

201 Bioeducational News

We had a wonderful cluster bonding time this month with the cluster breakfast. We all went down to the gym on a Wednesday morning and ate breakfast together. We all brought down blankets and sat together as a homeroom family. We ate some delicious food and were able to relax and enjoy each other's company. The people serving the food we thrilled to hear the students saying please and thank you. We talked in morning meeting leading up to this event about what to expect and how we will all have fun sharing a wonderful meal together.

We finished our first book in Reading had a party to celebrate that! We read the *Magic Tree House Midnight on the Moon*. First, we worked as a homeroom to summarize all the main events of the story, and the students did an amazing job participating. Then we talked about the phases of the Moon because Annie and Jack, the main characters, visited the Moon in the story. We all used Oreos to represent the different phases that the Moon goes through. The students loved that they got to eat a few cookies after. Finally, we made moon sand. They were all curious how we would create the sand. First the students helped handout the materials, flour and baby oil. Then we all mixed together our own moon sand. The students did a wonderful job cleaning up afterwards!

We have Group Therapy twice a week, In Group they explored various feelings that people can have. Some of the activities they did were listening to stories, such as "In My Heart." Then they made a list of all different kinds of feelings. They each picked a feeling from the list and drew a picture to represent that feeling. Then in the next session of Group they focused more on movement. They went over the expectations for how they should act while they moved around. Then they got up and picked a spot to stand on. Each student got a chance to suggest how the class would move to their next spot in the room. They worked on sharing spots, which was difficult at times, but they did a nice job sharing once prompted by the therapist.

202 Bioeducational News

Welcome back to school! September feels like a fresh start, and both staff and students alike have the chance to make some new friends, develop new relationships, or create some new goals to focus on. We like to start the year off with the 200 cluster breakfast. Every homeroom gathers in the gym while we eat picnic style. We dine on bacon, sausage, eggs, and bagels, and even have the opportunity for seconds (and thirds for some!) While we sit with our 202 family, students have the opportunity to mingle with other homerooms and talk with students and staff that we got to know last year. It feels like a big block party, and safe to say the rest of the morning moved a little slower due to us all being so full!

September also brings a new season, and to welcome fall we had a "Taste of Fall" activity. The students were given the opportunity to try different varieties of apples, and rate their favorite. We also came up with describing words for each, like "sweet", "tart", and "delicious". We welcome Fall and all the yummy treats that go with it with open arms!

203 Bioeducational News

Welcome back to school! September has seemed to fly by and 203 has been off to a great start! Both staff and students have had a chance to make new friends and form new relationships. We began our year with an exciting annual event, the Cluster breakfast. During this event the students sat with their homeroom but also had the opportunity to socialize with their peers on picnic blankets in the gym. We also had an opportunity to show our school spirit during spirit week the last week of the month. Each day had a different theme including sports team day, neon/tie dye day, crazy hair day, Hawaiian shirt day, and lastly school colors day. We even ended the week with a pep rally! It was so fun to see the kids engaged and going out of their comfort zone. The students participated in homeroom guided reading and were active listeners to the book "Because of Winn Dixie" and were able to compare the book to the movie. They showed excitement to break into reading groups next month. September has also brought us a new season of Fall. The students took turns completing our calendar and weather display, and were excited to be able to change the season from summer to fall. We hope you have a great weekend and a fantastic Fall!

204 Bioeducational News

Lighthouse was buzzing with excitement the first week back to school! We were so happy to have the students back in the building and to hear all about their summer adventures. The students were able to share feeling sad about summer ending, but were also able to share that they were feeling happy to see friends and teachers that they had missed. We welcomed several new students to our 204 family this year and it feels like our family is complete now. We also welcomed a new bioeducational facilitator, Ms. Ritchardson, to our family and she has been a wonderful addition! The weather was on our side at the beginning of the year, and we got to spend time outside on the field with Ms. Stewart leading group games. When the weather wasn't cooperating with us, we stayed inside which gave us the chance to play board games, make up games using action figures, and go to the gym to play Pac Man Tag. 204 participated in Lighthouse's Spirit Week. From dressing up in neon and tie dye colors to showing school pride wearing blue, yellow, and white we were so excited to participate! The week culminated in a pep rally in the gym celebrating our teams and our school pride. We showed bravery by getting up in front of the whole school and sharing the school cheer that we created together. We celebrated the first day of fall with all a special seasonal treat! We had a taste test with several different types of apples. We then voted and charted all of the responses to see which one won. After, we enjoyed an apple food taste test including apple cider, apple cider donuts, and even apple yogurt!

205 Bioeducational News

Welcome back for the 2019-2020 school year! We are off to a great start in 205! There have been several staff and student changes in the cluster, but the students in 205 are adjusting nicely to the homeroom.

We played some “getting to know you” games during the first few days in order to help facilitate the adjustments. The students did a wonderful job playing “two truths and a lie” and “get to know you BINGO.” Both staff and students were able to learn some fun facts about each other playing these games.

Additionally, we celebrated our return to school with a picnic style breakfast as a cluster in the gym. Staff prepared eggs, bacon, sausage, potatoes, and bagels for the cluster to devour. This was a great way for staff and students to socialize together.

At the end of the month, we participated in spirit week. A different theme was celebrated each day. These included: sports team jersey day, neon/tie-dye day, crazy hair day, Hawaiian shirt day, and Lighthouse School colors day (wearing blue, white, and gold). The week culminated in a pep rally that included having a Lighthouse School cheer competition in the gym.

During ELA, the students talked about tolerance and learned about immigration and refugees. The students also took part in perspective taking activities and were asked the questions, “Have you ever had to leave your home? How did it feel?” The students were all very respectful with such a sensitive topic.