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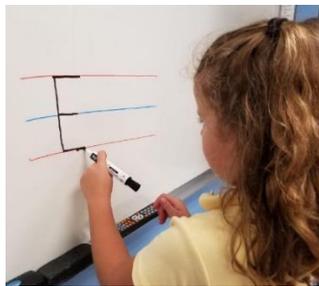
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Kindergarten News

Our first weeks of Kindergarten have been a huge success! We have done a great job adjusting to our daily routine and



rules. In science we have learned about the many things we can do when we grow up involving science. We have been exploring pushes versus pulls, and even did an experiment using marbles. Handwriting has begun writing the letters p and d, and history has been learning about our first symbol, the American



flag. We had a few rainy days, but that didn't slow us down. We turned those days into a recess dance party! We would like to thank you parents for your generosity providing our classroom

supplies. We're already having a great time! And Mrs. Sterling wrote a poem:

For Mrs. Sterling's handwriting class,
 Though we come to her en masse,
 She creates many games,
 To teach us how to write our names,
 To get those letters in the right spot,
 Doing so may take a lot,
 But when we get those letters right,
 Our handwriting will be nice and tight.

Make a Change Dime Fundraiser

The Making A Change Fundraiser is off to a great start this year, with thousands of dimes already submitted! Participation is greatly appreciated! More information on the fundraiser is available: <http://www.youngsvilleacademy.org/apps/news/article/733786>

Construction Update!



The project is moving forward quickly and is slightly ahead of schedule! The roof has been fully installed, the classrooms are being framed, HVAC is being installed, and within the next several weeks the building will be painted and windows will be installed (weather permitting). A view of the construction site is available here, and is updated every 30 minutes: <https://www.workzonecam.com/projects/bcconstruction/youngsville/icef-view-park-k-8>

Second Grade News

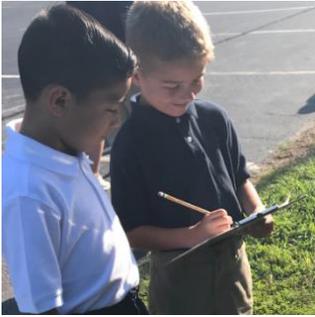


In science, the second graders have been collaborating to learn about the properties of matter and how to discover it all around us, from the classroom to outside! In Ms. Patterson's homeroom,

the students took some time to read the picture book version of Wonder and discuss how it is ok that everyone is different and how to accept everyone for who they are. They made kindness awareness posters and a few got chosen to be displayed in the



2nd Grader: "Who knew being good was this easy? This is easy as 123!" ~



classroom. In handwriting, we are off to a great start! The students having been learning about corner starting capitals and center starting capitals and are understanding how to use the line space correctly. We also discuss

the importance of carrying over what they are learning to their other classes. Please encourage neat handwriting to establish good habits and pride in your child's work.

Delving into Latin with Miss Olbrych



Latin students are taking on a challenge: learning two languages at once! This year, the school is learning both Latin and American Sign Language. This helps students make connections between Latin words and their meanings in a way that is both tangible and fun! Every class begins with memory work and a vocabulary review. Students have learned to "sign and say" various words, such as calendarium (calendar), aqua (water), and mensa (table), while discussing English cognates and derivatives. Next, students study Latin grammar, where they learn to understand and connect the concepts they have just memorized.



After a game to solidify the lesson, the rest of class is spent diving into the world of ancient Rome. Here, the students explore the culture, literature,

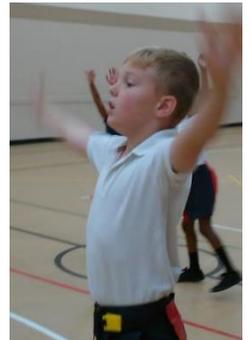
mythology, and history of ancient Rome as told in a story. Although the school year is just beginning, the students have shown both diligence and eagerness in seeking out a deeper understanding of a language ever ancient, ever new.

P.E. Fun with Coach Mosley



In Physical Education class, K-2 students have enjoyed getting their wiggles out through chasing/dodging games, moving to the music, and fun listening activities. I am very impressed with their agility skills and eagerness to learn thus far!! Meanwhile, our magnificent 3rd-5th grade students have been working on

building positive and strong relationships through activities that require them to use a high level of teamwork. They have truly enjoyed a game called Team Bowling! It incorporates rules and skills from the game of bowling, basketball, and soccer. While playing this game, our students quickly learned the value of cooperation and hard work. Overall, many Youngsville Academy scholars have "survived" PE numerous times, leaving with big smiles and sweaty faces (this is healthy, not gross). We are off to an amazing start!!



Fourth Grade News

Fourth grade is off to a fabulous start! We welcomed some new students to the fourth grade Phoenix's nest and we are so proud of how our fourth graders collaborate with and support each other. In

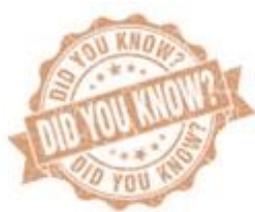


history the students are intrigued by the descriptions

Overheard Kindergarten Conversation: Student 1: Coffee is just for grown ups, not for us children. Student 2: We're not children! Student 1: Yes we are! Student 2: No we're not!! Student 1: If we're not children, what do you think we are? Student 2: We're not children, we're KIDS!

and documentary of the legendary Crystal Palace of Hyde Park where the Great Exhibition of 1851 was held. In science our new curriculum brings an interactive notebook that allows our budding scientists to dive deep into scientific observations. Math facts are our friends! We are making math practice a muscle that we will build all year long. Our reading logs are filled with 20min records and students love to visit the classroom libraries. Fourth grade is ready for a growth-filled year!

Reading helps you live longer!



Reading isn't just a relaxing past time – it's actually good for you too. A study from the University of Sussex in England found that reading just six minutes a day reduced stress

levels by 68%! Another study by Yale School of Public Health showed that reading a book for 30 minutes a day can add two years to your life span! Reading keeps the brain active enough to prevent a decline in thinking and processing. Additional research reveals reading builds skills such as concentration, empathy, vocabulary, and emotional intelligence. If parents want to encourage good reading habits, a smart place to start is by reading themselves. A 2018 poll from Nielsen revealed that Americans age two and older spend an average of 4 hours and 16 minutes a day watching TV. If you don't think you have time in your day to add reading to your to-do list, try turning off the TV. Instead, read a book with your children. (Full story in Costco Connection by Nancy Monson & Stephanie Sheaffer: *Reading for Life*)



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First HSA Meeting of the Year

The meeting was so well attended by parents that extra chairs were needed. The HSA has a lot of fun



planned for the year, including the school's first Fall Field Day! The HSA is looking for an Events co-chair, alongside Mrs. Christina

Myers, to help plan HSA sponsored events. They will also need volunteers throughout the year. These part time volunteers are, depending on the need, asked to donate their time or supplies in support of student or teacher events. As Alma Forehand, the HSA president explained at the meeting, you can offer your time and resources according to your ability. Any little bit is so appreciated! The cause that the HSA is most involved in currently is fundraising for the new facility's playground equipment. To hear more about on-going opportunities to support this campaign and other ways you can be involved, stay tuned to the HSA facebook page and attend the September 13th meeting at 6pm.

Principal's Corner



The new school year is off to a fantastic start. Your children are already the best students we have had. The teachers are truly excited about what promises to be a very good year. The third grade students just took their BOGs and had very strong results. This year we will be moving into our new building and with that will come lots of opportunity for us to do even more. I have been fortunate in the past to work with a lot of High School Seniors as both their Headmaster and counselor and I am already excited about the opportunities our students will have when they start graduating in 2026. -Larry Henson

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Aug 17th – ½ day for students
- Aug 21st – Open House
- Aug 22nd – Picture Day!(uniforms required)
- Sept 3rd – Labor Day – No school
- Sept 13th – HSA meeting 6pm