LOOK WHAT WE’VE BEEN DOING IN CLASS 🐞

**Kindergarten**

It is hard to believe that we are heading into the last month of school. Kindergarteners have been working hard and are ready to head to first grade. If you took a peak into our room you would see the light bulbs of knowledge flicking on often throughout the day.

Fundations has allowed us to become great readers. We are continuing to practice our letters and sounds for fluency. We are getting very speedy! We are also working on our reading fluency by scooping sentences and continuing to tap and blend words that we do not know. Our sight word knowledge has also helped us with reading. We learned 47 words! We have enjoyed taking home our small books every night and reading to our families. We have worked up to getting 100 points and earning a free book.

We are breezing through Reading Wonders and have explored Units 8, 9 and 10. We are continuing to enjoy the big books where we are sight word and punctuation detectives. We love to find and name the sight words we see and the punctuation marks and what they mean. We’ve also been learning a lot about different vowel sounds. Our classroom was recently "visited" by our friends "Magic e" and the "King of -ing". These two friends have helped us learn about long vowels and word endings. We have also been working on story elements and are focusing on the big ideas in the beginning middle and end of a story.

During math we have been adding and subtracting. We have been moving the equals sign and decomposing numbers. These skills are preparing us for first grade math. We have recently also started measurement. We are learning big words such as length, weight and capacity!

We have also been enjoying a lot of other events. We recently visited the Tyler Arboretum on a beautiful Monday morning. We had fun exploring the grounds and climbing in the tree houses. We also saw tadpoles, slugs, frogs and toads galore! Thank you to our wonderful chaperones and our PTO. Our first Field Day was also a wonderful day! We enjoyed being in groups with the older kids and meeting teachers we may have one day. Some of our favorite activities were the sling shot, water balloon toss and the obstacle course. Thank you Ms. Miller for planning such a fantastic day. We are looking forward to next year already! We will also be having the highly anticipated Q & U wedding. We can’t wait to enjoy the vows, dancing and goodies with our friends. We are also looking forward to a Pizza Lunch with our 3rd grade buddies, where we will learn all about the cafeteria from our older friends.
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Graduation is just around the corner, which is hard to believe! We have made many lasting memories, had tons of laughs, and made wonderful friends! It is amazing to see how far we have come since the beginning of the year. We are leaving kindergarteners are reading and heading to great places!

1st GRADE – Rooms 1 & 2
Can you believe the end of the school year is just around the corner? The months of learning and having fun are quickly coming to a close. We have all learned and grown so much in first grade and are both happy and sad to see the year come to an end. The first grade teachers are very proud of how hard their students have worked and are ready to let the little birds fly out of the nest to go to second grade. While we know it will be a new experience for each boy and girl, remember we are just down the hall and will see each other every day as they walk past our classrooms on the way to second grade. How very exciting!
We have learned so much this year, from reading many stories, to learning many strategies to help us become even better readers. An exciting change and growth unfolded right before our eyes in all areas.

This year, we have been mathematicians, scientists, writers and so much more. Life lessons have been learned as well in our journey through first grade. We have cried when our feelings got hurt and discovered how to deal with different situations. We have felt what it feels like to win and lose and how to handle the different scenarios with grace. Our goal has been accomplished.

Summer is coming up quickly and we all are ready for a little time to relax and unwind. However, do not let the summer slip by without doing some form of “school” work. There will be a district required reading and math packet that will come home as well as a packet that the first grade teachers have put together for your child. Please take care to keep reading system going in your home, like we did with the Library Log this year. The boys and girls seemed to enjoy the books they got each evening. Visit the local library and check out books and check for story times offered in the summer months. What a nice cool place to go to get out of the hot sun.

We would like to thank each and every parent or guardian who stayed with us throughout this important “first” year of your child’s full day of school experience. You have been so helpful from being a Mystery Reader to a Homeroom Mom or Dad. Your time and efforts are much appreciated.

Now, as the calendar has turned to May and the days in school are being counted down, we would like to wish all of our first grade families a wonderful summer. Enjoy the remaining days in first grade. Enjoy the fun time of summer vacations and plans ahead. Thank you, ALL, again for everything.
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2nd Grade – Rooms 3, 5 & 6
We are finally enjoying some nice spring weather! At this time of year, our science lessons turn to the study of butterflies. Each student is given a caterpillar to care for and observe. Taking careful notes and making good observations of changes that occur is part of each day of learning about the amazing metamorphosis from tiny caterpillar to beautiful butterfly. Our unit of study is capped off with an exciting and informational trip to the Academy of Natural Sciences in Philadelphia to enjoy the museum and live butterfly exhibit. Science is super!

The second graders have also been hard at work learning cursive. While a few kids have admitted that it is a bit harder than it looks, we are seeing nice progress. It is a thrill for the students to write their names in this “grown-up” handwriting!

As the year has progressed we have watched another amazing metamorphosis in our classrooms. The students have emerged as creative writers and strong readers. They are able to read chapter books, count coins, write paragraphs, add and subtract large numbers, write in cursive, and so much more! The teachers are so proud of all the progress the kids have made. We are grateful for all the parent support for our various projects and activities.

As our eye turns toward summer, we wish you a safe and restful break from the hustle and bustle of the busy school year. Remember to read a little each day and do your math packet! See you in September! ☺

3rd Grade – Rooms 10, 11 & 12
Happy June! We hope all of the moms enjoyed Mother’s Day with their families. It’s hard to believe that it is almost the end of the school year! The 3rd grade hallway has been filled with so many fun and exciting things.

In Language Arts, we are wrapping up Unit 5 in Reading Wonders. We are learning all about pronouns, homophones and informational writing. We enjoyed writing about ourselves in our autobiographies. Though we are young, we still had a lot to write about. We can’t wait to share them with our friends while dressing up for the annual 3rd Grade Oscars. We will wear our finest and celebrate the great things that we have done this year.

In Math we are wrapping up our math units. We had fun with Data and Graphing. We created bar graphs, line plots and pictographs. We took a survey with silly moustaches on for “I “moustache you a question!”
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In Science, third graders aren’t just growing, so were our plants! We are learned all about the Wisconsin Fast Plant and bees. In Social Studies, we are diving into “Governing Our Community”. We are learning about the upcoming election and finding out how our government functions. Third graders have been gaining Dojo points throughout the year, so we know a little about the economy but can’t wait to spend them. We are going to have a ball during our auction using the points that we have earned to purchase items that our peers bring in. We are looking forward to Township Tuesday to see the work of our local government and police department. We have really enjoyed all of the great assemblies this year. Most recently we had fun at a dance party during the Laser Light Show and learned all about lasers and music. Thank you to the PTO. Thank you also to Miss Newton for another great year of Leo’s Heroes. Third Grade loved Field Day! We had such beautiful weather. We loved all of the games and activities that Ms. Miller planned. Thank you Ms. Miller for all that you do. Third grade is looking forward to our Olympics Week to wrap up our school year!

4th Grade – Rooms 14,16 & 18

The fourth grade class and their teachers cannot believe that our year is quickly coming to a close. We would like to shout out a HUGE thank you to Ms. Miller and all of the wonderful parent volunteers for organizing another fun-filled Field Day.

We recently had the opportunity to visit a historic Delaware County site. The fourth graders went back in time while exploring our very own Newtown Square Papermill. We learned what life was like for the mill workers in the 1840s. The children worked the two-man saw, churned butter, kneaded dough, did laundry, and practiced a partner dance accompanied by a violin player, among many other things. This hands-on field trip was a wonderful connection to our study of the Northeast Region in Social Studies.

In the classroom, our Math students are studying Measurement and Geometry. Science has already wrapped up and so has our Social Studies train tour of the Northeast region. Now we are heading to the Southeast and the kids are preparing their own Power Points on the states in the remaining three regions of the United States.

5th Grade - Rooms 13, 15 & 17

The fifth grade has been busy and working hard building for their future. They were very diligent and persistent while taking the PSSA’s. Along the way they were given incentives with the final being a LASER light show.

To build for the future you have to know about the past. We have been learning about colonial life and had the pleasure of walking to the Massey House, a 16th century farm house. The fifth graders learned about blacksmiths, candle making, colonial games, colonial architecture, colonial cooking, and colonial gardening. Ask your child why the colonist might have said “Sleep tight. Don’t let the bedbugs bite.”
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All of the fifth graders have given their oral reports on various topics. It takes courage and confidence to stand before their peers and present their opinions. These skills will be useful in their future careers.

The students have also been reading many books, and they especially enjoyed book clubs. When asked what their favorite books are, many will answer one of the books they read for book club. Sharing books with friends really does make reading more enjoyable. Some of our students even got to participate in the Reading Olympics book club and shined at the event at Radnor High School. The STEM group also participated in their event building with K’nex.

The students will be going to visit Paxon Hollow Middle School to get a preview of where they will be next year. They will be entertained by the talented music department and get a tour of the school. Hopefully some will be less anxious about going to the new school. They will have an opportunity in August to get another tour, have practice opening a lock for their lockers, and to ask any questions they may have about Paxon. Watch for a letter that will be sent to you this summer with the details and time.

The end of the year will continue to be busy. We will be going on many trips. We are going on a trip to the zoo with our first grade buddies. There is also the trip to Paradise Farms to meet some of the other fifth graders in the district who will be their classmates at Paxon next year.

The year will culminate with our Memory Morning Breakfast to sign yearbooks and remember the years at Loomis. We’ll also have the final fifth grade award ceremony. Parents will come to Loomis to celebrate the students’ promotion and honor them with the end of the year fifth grade party. What a busy time of the year! Congrats to the Loomis class of 2016!

Art News from Mrs. Trigone

We have had a great year in art this year. The Evening of the Arts was a huge success. It was so wonderful to see so many Loomis families here enjoying the art and music. You should be proud of the accomplishments of the kids this year and the growth they have shown. It has been such a pleasure for me to guide and watch your children in art and see some wonderful artwork produced with such enthusiasm. Enjoy these summer days with your family. I will be traveling to London and Paris in June with my daughter and can’t wait to show her the Mona Lisa and stand on Monet’s Bridge with her. You will be seeing a scrapbook of photos I am sure. Keep drawing over the summertime!
Music News from Mrs. Mongan
Hello. In the month of May our young instrumental musicians proved in their performances how hard they've been working all year. On Saturday, May 7th, the band students and District Choir members had an awesome performance at the Wilmington Blue Rocks game, followed by an outstanding band and jazz band performance at Concert in the Park on Saturday, May 14th. It was a lot of weekend performances for such young musicians but everyone played extremely well at both events and presented themselves as composed and respectful musicians. Honestly, the students seemed as though they were seasoned musicians who perform every week all year long. It was amazing!

On Tuesday, May 24th we had our String Spectacular which features the string ensembles from the elementary, middle & high school levels. We concluded the evening with a grand finale of “William Tell Overture”, combining all the string students from grades 4 through 12. It was a wonderful opportunity for our kids and a lot of fun for the older students to remember their days as first or second years string players. A spectacular night for all!

In addition to our formal concerts we also had students perform for the Evening of the Arts. It’s always nice to hear a quartet play background music at our school events.

Before we pack away our instruments for the year we have one more event, our 3rd and 4th grade instrument demonstration assembly. This will occur on Tues., May 31, in the afternoon. At this time we will have our current musicians perform for the 3rd grade and then show how the instrument works, sounds, etc. This is always a great way for our future musicians to become acquainted with the world of music. We will also have an Instrument Demo night on Thursday, June 9th for parents and students to stop by to play around with the instruments and see which instrument best suits your future musician. (Additional information can be found in this newsletter.)

When you think of where we started back in Sept. and the beautiful music that we hear now, it’s easy to realize how much effort the kids have put into accomplishing their journey this year. A special thank you to all those who have supported our program throughout the school year. We couldn’t have succeeded as much as we did without your support! Happy Summer.
3rd & 4th Grade Parents: Is your child thinking of playing a musical instrument next year? If so, you should stop by the "Meet the Instruments Night"

Thursday, June 9th
6:30 – 8:00 PM
Held at Russell Elementary School
We will have numerous instruments on hand for your child to try so that they can determine which instrument they would like to learn next year.

Music News from Mr. Peters
1st Grade – We recently finished our unit on the carnival of the animals where students discovered how composer Charles Camille Saint-Saëns used different instruments, tempo’s, and dynamics to convey a variety of animals. You may have recently noticed your first grade student singing some patriotic songs at home and that is because we are getting ready for our Flag Day show on June 14th. The show will begin at 2:00 and will be featuring the entire 1st grade class. Hope to see you there!

2nd Grade – Students recently completed a unit of study on pirates. Students improvised melodies, composed sound stories, and even used real pirate treasure to compose rhythms and have a pirate ship battle. Students will be finishing the year learning and experiencing expressive movement!

3rd Grade – Students have been working very hard pushing themselves forward through their recorder karate packets. With only a few weeks left, continue to encourage your children to practice and earn more belts. A video of a performances can be emailed to me at danielpeters@mnsd.org. Our last music class will be our karate belt tying ceremony! All should be very proud of their accomplishments.
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I’d like to congratulate the 5th and 4th grade students on an outstanding performance at the Evening of the Arts this past month. The students worked very hard this year and I’m very proud of what they were able to accomplish. A special thank you to the Orff Ensemble’s who sacrificed a lunch recess every week and even came in after school to learn the complicated pieces they performed. Bravo to all!

Physical Education News from Ms. Miller

On Friday, May 20th, Loomis held its annual Field Day. We had wonderful weather and everyone had a great day. Some of the highlights for the kids were the sling shot water balloon, tug o war and sponge pass. The children also enjoyed watching the parents, faculty and staff competing in the tug o war. We had 65 parent volunteers this year. Thanks to all who helped run the stations. We couldn’t have this day without you! The Loomis kids demonstrated excellent sportsmanship throughout the day. Thanks again to all who support this fun and exciting day.

Loomis Runners Race for the Record: This year any 3rd, 4th, or 5th grade student who ran the mile during Physical Education class in 7 minutes and 30 seconds or faster has been invited to participate in “Race For The Record.” Race for the Record will be held at Marple Newtown High School on June 9th at 9:30am. The four elementary schools in the district will bring this select group of students to the track to run the mile.

Students who qualified are:

**5th grade:**
Kamryn Black, Gianna Caso, Maddie Ellis, Dean Giovanopoulos, Alexa Hazakis, Caitlin Henzel, Kassie Kelly, Brian May, Dean Mouzithras, Luke Testa, Brandon Tribuiani, Maya Tulisiak, Thai Wark

**4th grade:**
Vincent Abatangelo, Paul DeFruscio, Trey Saviour, Joey Yukenavitch

**3rd grade:**
John Paul Benko, Aiden Doney, Brandon Hopkins, Halen Jackson, Caleb Jacobs, Ryan Keating, Sean May, Donny Petersen

Congratulations to all!