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#### Fourth grade trip to St. Augustine

o support the fourth grade social studies curriculum, students enjoyed a memorable visit to St. Augustine on Friday, September 24th. Students had a chance to go back in time and experience Colonial time during a guided tour of the Colonial Quarter Museum. They were able to enjoy a guided tour through Castillo de San Marcos and learn about some of the most important and exciting history events. They also visited the Pirate and Treasure museum and listened to a guide transport them back into the time of the Sea Pirates! They ended their visit with a trolley tour, narrated by the conductor, who covered about 400 years of history and 100 points of interest!

#### Ozobots

zobot is a little toy robot that blends the physical and digital worlds and teaches kids programming. Cluster 2 technology students are using these robots to create mazes and design games, while learning about the logic of coding!

# **3D Printing and Design**

luster 2 received a daVinci Jr.1.0. 3 in 1 3D printer! Students are using the web based Tinkercad software to sculpt and design 3D images. The design code, STL, can be sent to the 3D printer for development and printing!





#### **49 Acts of Kindness**

By Alexis Cunningham

n the National Day of Service, September 11th LECS kicked off their 49 Acts of Kindness project. Now if you don't know what the project is our amazing staff has created a project where all of our students in kindergarten through eighth go out and do 49 nice things for our community to help celebrate our community while honoring the 49 lives lost in the PULSE shooting. This project might take the whole year to complete, but it will be a project that carries more than a year's worth of memories. Each class has chosen one act of kindness to get the ball rolling. As the classes complete their projects, they will place a heart in the kindness jar on the bulletin board at the end of the cluster 3 hallway.

## Cluster III

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rs. Ross's Cluster III homeroom completed their first "Act of Kindness" as part of our school's year-long goal of 49 Acts of Kindness in memory of the 49 victims of the Pulse tragedy. A lunch time bake sale was held on September 27th and thanks to the hard work of many of our students and generous donations of our families, a total of \$285.60 was raised. The money will be donated to Kids Beating Cancer, an Orlando-based non-profit organization that provides resources and support for children with cancer and their families.

### Please donate your gently-used books to LECS!

Dutting books in the hands of readers is crucial to growing a deep love of reading. Help your cluster II and III teachers put free books in the hands of your children by donating books to LECS.

Cluster II

Book

Nook

Books can be any reading level and donations will be accepted throughout the year. The Cluster II and III reading teachers will add any books they need to their classroom libraries and shelve the extra books in the "Book Nook" in the cluster III hallway outside Ms. Friedman's room. Students can browse the Book Nook and choose books to take home and enjoy.



Captains: Julia Jamieson and Madelyn Hoffman

Carly Tamborello, Adley Boston, Miles Moffatt, and Henry Van Voorhis These were the toughest try-outs ever, with 14 students trying out for just 4 open spots! Congratulations to the new team members and congratulations to all the amazing students who read Sunshine State Young Reader's books and tried out for the team.

## Imagine Me and You, I Do, So Happy Together

s many of you may know, we have a partnership with UCF CREATE. Our students got us that partnership simply by being who they are. On their way to the pottery studio, someone at UCF spotted them from the window and wondered who those uniformed children so well behaved were! It was last year's 3rd graders and from that chance happening, we are part of a pilot that provides art to the 3rd grade every week and the opportunity to participate in the Summer Turtle camp. This past summer, our lst group of students ventured out!

During a week in the July, a group of our students were able to participate in the UCF Turtle Camp. This camp allowed students not only to learn about sea turtles, but also art, digital media, and stop motion animation. The pinnacle was a visit

to Brevard County Beaches to visit the Archie Carr Sea Turtle House and UCF Mansfield's Lab (UCF Turtle Research Group). Can you imagine the lasting impact of studying concepts and then seeing the reality of it? Amazing! For us as a school there was the added benefit of career exploration. Thank you UCF CREATE!

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The mission of Lake Eola Charter School is to provide differentiated instruction leading to mastery of national standards and uses best practices to develop the 5 C's: comprehension, computation, critical thinking, character, and community service in our family of learners.

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#### LECS Welcomes a new Program and a New Instructor Young Yogi's Program Candace Martin Instructor

indergarten had a wonderful start to our Mindful Movement class. We've already learned so many fun and calming postures and have really enjoyed getting to know each other through the practice of yoga!

Each Tuesday the children learn a new "Petal' of yoga. Each Petal speaks to not only how we approach our physical postures but how we interact with ourselves and others throughout the day. Our first Petal as you can see in the photos below is Kindness. This is clearly a concept that you already have been sharing with your little lights. They are all brimming with kindness, joy, and enthusiasm!



On Friday the children worked with their balance ball friend named "Grateful Greg." The beautiful children were excited to share about all of the many family members, friends and teachers they felt grateful for. (They ALL couldn't wait to share how much they love their awesome teacher, Ms. Spielberg!)

Kinder warmed up our feet and moved our toe bones (phalanges!) for a group

, game called "Create & Relate" where the kids focus together on a common goal.

Finally, there was time for chocolate meditation. A fun way to introduce the senses, encourage listening to one and two-step directions and foster moderation and gratitude. All of our play based time together supports joy, awareness, focus, and self-regulation through non-judgement.

Thank you so much for sharing your wondrous young yogis. They are a joy to share time with!