

October Items for the Good Central Elementary School

Preschool

The preschool students have been learning about school rules, safety, and classroom routines. Children are making friends, learning to share materials, and working out conflicts in appropriate ways. We enjoyed learning about farm animals, grain, and tractors during the Kiddie Barnyard. The children enjoyed the experience and asked to go back the next day.



Kindergarten-

Kindergarten students have been learning nursery rhymes and fables for our first CKLA Knowledge theme and have most recently been learning about our 5 senses. We have been able to experiment and explore the different senses. Some of these activities included a nature walk to listen to sounds, taste test a variety of flavors, feel and describe hidden objects inside a box, playing “I spy” to see different objects, and smell different types of smells and share our opinion about each one. We are working on understanding, sharing, and describing “favorites” to prepare for opinion writing. In CKLA Skills lessons, we have started to introduce letter sounds. Students are blending sounds and syllables and learning to write new sounds with correct letter formation. In math, we are learning numbers 0-10 and have been working hard on how to write numerals the correct way. We enjoyed the school-wide Freedom march with special Veteran and Active Military guests. Kindergarten has been learning the Pledge of Allegiance and what it means.



First Grade-

First grade students have been learning about the human body in the knowledge portion of CKLA. They have learned about our five body systems (skeletal system, muscular system, digestive system, circulatory system, and nervous system) and the five keys to health (keep clean, eat well, rest, exercise, and get checkups). To end our domain, all first grade classes did a healthy pizza activity, where students became chefs and got to create their very own pizza! We have been working on the components of narrative writing—characters, setting, plot, and conclusion. In math, we are learning how to solve addition and subtraction word problems and have learned different strategies to add and subtract.



Second Grade-

Second grade students have been learning about ancient Chinese civilizations in the knowledge portion of CKLA. They have learned about the 5 components of civilizations (cities, jobs, writing, religion and leaders). One of those we focused on and compared with what we use is the writing. The students had to use Chinese character symbols to write their names. Below is a picture of their names and paint in their own design.



Elementary Technology/Library-

Kindergarten has been exploring forces in motion with pushes and pulls! They created pinwheels and we tested them outside to see how we can utilize the push/pull of the wind to make the blades move and discussed real life applications (i.e. windmills, wind turbines).

First grade designed and built boats as a table team with limited materials to solve two problems: a boat that would hold the weight of 10 pennies and “Backpack Jack” our STEM explorer. Team made changes to their boats as needed if they weren’t initially successful!

Second grade has been learning how fiction books are organized in the library by the author’s last name. They played “Match Mine” with a partner for review.



Freedom March

During the week of September 12th, Central Elementary students participated in Celebrate Freedom Week. Throughout the week, students learned about the Constitution, the United

States flag, and the Pledge of Allegiance. As an activity for Constitution Day, the entire school held our own Freedom March on Friday, September 16th. We met in the gym for a short assembly where we honored our visiting Veterans and active military and recited the Pledge of Allegiance together. After the assembly, students marched around the school while they displayed United States flags that they created.



Kiddie Barnyard

Central Elementary students got to participate in Kiddie Barnyard on September 28th. Wamego high school FFA brought farm animals and tractors to teach the students about animals and how they take care of them etc. Thank you so much to Andy Morton and the Wamego High School FFA for putting this on for our students!

