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# 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.

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 some of our awesome field trips. Students can also look forward to bowling trips in December as well as therapy dogs, art and technology classes and other enrichment as well!

Thank you for your continued support.

Jack Dodd, Ed.S.  
Principal

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## **STAR BEHAVIOR**

Safe

Try Your Best

Act Responsibly

Respectful

## **IMPORTANT DATES**

**November 21-25**

THANKSGIVING BREAK

**December 24 – January 2**

CHRISTMAS BREAK

## R2

Welcome to R2! We are hoping for a great year. We have 3 new students to our school. They're learning the star rules, as well as our zones. All of our students participated in Spirit Week at the beginning of October for "green day." Check out our picture below. We finished reading our 1st chapter book, "Mayhem on Mackinac Island." It is part of our Michigan Chillers series. Some of our students vacationed near the island! We had Therapy Dogs visit our school. Cappy, the poodle is our class favorite. He does tricks for the kids, and he loves getting snuggles. R2 visited Westview Apple Orchards. A tractor ride lead us to a big pumpkin patch where each child chose one to take home. Once the class returned to school, they enjoyed fresh apple cider and sugar donuts. Again, we are excited, and look forward to the possibilities a new school year brings.



## R3

In room 3 the students have been busy beavers reviewing and learning new concepts. Also, room 3 students have been learning social skills to help in developing. During reading we identify phonemic sounds, blending and identify sight words. During math we have been reviewing counting forwards and backwards. In addition, we are working on identifying one more and one less than a given number using identify and represent numbers using objects and pictorial representations including the number line, and use the language of: equal to, more than, less than (fewer), most, and least. In language arts we have been writing in our pattern books and working on social skills using the zone curriculum. On Friday's we have been cooking, the students in room 3 have learned new skills in how to measure, tools and ingredients that are involved in the cooking process.

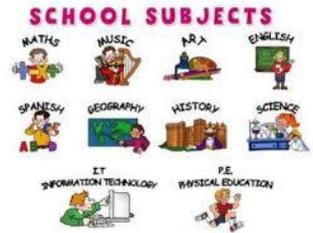


## R4

We are off to a great start this 2018-19 school year. We are all getting to know each other and the rules of our classroom and building.

We have been working hard on our math, reading, spelling, science and social studies. We are also doing well in practicing the use of zones and filling buckets.

We also enjoy gym, library and iPad time. We have enjoyed the therapy dog visits.



## R5

Room 5 has been busy learning the routines of the classroom and the school. We are working on our STAR behavior daily. The students are learning through our character, Schubert, 🐛 on how to handle situations when upset or frustrated. We also learned STAR in another way: Smile Take a Breath and Relax. ⭐ We are remembering to be helpful vs hurtful, using our BIG Voice (not a yelling voice) and being assertive to get our needs met. Example, "I don't like it when...Please stop grabbing my pencil." Schubert taught us about going from BUG CRAZY mad 🐛 to Caterpillar CALM. 🐛 We do this by using some breathing strategies: The Balloon, The Drain, and The Pretzel. We are learning how to identify and deal with our feelings.



As always, we wish you well!



## R6

We learned about the parts of our brain and how each part has a different function. Each student made and labeled a brain made of play-doh. This is all part of our Growth Mindset studies. Our growth mindset positive affirmation for the month is; "My mistakes help me improve". In September, our affirmation was, "with effort and determination, I can succeed". We say these on a regular basis to help encourage positive thinking and foster a growth mindset. Research shows that students of all ages perform better when they can think with a growth mindset.



Please make sure you are looking at and talking to your student about their daily point card. Communication between parents and teachers is a HUGE factor in a student's success. Encourage the positive choices that your student made throughout the day (taking a break, completing work, participating, etc.) and discuss ways to better handle any negative choices that were made. Your support from home is greatly appreciated!

## R7

In room 7, we have been working hard on our handwriting and also writing in our journals. Here is what the students had to say about their experience so far this school year.

Jamel says, "I learned a lot in school. You can learn in school. Teachers can teach you a lot. Class can be fun. School can be fun."

Christian says, "I like drawing. I'm looking forward to going to the bowling alley. I like field trips. I like free time. I play with the marble tower."

Tim says, "I learned cats play with toys (from explore.org) I like gym. I hope to learn how to spell. I am smart. I like to play."

Nathan says, "I learned how to solve math problems. I like math. I hope to learn multiplication. I am looking forward to the field trip."

Caiden says, "I earned running club. I like reading. I hope to have fun in gym. I like O.T. I like Moby Max."

LaMari says, "I am looking forward to going swimming."

Dominique says, "I learned not to ask to go outside or you won't get to go outside. I like to learn math and reading and free time and studies weekly. I like to go on the I-Pads."

Jeremiah says, "I learned about spelling. I like reading. I hope to learn to be a better speller. I am looking forward to tacos. I like to be myself."

## R10

Well, here we are! The 2018-2019 school year has gotten off to a fun start for us! PINEAPPLES! Yep, you read that right, R-10's classroom mascot is the PINEAPPLE this year! Stand tall, wear your crown, and be sweet on the inside! We have been discussing how to be proud, kind, and recognizing our positive qualities! Below, we were able to paint pineapple squishies! Too much fun!



### TEAMWORK!

Since teamwork is such an important part of life...we have been watching videos, practicing teamwork skills, and we are even going to be joining with R-14 once a week to practice these skills even more! Be on the look out to see how we are doing when you see us around Maple Lane!



### GO NOODLE!

A fan favorite in R10 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! (Mrs. Earehart loves Maximo's Yoga the best).



### 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!

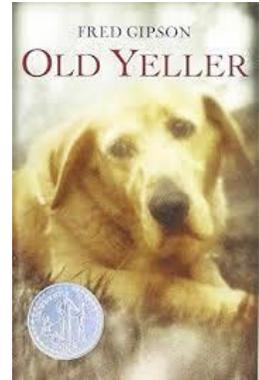
~ Mrs. Earehart, Ms. Maggie, Mrs. Wiedemann & the entire R-10 crew



## R13

### News from R13

There are lots of exciting things happening in R13. Mr. C finished reading the classic novel *Old Yeller* to the students. The students enjoyed the book and the classic version of the movie. We have begun reading *Freak the Mighty* to the students as our next read aloud. The students are actively engaged and enjoy playing Science Jeopardy with Mr. Rollins. While working with Mrs. Sutcliffe they are learning about different life skills. For the month of September the students learned about Kindness and Integrity and were able to write about them in their daily journal. October's life skills will be patience and cooperation. We are looking forward to a great year in R13.



## R14

I cannot believe that November has come up so quickly. R14 has been busy since the beginning of the year; getting to know each other, getting into a routine, and learning to work together. One way that the kids have been getting to enjoy each other is with this beautiful fall weather; each day we have been trying to go outside for at least one recess. Also, just last week our school went to Westview Orchards to enjoy a hayride, fresh apple and doughnuts, and to pick a pumpkin. What a perfect day.

Academically this month, the kids learned about the different tools that Scientists use. We also did our first STEM activity. The students had to make a balance scale using only Playdough, a pencil, a ruler, and 2 cups. In addition, the students had to make their scale balance. The kids had a great time figuring it out, helping out their classmates, and celebrating when they did it. I loved watching them.

I know that the days will only get busier as the holidays approach. To keep up with everything going on, be sure to look for the monthly calendar your child will be bringing home in November and December.





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