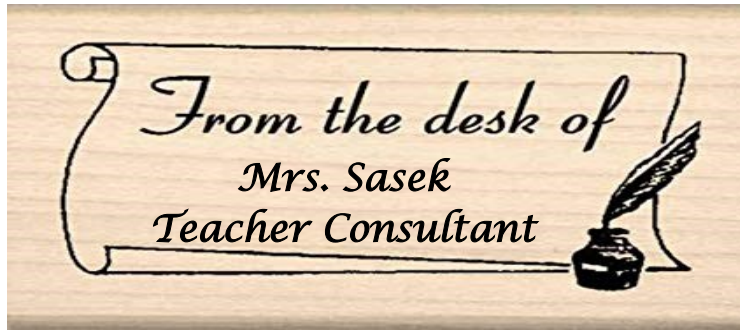
**Thursday March 12th Family Night
5:45 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.**

March 13th - No School

**April 16th - Conferences
3:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.**

April 6th through April 10th - Spring Break

**April 13th through April 17th - Book Fair
During school hours**



School Improvement News

*Each year, every school in the state of Michigan must create and submit a plan for continuous improvement. The plan address strategies to improve academic subjects (reading, math, writing), as well as strategies/resources to improve social emotional and behavior goals as well. At Maple Lane, we have decided to focus on the social emotional and behavior growth of our students because we understand that our students are not available to learn or access the academic curriculum and materials if their emotional needs are not being met. Our curriculum that we use to teach emotional regulation is called, *The Zones of Regulation*. Over the next few months, we will be sending out surveys for staff, students and parents to complete. We hope to gain insight into how well the program is working and what we can do to improve. Once the surveys are completed and results are totaled, they will be shared with you in future editions of our school newsletter. Your participation is appreciated!*

R2

In social studies, we did an ice, string and salt experiment. The salt melts a thin layer on top of ice cube and lowered the melting point of the ice. The water cooled down further and refroze around the string. We talked about why we use salt in the winter to prevent roads from getting icy.



We read about a hotel in Canada that looks like a fairy-tale castle. The whole hotel is made of ice, including the bed, and walls. You'll sleep very cozy in a sleeping bag the Artic explorers use. You can also build a snowman right next to your bed, because the floor consists of snow. The temperature



inside is 25 degrees. There's no electric outlets. So you can't watch TV or play video games. After a show of hands, it was unanimously decided that the kids do not want to stay in an ice hotel.

Last month we went over the safety guidelines during our therapy dog visit. We learned to never approach a dog without adult supervision. We continue to reinforce these precautions during these visits, so our children are taught to respect all animals in a calm and gentle behavior.

2 celebrated 100's Day by making a poster consisting of 100 pretzels, used for the trunk and branches. We also had the kid's finger print the assorted leaf colors. Each class poster is displayed along the hall.

Our school enjoyed a Valentine's Day dance in the gym. We ended our day passing out cards and treats.

In celebration of Black History Month, our class was assigned to represent Thurgood Marshall. He became the first African American to be appointed to the U.S. Supreme Court .



R3

Room 3 News

This month is flying by. Our learners have been busy learning about animals. We discussed how animals hibernate. Room 3 learned what animals need to do to get ready for hibernation.

We did an art project using coffee, so our room smelled like a Starbucks's.

We listened to several books on penguins, fiction and nonfiction. The students discussed the difference between an informational vs. made up book. We also did a very cute penguin art project. We also wrote facts about penguins in a writing assignment.



Room 3 celebrated Valentine's Day passing out Valentine's and went to the dance in the gym.

In Social Studies we have been learning about being responsible at school, home and in the community. We continue to learn about America and our famous symbols.

We are getting ready for March: reading month-Dr. Seuss, St. Patty's Day, and Spring.

R4



Mrs. Bonett

The students of R4 have been exploring the different states of matter. The students learned how to identify solids, liquids, and gases. They participated in a scientific experiment and learned how to make Oobleck. They had a great time learning about science! Here are few things our class enjoys about science:

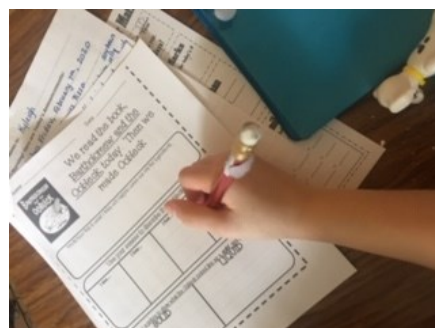
"My favorite thing about science is participating in experiments"- Mason

"I like making fun stuff!"- Kyleigh

"My favorite part about science is that one part is doing funs, but you are still learning!"- Jaxon

"Because we can see the particles of things when we use the microscopes."- Dominick

" I liked making the oobleck and making stuff." Des'Von



R5

In R5, we are excited to begin "March is Reading Month." We have been finding a lot of great books that interest us in class during D.E.A.R. (Drop Everything and Read) time; and we are expanding our classroom library every week! In science we have started learning about sound, vibrations and how sounds travel. In social studies we learned about some famous African Americans who changed history. In math the 3rd graders are building their multiplication skills and our 1st/2nd graders are getting used to fractions and measurement.

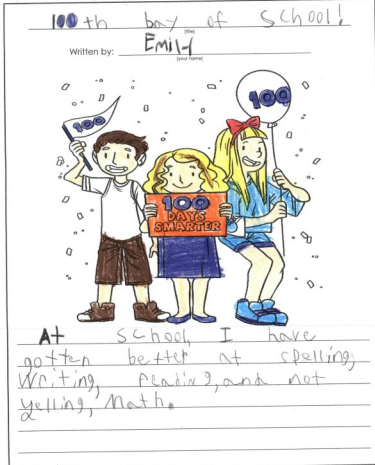
We are honing our cooking skills every Friday and are getting to be experts in using kitchen appliances. We have used a smoothie maker, a Ninja cooking system, an air fryer and a KitchenAid mixer, just to name a few. If you have a favorite recipe you would like to share with our class, please send it in with your student!

Here are some photos for you to enjoy!



R 6

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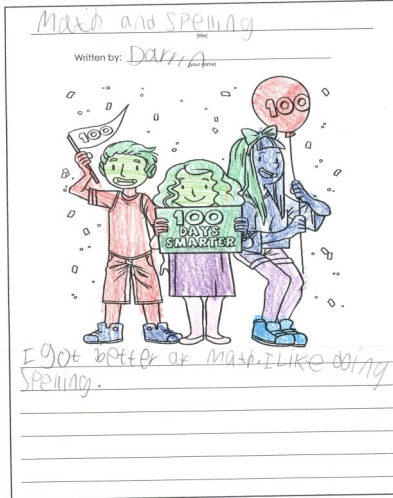
At school I have gotten better at spelling, writing, reading, and not yelling, math.

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Rosa Parks was born february 4, 1913. Rosa parks grandparents were slaves. Rosa parks lived on a farm. On december 1, 1955 she was arrested for refusing to give up her seat to a white passenger. Rosa parks was a seamstress. Rosa parks helped change the laws in america. Rosa parks became famous when she was sitting on a bus. Rosa parks was honored in 1966 by president bill clinton. Rosa parks went to school with all african american students. whites and blacks were forced to go to different school.

Darrin in Room 6

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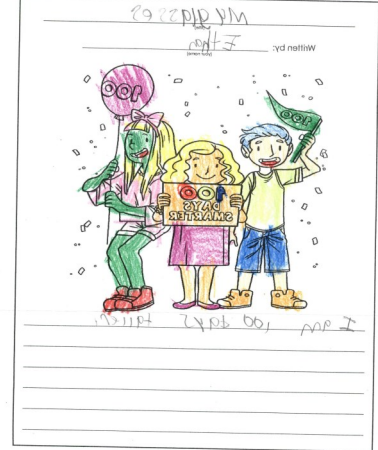
I got better at math like doing spelling.

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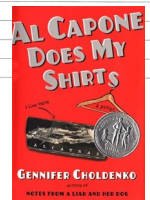


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Noah N
Feb 4, 2020
Room 6

Rosa Parks was born in Tuskegee, Alabama, USA. She was born on February 4, 1913. That was 102 years ago! She was 42 when she was arrested. After she was arrested many Blacks started the Montgomery bus boycott. The Montgomery bus boycott was a physical and social protest against the policy of racial segregation on the public transit system of Montgomery, Alabama. It was a seminal event in the civil rights movement. Rosa Parks is a great part of history. That is what I know about Rosa Parks.

In the month of January, Classroom 6 started reading "Al Capone Does My Shirts", We are really enjoying this book and have been learning about what life was like for the children of the workers at Alcatraz.



We have been working on geometry, solving problems involving graphs, as well as measurement. We learned about climate change in science and did an experiment involving "walking water". The water traveled through paper towel from a cup to cup.



We had an all school assembly on January 17th to honor Martin Luther King Jr. Noah and Emily presented for our classroom and did a great job!

R7

Students in R7 were able to get acclimated to school once again after a refreshing two week break. We are happy to announce that everyone made a new friend in room 7 because we have a new addition to our classroom family!



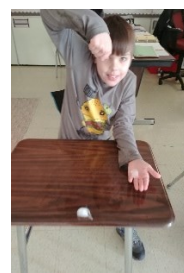
In reading, we delved into comparing and contrasting how the New Year is celebrated around the world, as well as extensively read about Martin Luther King, Jr and his influence in our county. We worked hard on learning the difference between fact and opinion as well as cause and effect. We also celebrated the fact we finished our read aloud text, "Hatchet" by Gary Paulsen by watching the movie, "A Cry in the Wild". I couldn't be more proud of how well students interact with texts read aloud and the way they're able to pull out the main idea and supporting details independently. It is so rewarding to see these students mature as readers and own their learning!



As for math, we studied measurement and weight in standard and metric form. Don't be surprised if they still have some of those catchy Number Rock songs stuck in their head on measurement.



In science, we continued our study on matter and did some fun experiments studying physical changes that take place. As for social studies, we learned more about Martin Luther King's contributions to the Civil Rights Movement.



In writing, we wrote facts we learned about Martin Luther King, Jr., as well as work on dictionary skills. We are working on our own personal dictionaries with misspelled words we've encountered to help us correct misspellings and strengthen our writing. It is no secret that we're working hard in R7!



R12

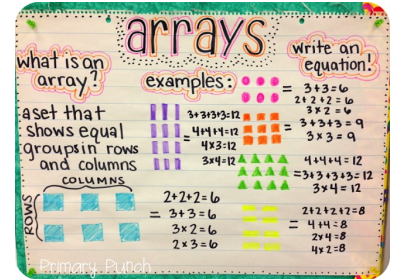
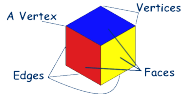


"Every child has a different learning style and pace. Each child is unique, not only capable of learning but also capable of succeeding."

-Robert John Meehan-

February has been an exciting month in R12!

First we would like to introduce and welcome our wonderful student teacher Ms. Angie!! The students are very excited for the different activities she has introduced to them. Ms. Angie has begun teaching them arrays. They have created vertices with marshmallows and toothpicks and cooked some really yummy snacks! She has put the fun in our Fridays!!



February was Black History month. The students learned about George Washington Carver. During the school wide assembly, some were very brave and read in front of the whole student body and staff!!

The students continue to work hard on all academics. Staying in the appropriate Zones, working on our feelings and working together as a team!!

R13

R13 had a fabulous February!

The students are working hard on their academics. They continue to work on Zones and staying in the green zone on a daily basis.

We have been combining with R12 for team building Kickball games during gym. Practicing being a good sport and team building skills.

During our Friday fun days, we have cooked some yummy grilled cheese and made delicious smoothies. Also some awesome science experiments with Ms. Angie!

We are looking forward to warmer weather and sunshine!!



R14

Though February is a short month, we have still been busy in R14. Academically, we have finished our unit on weather and the students are excited to start learning about the Solar System.

In social studies we are talking about the different Native American tribes that lived in Michigan prior to becoming a state.



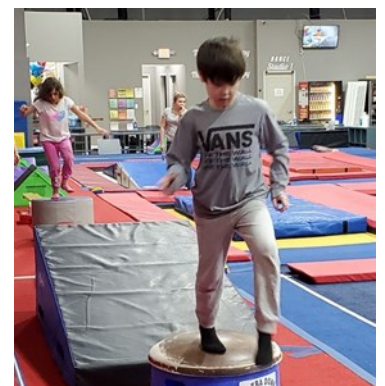
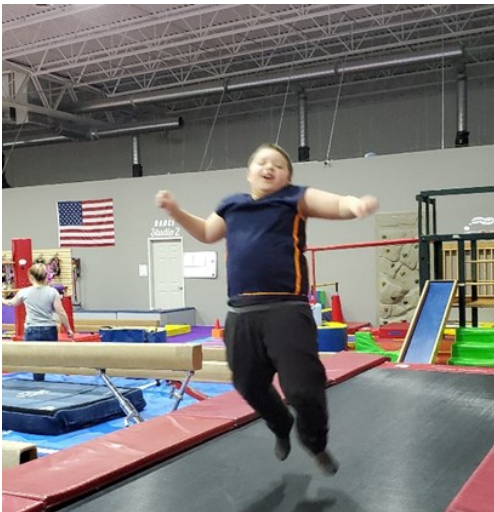
An enrichment field trip to The Cutting Edge was just one of the great activities we had this month. Student's also enjoyed visiting with the therapy dogs, art class with Mr. Rowlings, and going to a Valentines Day dance with their friends. Needless to say, it's been a very eventful month.



Lastly, some congratulations are in order, Layla C. began integration at her local this month and two of our students moved up to drive C; Ben G. and Cheyenne C. Keep up the good work everyone.



With all that we have been learning about and doing, I know the students can't wait for spring to arrive in March, the weather to start warming up, and for all the things they'll be doing in the coming month.



Physical Education

From the Desk of Kelly Mero

February was another fun month in Physical Education class. We spent a couple of weeks learning the basics of hockey. Then we incorporated all the skills into several heated hockey games! I was impressed with the amount of teamwork I saw during the games in every one of my classes. Recently we finished up unit on kickball. We learned ways to make an out and how to kick and run the bases. Rooms 12 and 13 even had class versus class kickball games. Room 12 won the first game by two runs but Room 13 came back with vengeance and landed the victory at the re-match.



In the spirit of Valentine's Day P.E. classes got their hearts beating hard for Fastest Class challenge this month. Each class was presented with the challenge of running for five entire minutes. Students collected a Popsicle stick for every lap completed around the gymnasium. After five minutes, we added everyone's sticks together and divided them by the number of runners present. This mini-math lesson gave us the average number of laps each person ran. Classrooms performed this challenge twice to achieve their best score. Congratulations to rooms 12, 6 and 4 on their 3- way tie and achieving the fastest class title at Maple Lane!



February

Fun Facts

February is Children's Dental Health Month

For healthy teeth and gums, and fewer cavities, the American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) recommends that children only drink milk or water between meals, instead of other beverages. The AAP also recommends that parents:

- Limit sugary foods and drinks to mealtimes
- Allow no more than ½ cup of 100% fruit juice a day
- Avoid carbonated beverages and juice drinks
- Encourage meals and snacks from the MyPyramid Five Food Groups

Source: American Academy of Pediatrics Section on Pediatric Dentistry and Oral Health. *Pediatrics*, 2008; 122:1387-1394.

Chocolate Milk: A Dental Health Hero

Chocolate milk, one of kids' favorite foods, can actually help protect teeth against cavities. The reason? Because it is liquid, chocolate milk clears from the mouth faster than other sweet foods, and the calcium, phosphorous and cocoa in chocolate milk may actually protect teeth against cavities.

Milk and Fruit a Must with Fast-Food Kids' Meals

Fast food meals are a reality for most families, at least occasionally, if not more often. According to a study published in the *American Journal of Clinical Nutrition*, parents can take two simple steps can help ensure that kids get the nutrition they need when eating fast-food kids' meals. First, make sure they drink milk instead of soda, and second, encourage fruit as a side dish. Researchers found that the kids' meals for 12 fast restaurants that met guidelines for being nutritionally adequate all included milk and fruit. These meals also provided more iron, vitamin A and calcium, and less fat and added sugar than meals that did not meet the guidelines.

Source: O'Donnell, SI, et al. *American Journal of Clinical Nutrition*, 88: 1388-95, 2008.

Chocolate-Cherry Smoothie



Valentine's Day is the time for chocolate and cherries. This recipe combines both for a calcium-packed smoothie. It's like eating a chocolate-covered cherry, but with much more nutrition!

- 1 cup low-fat milk
- 1 cup unsweetened, dark-pitted cherries, frozen
- 1 8-ounce container of chocolate yogurt
- 1 cup ice cubes
- 2 tablespoons honey
- 2 teaspoons presweetened cocoa powder

Place milk, cherries, yogurt, ice cubes, honey and cocoa powder in a blender jar. Cover and blend on high until smooth. Pour into glasses and enjoy!

Makes 3 servings

Source: *The Best Milk Recipes in America, Family Favorites Edition*. National Fluid Milk Processor Education Program, 1999

Kids' Corner: Challenge Kids to Good Dental Health



Have children keep track of their brushing, flossing and snacking at home for the next week. Award a star or a sticker each time they:

- Brush after breakfast
- Brush before bed
- Floss at least once during the day
- Eat their day's snacks from the Five Food Groups

Their goal is to get four stars each day, or at least 28 for the week. Decide on a special privilege or treat for completing the challenge.



PRESIDENT'S DAY

WORD SEARCH

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Abraham Lincoln
 Cherry Tree
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 George Washington
 Hatchet

Honest Abe
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 Log Cabin
 Presidents Day
 Washington

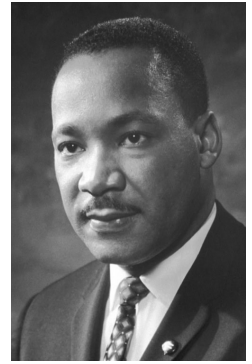




Rosa Parks



Barack & Michelle Obama



Martin Luther
King Jr.



Harriet Tubman
Underground Railroad

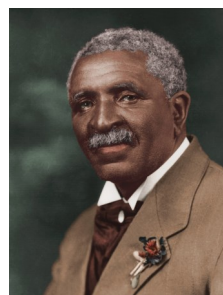
February is Black History Month



Louis Armstrong
Musician



Robert Lawrence
1st African-American



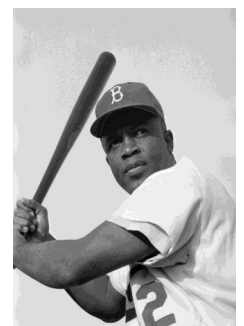
George Washington Carver
Agricultural Scientist & Inventor



Ella Fitzgerald
Singer





Madam CJ Walker
Entrepreneur, Philanthropist and



Jackie Robinson
1st Black major league

Presidents' Day

Facts About George Washington

1. He was the first president.
2. He was born in 1732.
3. He was called "The Father of our Country".
4. He was commander of the army.
5. His face is on the quarter & one dollar bill.
6. He never lived in the White House.
7. The Washington Memorial was built in his honor.

George Washington, was Born on February 22, 1732 and died in 1799.

Was the 1st President and he was 6' tall.

He led the Continental Army in Victory over the British in the America Revolution and was unanimously elected the 1st president.

He is on the \$1 bill and the quarter.



George Washington was president from April 30, 1789 through March 4, 1797.



President's Day Fact Sheet



- President's Day is celebrated on the third Monday of February.
- President's Day began in 1885.
- President's Day is to celebrate George Washington's and Abraham Lincoln's Birthdays.
- It is also for celebrating all the United States Presidents.

Facts About Abraham Lincoln

1. He was the 16th president.
2. He lived in a log cabin.
3. When he was a child he loved to read.
4. He was a lawyer.
5. He kept important papers in his hat.
6. He helped free the slaves.
7. He was shot by John Wilkes Booth and died.

Abraham Lincoln: Born February 12, 1809. Was 6'4" tall. Was the 16th President.

Established Thanksgiving as a National Holiday. The first Thanksgiving was celebrated on November 26, 1863

He also established the US Department of Agriculture and established the US National Banking system. He is on the \$5 bill and the penny.

Abraham Lincoln was president from March 4, 1861 through April 15, 1865.

He used his top hat to store and carry notes, letters, and even bills.



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