

Maple Lane Gazette

Season's Greetings Maple Lane Families! I believe that in order to support our students in and out of school, staff and families must have a shared understanding of children's learning and work as partners to meet their academic and social-emotional needs. The staff at Maple Lane is committed to communicating regularly and constructively with parents. Report cards are sent home every quarter and parents are asked to review them. Feel free to address any concerns or questions with your child's teacher. The report card summarizes the progress that each child is making toward the Common Core Standards and it formalizes the commitment that the child, family and school make to improve progress over the upcoming quarter.

In addition to the rigorous academics taking place at Maple Lane, November was a month where we took the time to give thanks. We celebrated our Maple Lane family by having classrooms prepare food for our annual Thanksgiving Feast. Members of our Board of Education, upper administration, Therapy Dog volunteers, and Sterling Heights Police and Firefighters were all able to join us as we enjoyed a delicious meal. Thanks to all of the staff and students who make this event possible every year!

On December 19th, we showcased the talents of our students in our Christmas Play "Mr. Baker's Magical Christmas Cookies." In this wonderful play, we tapped into the acting, singing, and backstage talents of our Maple Lane performers! This play would not have happened without our very own Ms. Linda, who wrote and directed it for us. Thank you to Ms. Linda for sharing your talent with us!

As cold weather quickly creeps upon us, please be mindful of inclement weather. If your child or your family needs assistance with warm coats, boots, hats, mittens, etc. please contact our School Social Worker Ms. Stegall. We'd be happy to assist and certainly want to make sure everyone is dressed for the weather. Also, you may watch the local news stations for any report of snow days. If "Macomb Intermediate School District" is closed, that means Maple Lane will not have school. Enjoy the holiday season and, as always, know we are here to support your child and your family!

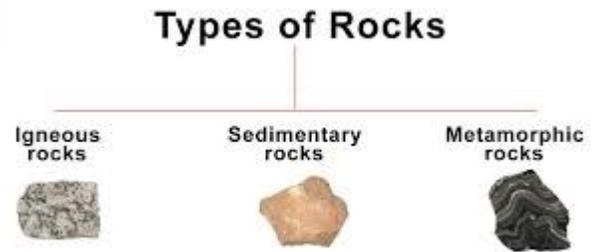
Jack Dodd, Ed.S.
Principal



R2

This month our class began a new unit on how rocks are made and formed from inside the Earth. Magma, igneous, sedimentary, and metamorphic rocks are found in many parts of the world. Some of them are found in the United States and national parks. The students picked out a rock of their choice to observe. We also enjoyed our first snow day of the year. The students spent their day making snowballs and forts. Our class is also reading the book, *The Story of Ferdinand*. It's out in theaters.

Happy Holidays from R2



Classroom News!

R3

Seasons Greetings from Room 3! Well, Halloween and Thanksgiving have flown by...and now it is almost time for Christmas. The students in Room 3 have been busy little elves "artsying, crafting, and baking". We learned how to make shower steamers- it was a great science project! The month of December has also been a busy time preparing for our annual Christmas play. All of the students worked very hard to put together the best play ever! I would like to thank all of the students that were in the play, in the choir, ushers, cookie waiters, and stage hands. We could not have had a successful play without all of you!!! I would like to thank all of the teaching staff for their help, encouragement, and support- it truly takes everyone to make it work. The play, " Mr. Bakers Magical Christmas Cookies" was FABULOUS! We have very special talent at Maple Lane School. Thanks to all of the parents, family, and friends who came to see the students in the play- we very much appreciate YOUR support. A special thank you to Mr. Dodd for allowing us to do these performances every year. From the staff and students in Room 3, we wish you a VERY Merry Christmas and a peace- filled 2018.



R4

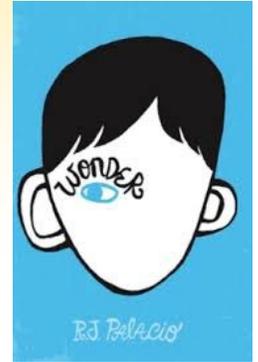
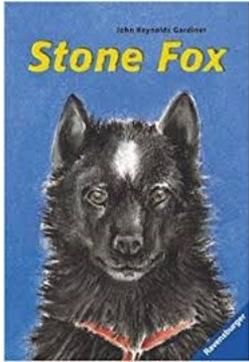
December has been a busy month for our students. They have spent a lot of time practicing for the holiday play and choir

We have been working very hard in math, learning how to estimate numbers. As well as multiplication and division. In reading we are working on the book *Wonder* And *Stone Fox*. The students are really enjoying both of the books.

We are very proud of our student Adam S. who has hit the ten-mile mark in running club.

Congratulations Adam!

We would like to wish everyone a very happy and restful holiday break!



Classroom News!

R5

Room 5 recently welcomed two new students to our class. We are happy to have Matthew and Lucas, and we're looking forward to meeting Aaron after the holidays.

While the class has been anxiously counting down the days until the official winter season begins (Dec. 21), the students have also been studying other seasonal, regional and extreme weather patterns. The students colored pictures for our fellow soldiers and wrote a thank you for their service. This was an extension writing activity through our Scholastic News. Between academics, the class has been enjoying movement breaks with "Go Noodle" and craft time to complete Christmas gifts for our family members. We wish all of our families and students a very happy holiday!



R6

We were busy readers this month! We read the book *Hatchet* by Gary Paulsen as we studied the main character Brian and how he changes and evolves with the events in the story. We also read the book *Wish* by Barbra O'Connor. Here is what the readers of R6 thought:

"Hatchet is a story about someone surviving in the woods with nothing but himself." –Noah

"I like Hatchet because it is about survival and could teach people to survive in the woods"- Bryant

"I liked it. It was a really good book. I would read it again." (Hatchet) –Conner

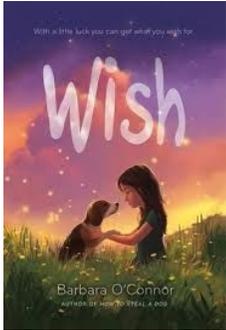
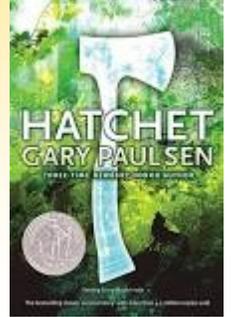
"I liked it." –Keegan

"I can't wait to see the movie." –Lanaijah

"I would read both again." – Ethan

"Charlie thought she couldn't get along with anyone and she thought she couldn't catch Wishbone." (Wish)- Jaidyn

"I liked that Howard and Bertha were never mean to Charlie." (Wish) –Adam



Classroom News!

R7

Classroom 7 has been working very hard on making bracelets. These are for sale outside our classroom and are individually priced. This is what the students have to say about their experiences making jewelry:

Abygail says, "It allows us to experience our creativity in different ways."

"It's fun!" says Liz.

Reno says, "It is relaxing."

"It made me feel like I was actually participating in something that made work fun", according to William.

"It is really, really fun and it helps me concentrate", says Caiden.

Hunter says, "I feel happy because I like all the colors."

Jacob says, "It helps teach us skills for our lives."

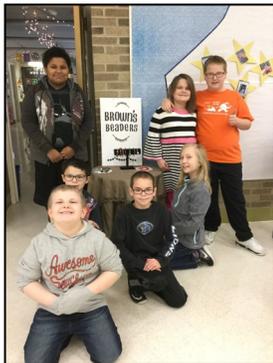
When we sell a bracelet, we earn money in our checkbook which helps us learn mathematical skills and then we get to shop Mrs. Brown's store.

It helps us to learn we can ask for help when things get too hard.

It teaches us to control our brains for a bigger challenge.

It helps us learn to listen to teachers and follow directions.

We want to say a BIG THANK YOU to all who have shopped with us and supported us.



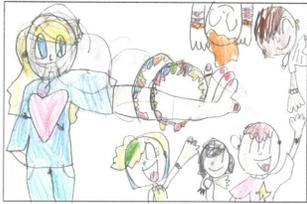
R7 drawings & writing



I help me concentrate
 and I love it

Colleen

ABBY



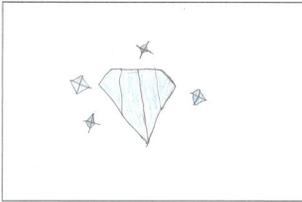
I love my bracelet on
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 you love to wear it all
 of them 12-7-17 2017



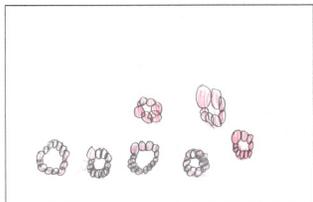
I like all the colors
 in the rainbow

trinity waltz

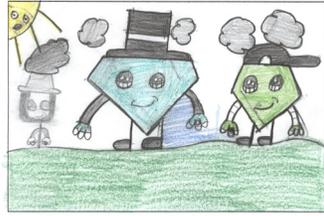
Jacob Weaver



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 much. I'm starting
 like over

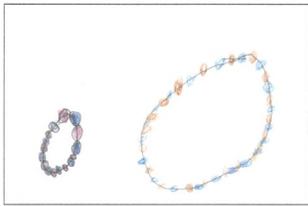


It's fun. It's colorful.
 I like it. It is
 calm.



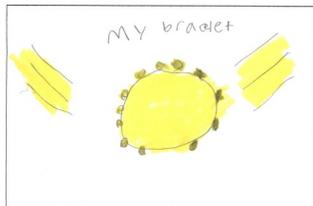
I really like to make
 bracelets its really relaxing
 to me. and it helps you
 concentrate so when you
 have a test it will help
 you on your test. By Ren

William 12-7-17



It's fun because I like
 favorite colors.

Treyon



My bracelet
 today I made one but it was
 going to draw you one so
 I hope you like it. I hope
 you miss you miss
 you miss you miss

R10

R10 sure has been enjoying celebrating the holiday season! Including writing thank-you notes to local business' and organizations who donate items to Maple Lane. We also spent a fun week doing The Polar Express story, movie, and activities! The best part, was the Golden Ticket to the pajama party; hot chocolate, snacks and lots of "Believing"! The class had a discussion about what we would want as our "First Gift of Christmas":

Xavier: A Go-Kart

Gabby: Mermaid Barbie

Dominique: Nerf stuff

DeKyn: El Drago Beyblade

Joey: Model ship to build

Ms. Earehart: Yoga membership

Ms. Maggie: coffee

Ms. Wood: A Golden Retriever puppy

Ms. Wiedeman: My family all together



HAPPY HOLIDAYS FROM R10!

R13

Tis the Season

Students in R13 are excited that the holiday season is upon us. They have been making holiday crafts and preparing for the big play. We had students from R13 participate both as actors and singers. They did a wonderful job! Once again, the holiday play was a huge hit. If you see Mrs. Lambrecht be sure to tell her thank you for producing and directing another fabulous production!

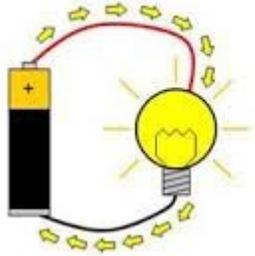
Academically, students have been on a roll. They are engaging in the writing process as they learn to recognize features of nonfiction text. We will begin writing our own nonfiction pieces in January. In math, we have wrapped up our unit on multiplication and division. Students are now working to identify and measure angles. We will be working toward more complex geometry topics when we return in January. There are so many exciting things to look forward to when we return from break!

Staff and students in R13 wish you and your family a safe and happy holiday season!



R14

Closed circuit



What a busy month! From making gifts for family to finishing up units before the break; Room 14 has not stopped. This month we have been busy finishing up our unit on electricity. The students had a great time working with magnets and putting together different types of circuits. We have also begun a new unit in our writing. We have been learning how to write "How To" writing pieces.

The students have also enjoyed many of our enrichment activities, such as therapy dogs, going to the Play Place, and working on our typing skills in technology. With all of this going on, we have been equally busy making our holiday gifts for our families. We are looking forward to our relaxing break and then getting back to schedule. Enjoy your holidays and break, we will see you in 2018.

Classroom News!

PE

We've been having 'SNOW' much fun in the Gym!

Time is flying in physical education here at Maple Lane. Students have been sweating and moving right into 2018.

Recently, all classrooms finished a unit on basketball. In

the younger rooms, we focused on ball manipulation skills. Students practiced dribbling/ bouncing balls,

passing/receiving and even had a chance to create a dribbling trick of their own for their class to try!



Older rooms expanded their skill set even further with an introduction to offensive and defensive strategies followed by some 3-on-3 on the court.

With winter break fast approaching all classes rolled right into some Holiday fun by playing a collection of festive activities such as Feed the Reindeer, Catch that Reindeer, Reindeer Run and Snowball Fight. Fun games *and* an opportunity to practice throwing, dodging, and fleeing, and having fun with friends; a win-win had by all.

The students created snow globes that are being used to decorate the administration building!



For more info and to Register online: taiwanjonespecialathletes.com

\$60 One Time Fee

Taiwan Jones Special Athletes Club

Sat. Feb3-Feb10-Feb17

Taiwan Jones
Former Michigan State and New York Jets Linebacker

This camp works with children with special needs to encourage physical fitness and skill development and of course a TON of FUN!

First 70 Kids To Sign Up Each Age Group
Age Group 1: 5-10 -- Age Group 2: 11-14 -- Age Group 3: 15+
Group 1: 9-11am -- Group 2: 11-1pm -- Group 3: 1-3pm

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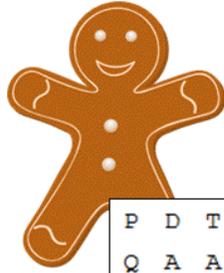


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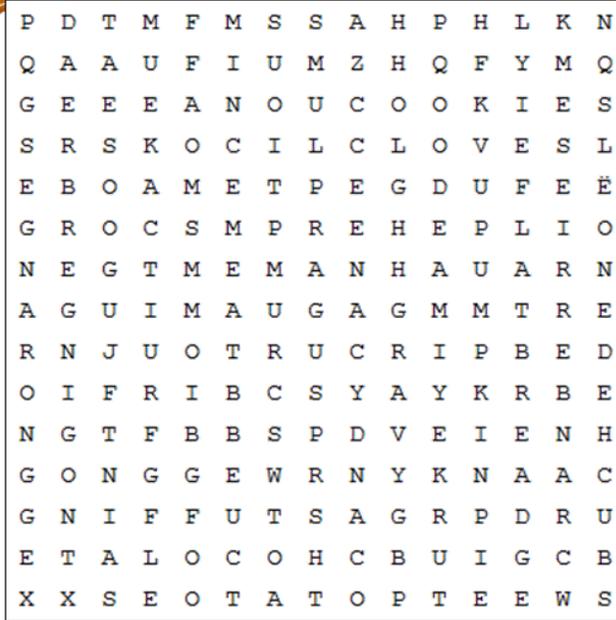
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CHRISTMAS TREATS



BUCHE DE NOËL
 CANDY CANE
 CHOCOLATE
 CLOVES
 COOKIES
 CRANBERRIES
 EGGNOG
 FLAT BREAD

FRUITCAKE
 FUDGE
 GINGERBREAD
 GOOSE
 GRAVY
 HAM
 MINCEMEAT
 NUTS

ORANGES
 PUMPKIN PIE
 SCRUMPTIOUS
 STUFFING
 SUGARPLUMS
 SWEET POTATOES
 TURKEY



Have a wonderful holiday!

UPCOMING EVENTS

December 22 - January 2 NO SCHOOL
 School resumes on Wednesday, January 3rd

January 15 - NO SCHOOL

February 14 - Count Day