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Book Bistro Hits The **Target**

A generous grant from Target, through the Target Literacy Program enabled LECS students to take their reading to another level. Students and parents presented their reading in a café atmosphere during the February 24th event at the school. Books that cross curricular lines have been purchased through the grant and have introduced the students to reading outside of the language arts classroom.

Ariana Braden said that she really likes the Book Bistro. “I like to learn about new books and see if I want to read them,” the 7th grader said. Thanks to Target, the students at Lake Eola Charter School will have the opportunity to explore many new books and deliver their oral presentations using movie maker and the new LCD projector that the Target Literacy Grant funded.

The February 24th event attracted almost over 90 participants. Parents generously prepared and served refreshments for the Bistro. Ms. Friedman, as always was impressed with the parents and students as well and is planning another Bistro for the end of the year.



3rd Grade-Where Everything Seems Just Write!



The Orlando Repertory Theatre held a writing competition dedicated to celebrating the works of young people in Central Florida. The project strives to support literacy, critical thinking, and creative expression by transforming the words of submissions into a fully produced show onstage. The competition, celebration, and production, work together to honor the creativity of students. Writes of Spring seeks to ignite creativity and imagination by encouraging young people to express themselves through writing.

Something special must have been ignited in 3rd grade as nine students won honors ranging from 1st place to Honorable Mention-that's more than 50% of the class! These entries will be included in a professional production at the Orlando Repertory Theatre on May 1st at 7pm.

As an extra special treat, the Repertory Company will be coming to Lake Eola Charter to present a special workshop for the children.

HEARTS Off To Lake Eola Charter School

It's always a great idea to say thank you and Lake Eola Charter School did it with a big heart on February 13th. Thanks to the culinary skills of Susan Urtz, DeVonna Craner, Bob Madewell and Sharon Morrell, the 1st graders were able to deliver hundreds of cookies and the cards that they made to the public servants throughout Orlando who take such good care of us. The first stop was the Fire Station on Central Ave. Even though firemen are purported to be great cooks, they were glad to get the cookies. They were so happy, that they gave the students an impromptu tour of the fire station. The kids were thrilled!

Next stop was the office of the Orlando Police Bike Patrol. They actually had officers there to greet us and showed the students the City cameras and the lock-up! Sergeant Ernest Payne the shift supervisor sent along some pictures that were taken of the children with the following thanks: "I wanted to say on behalf of all of my officers a big thank you for the cookies. I enjoyed meeting with you all today and sharing some time with you."

Finally we went to the Department of Parks at Lake Eola Park. The staff could not believe that they were being treated so specially and said it was a pleasure to have the children use and appreciate the park.



Karate Time with Cluster I



On Thursday, February 16th, a taekwondo black belt named Mr. Verneau came out and spoke with Cluster 1 students about safety, discipline, and the importance of respect and confidence. Mr. Verneau spoke to the students about using these tools to achieve success in and out of school. Mr. Verneau modeled some tools and strategies for students to use to protect themselves, exercise good decision making, and to instill confidence by having an “I can” mindset. The students learned about “karate time,” where you do things the first time asked and complete unfinished tasks (such as homework and chores) immediately. This was a great motivational opportunity for students to see how hard work, good decision making, and having the proper mindset can impact one’s life, both academically and personally.

Class Notes

Mrs. Honsberger's class had a great time celebrating Black History Month. We learned about some influential African Americans that helped mold our work into what is today. Our favorite was George Washington Carver. We discovered how he made peanut butter and did an experiment of our own.

Second Grade along with K and First attended a fantastic performance of Pinkalicious. It was so much fun! Additionally, Second grade is deep into their research on the 8 kinds of bears. Did you know that they named a bear the spectacled bear because he looks like he is wearing glasses? We have been sharing interviews about our families and have found out some surprising things. Most of our grandparents did not have television and all of them did not have cell phones or video games!

Imagine that!

We are enjoying going to art classes each week, as we did our pottery classes. Our teachers, Ms. Kim, Ms. Adele and Ms. Anne Marie make it so much fun. Be sure to take a look at our amazing class basket- All About Chocolate!

Students in Cluster 2 were creating machines in both Science class and in Social Studies.

Culminating projects in both subject areas required depth of knowledge and alternative thinking.

*Science took the students through space and their solar system projects were out of the world!

Some presentations were edible, like using cake pops or rice krispy treats. Other projects lit up with lights or glow-in-the-dark stars. *Social Studies covered the expansion of the U.S. and the causes and conflict surrounding the Civil War. Students made dolls from the perspective of a soldier, a general, an escaped slave, a plantation owner, or Abe Lincoln. We discussed what it's like to "walk in someone else's shoes." The Civil Rights march on Martin Luther King, Jr. day with the entire school really lended itself perfectly into the unit of study.

"I am grateful to work with such inquistive and curious children and helpful, engaged parents, thank you!" Ms. Kish.

In Cluster III Language Arts, students have begun their study of Romeo and Juliet and West Side Story. Guest musical theater teacher, Rachel Arnette, has been working with students on two songs from West Side Story, while guest drama teacher, Monica Tamborello, has been teaching students acting basics and helping them prepare scenes for performance. The culmination of this project will be a performance by all of the students in Cluster III, combining the two plays. This performance is scheduled for Thursday, April 5th at 9:30. Cluster 2 students and Cluster 3 parents are invited to attend!

On February 14th and February 20th, Cluster III students attended actual trials of Judge Davis at the courthouse located at 425 N. Orange Ave. Thank you so much for co-operating in giving the students a meaningful "real world" experience.