

SALEM ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

WEEKLY SNAPSHOT

OCTOBER 5, 2018

Salem students SOAR to success by being

Safe, taking **O**wnership, being **A**ccepting of others, and being **R**esponsible.

Naugatuck Police Department Reading Program Begins



Students in Ms. Miller's class listen to an officer from the Naugatuck Police Department read them a story. On the first Friday morning of every month, an officer will be at Salem school to read to students in three different classrooms in an effort to promote literacy. Students also have the opportunity to interact with officers with questions and answers after each storytime.

Preparing the Pickles

Students in Mrs. DiMaio's class learned how to make pickles with Naugatuck Public Schools Director of Food Service, Kate Murphy. This week students at Salem got to enjoy them on their cheeseburgers at lunch.

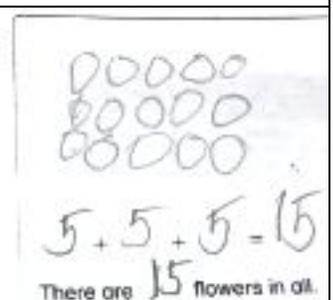


More to Multiplication

Our third graders are hard at work using strategies to learn multiplication. Although many of us remember simply memorizing our math facts research today proves students who are able to understand the concept behind the skill have a higher rate of success in mathematics. Here is an example of how one of our students used an array model. Math experts from the University of Notre Dame said, "In particular, arrays and regions assist to support the shift from additive thinking ('groups of' model) to multiplicative thinking ('factor-factor-product' model) and eventually to proportional and algebraic reasoning.

Day, L., & Hurrell, D. (2015). An explanation for the use of arrays to promote the understanding of mental strategies for multiplication. *Australian Primary Mathematics Classroom*, 20 (1), 20-23.

Darren plants a flower garden. He plants 3 rows of flowers. He plants 5 flowers in each row.
Draw a picture to show the array of flowers.
Then write an equation for your picture.



Upcoming Important Dates

Monday, October 8th: School is in-session this year on Columbus Day

Wed., Thursday & Friday, October 17-19th: Early Dismissal at 1:00 p.m. for Parent Conferences

Friday, October 26th: Hat Day Fundraiser for \$1, sponsored by the PTO