ROCK LAKE OCTOBER NEWS

Our annual Thanksgiving Feast was a success again this year as all students from kindergarten to Grade 12 shared a lovely meal together at school. We enjoyed chicken and beef burritos with all the fixings. We are thankful for activities such as this that lend to a sense of togetherness within our school.



"The generous will themselves be blessed, for they share their food with the poor." (Proverbs 22:9)







Classroom News:

In the early years social studies unit about communities the students have had lots of discussions about the colony community. They are currently working on a project of drawing the colony and placing the correct community helpers where they belong. In science they are exploring their senses through a variety of fun activities such as food tasting, a classroom search for pictures and numbers, and learning adjectives to describe touch.

In ELA the students are continuing to work on reading and writing. Students are starting to become excited about their reading and are proud to show off their journal writing.

In math the early years students have started to focus on place value and number sense and have worked on identifying greater than, less than, and equal to. We are now moving towards adding and subtracting strategies.

Kindergartens are busy learning some new songs and have been learning to print, recognize and say the sounds of the letters a, m, s, t, p and f. They have started basic reading and taking the letters they know to make words.

In middle years Math the students are learning multiplication with 2-digit numbers, different ways to represent numbers (base 10 blocks, expanded form, word form, place value chart, standard form)

In ELA they are reading the book Holes (looking at theme, character traits, dynamic and static characters, and how to write a quote from a novel)

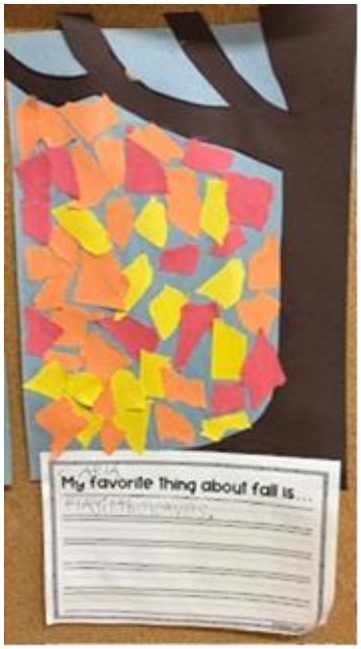
In Science they are looking at the scientific method through experiments, learning about variables (dependent, independent and controlled variables) and how to improve experiment results.

In Social Studies they are researching European explorers and creating a poster to showcase their research.

The middle years/high school Science class have been learning about the forces that shape our earth with a focus on earthquakes and volcanos. In social studies they are continuing with their presentation on a country they know very little about. In the end they will teach the other students about their chosen country. In Math they are learning about patterns with a beginning focus on linear equations.

Our high school students are improving their writing skills through poetry, and narrative writing. They are reading a series of short stories with a focus on setting and character.







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