



April 2017

Important Dates

Apr 3 - Apr 7 – Spring Recess
Apr 18 – Picture Day
Apr 19 – Open House
Apr 21 – Library Field Trip
Apr 28 – Award Assembly

Award Recognition

Congratulations to our **April** students of the month!

Kindergarten – Liana
1st grade – Presaiah
3rd grade – Justin
4/5th grade – Nanami

AR: Raith, Presaiah, Devan, Jason, Max, Chantel, Ocean, Jimmy, Mira, Ryan, Jazlyn, Rachel

Chinese: Ella, Joy, Rachel, Landon, Jason

Jing Si Aphorism

“Those who give love to others will be loved by countless others.”
-Master Cheng Yen



2nd and 3rd graders play with an interactive map in one of the rooms at the Natural History Museum.

We hope everyone has a fantastic spring break. We are excited to continue our third trimester with well-rested bodies and minds. In April, we have Picture Day, Open House, and our bi-monthly trip to the library. We are excited for Open House, where your students will showcase their work throughout the year.

In March, we had our schoolwide field trip to the Natural History Museum, began our school's basketball lessons and etiquette class, and celebrated Grandparent's Day on the 31st of March! This family friendly event has been an ongoing Tzu Chi tradition, where we honor and respect our grandparents.

We look forward to reporting the events of April in our May newsletter.

Leprechaun Traps

By Ms. Ellen, 4/5th grade teacher
3-23-17



Jacoby explains how his trap works to 1st graders.

On March 16, the Kindergarteners invited the school to show us how to catch leprechaun. These nifty traps are sure to lure any unknowing leprechaun. The students rotated around the room as each inventor shared the secrets of their project.

Vision Screening



On March 10th, the students had a vision screening. In this photo, Winston pops his head in front of the camera as Callahan gets his eyes tested.

Bake Sale Fundraiser

By Nanami K. 5th grader
3-31-17

On Thursday, March 30, we held a fundraiser to update our school's library. We will be using the collections from the sale to buy books for our school library.

The 4/5th grade class made ice cream cups and also iced the cupcakes. At 3:30 PM, the 3rd-5th graders started setting up the table for the bake sale. Our sale was from 4:00-4:30 PM. We already had so much progress 5 minutes in! We had so much fun with the sale and everyone enjoyed eating all the baked goods.

We counted how much we had the following morning, and it was \$119!! We can't wait to purchase books for our school library! We would like to thank all of the people who came to support us.



1st and 2nd graders browse the selection.

Student News Continued...

Basketball Bonanza

By Ella B., 4th grader
3-24-17

The school started a new basketball program, to teach the kids skills such as dribbling and passing. The students are broken into grade level groups. The K/1 students practice from 3:00-3:30 PM and the upper grades practice from 3:30-4:00 PM.

The first drills we learned were dribbling and passing. The coach had us line up in rows, dribble the ball 10 times, and then pass it over to our partner. The second drill we learned was in and out; this is a drill where you dribble the ball in and out of cones.

The coach was introduced to the school by Jimmy and Jason. The family had known the coach for 2 years.

"He knows what he's doing," said Jason, a 3rd grader. We are excited for the rest of the lessons!



1st graders Devan and Emily dribble basketballs.



2nd-5th grade students prepare for their drill.

Etiquette Class



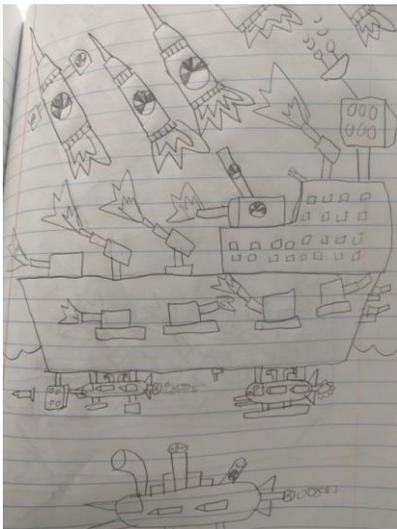
On Thursday, March 23, the students participated in their very first etiquette class of the year! Ms. Diane, our guest teacher, taught the students proper manners, from handshakes to making friends. The students learned that kindness is what it takes to make lifelong friends! In this photo, Ms. Diane greets Ocean, a 3rd grader, with a firm two pump handshake.

Creative Corner

Submissions: Student Council is accepting submissions for our creative corner. We will take short stories, poems, song lyrics, skits, and more! Each submission may only be half a page long maximum. Make sure an adult proofreads your work before you submit! We will be taking up to three entries per month.

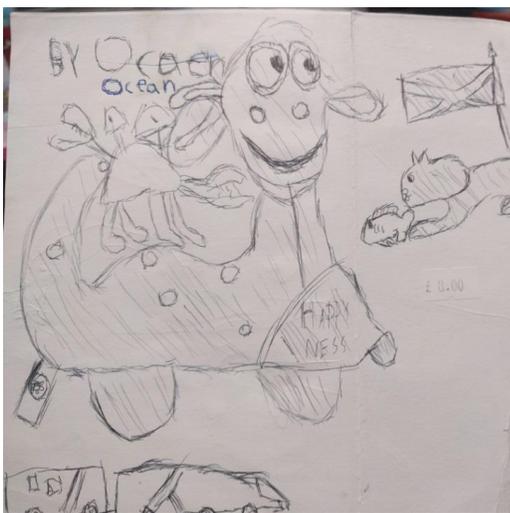
Ships and Missiles

By Jason and Justin, 3rd grade



Happy-Ness

By Ocean, 3rd grade



Romania: School of Wizardry

(excerpt from a short story)

By Jasmine L., 4th grader

The next day, there was a dragon at lunch and another troll at dinner. Then, there was a basilisk. Harry was becoming suspicious. Who was letting in all these creatures inside? Just then, Harry heard a scream. It was coming from the girl's bathroom! Harry ran inside. He saw Katie cornered by another troll. The troll was trying to kill her!

"Help!" Katie screamed. "Help!"

Harry ran over to the troll and yelled, "Hey, Peabrain!"

The troll looked at him. Harry used the levitation charm to make the troll fly. Harry then smashed him into the wall. The troll was knocked out.

"Katie!" Harry yelled. "Are you okay?"

"Yeah, I'm okay," replied Katie. She ran over to Harry and kissed him.

"Thanks for saving me," she said shyly.

Harry was blushing madly. Katie had kissed him! He felt like he had been dunk in ice cold water.

