



# November 2019

## Maple Lane Gazette

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Greetings Maple Lane Families!

Parents, it has been a pleasure meeting with you at our Fall IEP meetings. Attendance has been phenomenal and we thank you for your support of our program. As you know, IEPs are a great time to discuss student progress and develop goals for the year ahead. If your child's IEP was not held in the fall, rest assured that it will take place sometime throughout the course of the year in accordance with the annual due date.

October was a busy month of learning at Maple Lane. We completed our NWEA assessment which will help us monitor student growth throughout the year. This assessment is unique in that it is an adaptive test that your child took on the computer. Each test is individualized to a student's specific learning level. The information presented on the test is aligned with the Common Core State curriculum, so it helps us design our instruction accordingly.

Students have been hard at work learning new skills in reading, writing, math, social studies and science. I have had the privilege of visiting classrooms to watch students grow as learners and expand their thinking. I am impressed with the ways our teachers and staff use technology to enhance the learning process. For example, educational apps are used on iPads and academic games are used on computers throughout Maple Lane.

Our high school buddies have been an asset to our program. Warren Consolidated high school students have been working on reading, math, science and social studies with our youngsters. They are forming wonderful connections and serving as mentors for the students in our program. Thank you to our Teacher Consultant Mrs. Sasek for organizing this program.

Since school has started, we have been learning many social skills in line with our STAR rules: at Maple Lane, we use Safe behavior, we Try our best, we Act Responsibly, and we are Respectful. Students who follow these rules by displaying safe behavior were able to attend our bowling field trip. Students can also look forward to a Great Skate trip this month as well as therapy dogs, art and technology classes and other enrichment as well!

Have a great month. Sincerely,

Jack Dodd, Ed.S.



**Wishing everyone a very**



**Happy Thanksgiving,**

**from everyone here**

**at Maple Lane**



**STAR BEHAVIOR**

**Safe**

**Try Your Best Act**

**Responsibly**

**Respectful**



**IMPORTANT DATES**

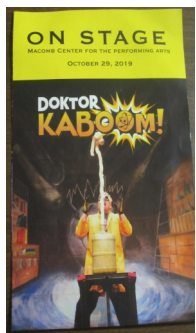
**November 27 - 29 - Thanksgiving Break**

**December 20th - Cookies & Caroling - Families welcome**

**December 23, 2019 - January 3, 2020 - Holiday Break**



# R2 Giving Thanks



R2 has enjoyed a number of field trips this month.

"Doktor Kaboom" was at the Macomb Center for the performing arts. He used humor and comedy while interacting with the audience during his scientific experiments. His focus was on personal empowerment and building self-confidence within his view.

Cutting Edge Gymnastics emphasized on flexibility and coordination through balance, tumbling, jumping, and obstacle courses.



Westview Orchards was a fun Fall experience. Students went on a hayride through the apple orchards to the pumpkin patch. Each student chose a pumpkin to take home and enjoyed cider and doughnuts.



On Unity Day students wore orange to take a stand on bullying. In class we talked about how it felt, and what to do about bullying.

In science, we're learning about climate conditions. We created our own waterspout by using 2 soda bottles. Students worked together by discussing and writing a hypothesis, the results and conclusion.

Our High School helper Mina graduated Nov 1. She spent her last day with us assisting our class with artwork and playing Scrabble. Congratulation! We welcome our new helper Miranda. She enjoys reading and spelling with the kids.



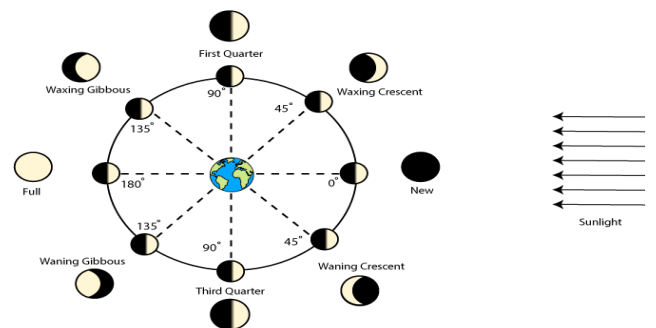
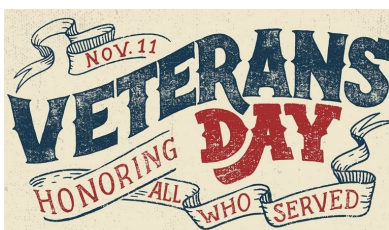


Room 3 has been hard at work. We learned all about Veteran's Day. We created posters and gave them to local veterans that staff were related to. We are learning about the pilgrims' journey to America and the hardships they encountered. Our art activities portrayed Fall and Thanksgiving. In Science, we are finishing up our unit on Earth Science. This week we are discussing Space, and how it affects us on Earth; along with our moon phases.

Students have been working on their reading logs. Each month if they reach their goal, the students can earn a free book to take home. We have been working on rhyming words and counting syllables. The students are enjoying working on word sorts for beginning letters. Turkey Trouble, by Wendi J, Silvano, has proven to be one of everyone's favorite story. Be sure to ask your child about the problem turkey faces in this cute story. We made a disguised turkey, which is displayed on our bulletin board. Our students were so creative.



We just filled our kindness bucket. Students earn a pompom to put in our bucket is filled, each student gets to choose a prize from the Kindness Box.





# R4



## **R4 Updates**

November is upon us and the students of R4 have had an amazing first card marking! This month we have lots of fun activities planned! Please be sure to check our class website and your child's binder for updates and information.

## **Veteran's Day**

Students have been asked to bring in a photo or drawing of a family member or friend who have served in the United States Armed Forces. We will be displaying these photos in the classroom (photos may get damaged...so please send in only photos that can be replaced). Students will have an opportunity to share about their photo and drawing. Students will also be creating holiday cards for our local veterans.

## **Academic Updates**

Students are working on identifying place value, regrouping, and telling time. Many of students are not familiar with analog clocks. We are learning how to read the clock and how to calculate elapsed time.

In ELA students are continuing to participate in guided reading clubs. I have uploaded books to my student's Reading A-Z accounts. Students are encouraged to read both at home and in school. Reading A-z is accessible to students at home. The students are also working on increasing their writing stamina. We try to write for a minimum of 5 minutes daily. This is a timed free write designed to increase the student's ability to write consistently. Our class is doing a great job with this skill.

In October we completed many different science experiments. The students used the scientific process to form a hypothesis and observations. We explored chemical reactions by using vinegar and baking soda to make gummy worms dance!

## **Winter Weather**

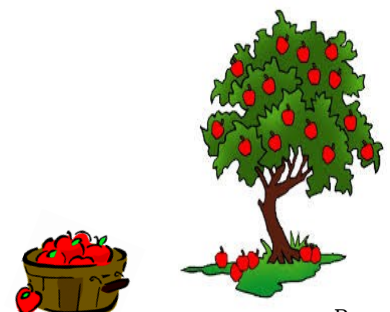
Please do not forget to send your student to school dressed for the weather outside! Our class loves to go outside!

## **Fun Friday Activities**

Each Friday student's will be allowed to bring in a school appropriate item from home to share with the class. Students will be required to present the item to the class and to answer questions about it. This activity supports our student's ability to communication benchmarks.

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## R4 continued - Pictures



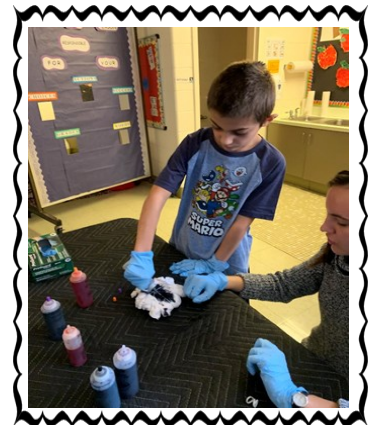
# R5

We have been busy in R5! In science, our class has learned about the body and skeletal system, dinosaurs and fossils, weathering and erosion, rivers and oceans and we love doing science experiments!

In social studies, we have learned about different cultural customs, national monuments, Christopher Columbus, and now the origins of Thanksgiving. We have been practicing a Thanksgiving skit, which the students really en-joy!

We are becoming more fluent readers and have also written some excellent poetry! We are hoping to publish our own poetry book before the school year is done.

One of our favorite things to learn is Life Skills. We have sewn and stuffed pillows, we cook every Friday and we have also made Papier Mache, Tie-Dye shirts and have started practicing dental hygiene by brushing our teeth each day after lunch.





## R6

**Room 6** had a wonderful month in October. It started with us being able to see the Therapy Dogs. We brought books to read and some of us got our pictures taken with the dogs.



We went on a virtual farm field trip where we learned about dairy cows and how they live. We saw how they are milked, and where the baby calves grow up.

We finished the book *Holes* and watched the movie. We really enjoyed reading the book, especially the parts that were funny. We thought it was a really good ending.

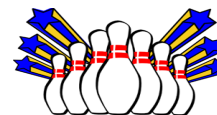
We went to Westview Apple Orchard and had fun picking pumpkins. We were sad we didn't have a lot of time to play on the playground, but we were glad we went.



We went to see Doktor Kaboom at the Macomb Center for Performing Arts. He was hilarious. His German accent cracked us up. We learned about science in a really fun way. We enjoyed watching the student volunteer trying to catch a slice of banana in his mouth from the catapult. It took a million tries and he still didn't catch it, but it was fun watching him try!

We went to see the movie *The Addams Family* and enjoyed relaxing in the recliners at MJR.

We also went bowling at Rose Bowl bowling alley. We cheered each other on and had wonderful sportsmanship. It was very exciting!



On Halloween, we had a half day of school filled with fun activities in the gym. We played games, earned prizes, and decorated cookies. Thank you to the Spirit Committee for planning so many fun activities!

Don't worry, parents, we also learned many new things this past month. For example, we enjoyed learning about science by doing experiments. We learned about making a hypothesis, testing our ideas, and comparing the results to our ideas. One experiment involved Gummy Bears, so we watched a video afterwards about how Gummy Bears are made. We read a book about Spelunking, which is the term for cave exploration.



The month of October was GREAT and we are looking forward to learning and having more fun in November!



# Halloween Stories



The pumpkin has a sad back story . . . . It was a human being. It went trick or treating.

After it was done, he tried a piece of candy that had all the sugar you would want . . . It was a trap. It turned into a pumpkin slowly and painfully . . . Then more and more people turned . . . luckily the company that made the candy got sued. But they could never find an antidote for the candy. Today, the pumpkins smile in pain still believing that there will be a way to turn back. Happy Halloween.

By Isaiah

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Emily from R-6

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Darwin

Emily from R-6

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In the water the ~~beans~~ red took color away  
made the color white and slimy.  
In vinegar ~~beans~~ dissolved completely.  
In coke ~~beans~~ chunk of black stuff.  
In salt water ~~beans~~ turned pink.



NAME Darin

## Attack of the Gummy Bears!

Use the scientific method to experiment with these chewy critters. First, know your purpose and pose your question: What happens when gummy bears are soaked in different liquids overnight?


Your Hypotheses What do you think will happen to the gummy bears?			
In water	In salt water	In vinegar	In <u>coke</u> <small>(choose a liquid)</small>
<u>nothing</u>	<u>N</u>	<u>Smell Bad</u>	<u>swim</u>

**Gummy Bear Observations** Record what you can see, feel, smell, measure, or weigh after a night's soaking.

In water	<u>took color away</u>
In salt water	<u>turned pink</u>
In vinegar	<u>Dissolved</u>
In <u>coke</u>	<u>Left chunk of food color</u>

**Gummy Bear Conclusions** How did your results compare with your hypotheses?

In water  
It was



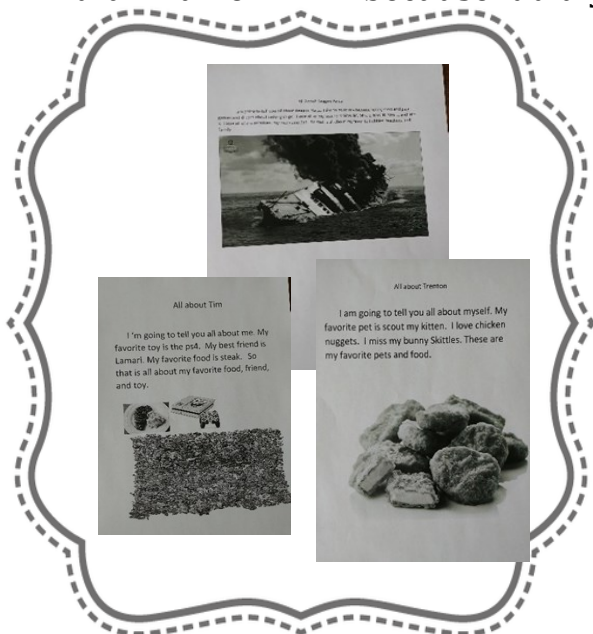
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# R7

R-7 is truly a great place to learn and grow. By now, we're champs at routines and are well aware of expectations and boundaries. In reading, we're continuing our guided reading groups, as well as some whole group instruction. We are currently reading

"The BFG" during read aloud and will watch the movie when we finish reading it. In writing, we planned for and published a well written paragraph titled, "All about Me" using the Four Square model to tell all about ourselves. We're now starting our new Four Square piece, titled, "I am Thankful". As for math, we're delving into place value using manipulatives and making connections along the way. We've also created our own "Place Value Block" to reinforce what we've learned. In science, we did a Skittles experiment to hypothesize what color we felt would be most dominant. We also created a bar graph to display our data. It was also exciting making slime and problem solving how to make it the perfect consistency.

Our Halloween festivities were a blast! Our classroom pumpkin was a friendly Frankenstein. We're really looking forward to our Thanksgiving luncheon coming up. We're weaving some beautiful placemats to for this special event. We have a lot to be thankful for in R7 because it truly is a great place to learn and grow.



# R12

Well, we sure are Thankful and Grateful here in R-12!



**PINEAPPLES!** You may have noticed that R-12 has a lot of Pineapples around??? Well, this is because we like to follow the phrase: BE LIKE A PINEAPPLE...

STAND TALL, WEAR YOUR CROWN,  
AND BE SWEET ON THE INSIDE.



## TEAMWORK!

Since teamwork is such an important part of life...we have been watching videos, practicing teamwork skills, and we have been joining with R-13 for classroom activities. Mr. Scott & Mr. Lou have also been working with us on Teamwork....we played a game called 1-10, we're still working on that one because it takes a lot of patience & teamwork skill! Be on the look out to see how we are doing when you see us around Maple Lane!

## GO NOODLE!



A fan favorite in R12 is always Go Noodle! We love doing the workouts, and of course...Run the Red Carpet! Often we check out new songs, dances, yoga, and breathing/calming activities! We Go Noodle! If you are in the library, and we are doing GoNoodle....feel free to come let us know, so we can quiet down! (Mr. Rollins isn't afraid to tell us to quiet down)

## ZONES & DRIVES

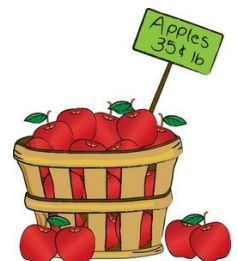
We are really using our skills, so we can move up Drives! Be on the look-out for us to be visiting different classrooms, joining group lunch, and making our way to integration! We have a DRIVE board in our room to show how we are doing. Each week, we have a ZONE folder to represent our average zone for the week before; we love our GREEN & YELLOW folders! Each Monday, as a part of Math, we average our daily percentages from the week before...this shows what ZONE folder we will have for the week! Pop in and see us sometime! See you soon!

## SCIENCE EXPERIMENTS

We have been learning about density & buoyancy! What will float, what won't...and why. The first thing we worked on was writing an "If...then..." hypothesis statement; this tells what our prediction is for the experiment. The first thing we tested was eggs...what do you think would happen if you put an egg in a cup of water? What about if you added salt to that water? Hmmm.....



~Ms. Sanford, Ms. Pierce, Ms. Melissa & the entire crew in R-12





# R13

# HAPPY THANKSGIVING!

## News from R13

We have begun working with our high school buddies. The three students who work in our room have been amazing with the students. The high school kids help with math, typing or just enjoy playing and talking with the students. The boys in R13 really enjoyed making a placemat for their high school buddies and eating our turkey feast with them.

The students are learning the different states of matter and their characteristics. They will learn how solids change to liquids and then to gases and the reverse. The students seem to really enjoy playing the science game.

In Social Studies the students have learned about different Native American groups and the early settlers. They will also be learning about the original 13 colonies.

Reading groups are in full swing. We are working on decoding, fluency, comprehension and retelling. The students build words in class and are learning to “play a movie” in their head while they are reading. Their read aloud is *Freak the Mighty* this month and will watch the movie once the book is completed.

Please continue to sign the student’s daily notes home and make sure they are completing and returning any homework that is sent home.



R14

## Room 14

October was another busy month in our class room and our school. The students enjoyed their first visit with the Therapy Dogs and a school field trip to Westview Orchards. In preparation for Halloween the students worked with a partner to carve a pumpkin. Students had to plan their pumpkin face together and share the responsibility carving. It was a great team activity. I'd also like to congratulate our students who made the Hall of Fame this month; Landon, Cheyenne, Layla, Jacob, Cameron, and Caden. Great job students, keep up the good work!!!





## Running Club

Physical activity is very important to all of us here at Maple Lane, and students are no exception! It is for that reason that 91% of our students choose to participate in The Maple Lane Running club. That means that 91% of our students signed up to participate in extra physical activity during the school day, in addition to their regular P.E. classes. As of November 1<sup>st</sup>, Maple Lane has run/walked almost two hundred miles!

## P.E. Reminder-

Please make sure your child brings sneakers for physical education class. Your child will not be able to participate in class in snow boots. The sneakers should have laces or Velcro with good ankle/foot support and a flat sole. Sneakers need to stay securely on your child's feet during physical activity. If you have any questions or concerns please do not hesitate to contact me. I look forward to a fun and active holiday season with you and your child!



Kelly Mero





# Our High School Buddies





# Pictures from Halloween

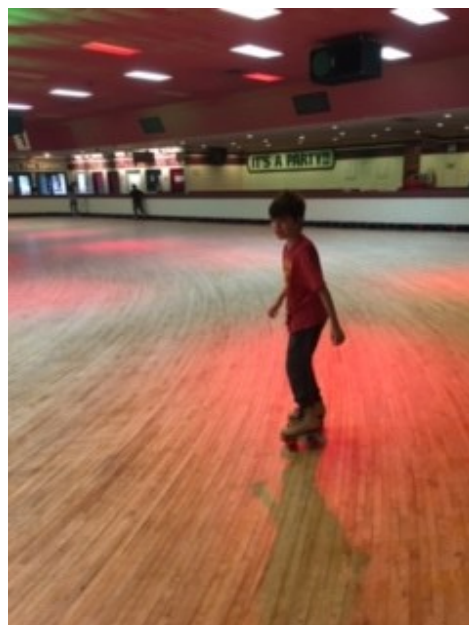
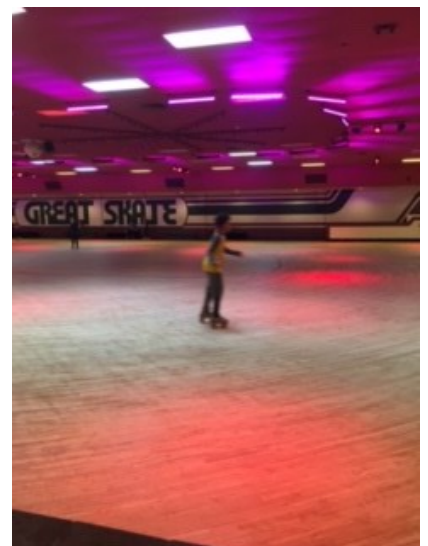
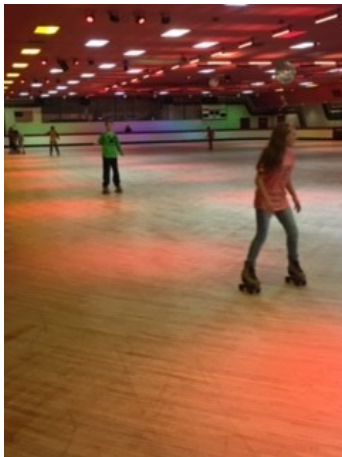


## Service Squad Pictures



# November 15, 2019

## Skating at Great Skate







# Orange You Glad



It's hard not to feel positive when you're enjoying the beautiful bounty of orange fruits and vegetables that are available each season!

## Rise and shine to oranges

- Starting your day with an orange is a great way to stay healthy. But don't limit yourself to just orange juice.
- Fresh oranges, Clementines, and tangerines are just a few of the many delightful orange citrus fruits that are loaded with vitamin C, potassium and fiber.



## Orange fruits besides oranges

- Cantaloupe and muskmelon are other beautiful orange fruits that are a great source of heart healthy potassium, beta-carotene and vitamin C.
- Tropical mangoes are also popular in spring and summer and also provide potassium, beta-carotene, vitamin C and fiber.

## Orange veggies are

- Orange bell peppers add crunch, color and nutrition to several dishes or can be eaten raw.
- Acorn squash is a winter vegetable and it can be cubed, then brushed with olive oil and dried herbs and roasted.
- Sweet potatoes can be roasted, mashed or chopped and added to soups, stews or chilis.
- Carrots make a great snack solo or are delicious when roasted.





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