

**Lighthouse School®
200 Cluster Newsletter
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Notes from the Homeroom:

And the Winner Is.... Homeroom 202 ! Congratulations to our astounding artists in Room 202. Their gaily-decorated "Snow Activities" Window exemplified their love for playing in the snow, sledding and building snow people. Well done 202, you certainly deserved that pizza party for your original theme and design!

We hope your new year has had a wonderful beginning. Here at Lighthouse School we have been encouraging students to use what they have learned and to apply it in the community.

Ms. Holt, our Community Therapist, has been challenging students to adapt their skills to the community through visits to McDonalds and the Brunswick Bowling Alley. At both facilities, social expectations as well as good manners were primary goals. Another challenge at the bowling alley was also met - good sportsmanship. Activities outside of Lighthouse School are used to enrich the performance of our students but they also can be a lot of fun. T.W.E.P trips with Ms. Stewart, our A.P.E. teacher, is positive proof of this. This month, her concentrations were safety, turn-taking and working together as she guided the children in recreational areas. During A.P.E lessons in the gymnasium, Ms. Stewart encouraged coordination and accuracy through bean bag activities and obstacle courses.

Science with Ms. Giblin continues to be fascinating as the students further explore the types of weather and all of the vocabulary associated with it. Discussions galore surrounded the topic of severe weather as the students learned to make a tornado in a bottle! This avid interest possibly promoted the possibility of a few future meteorologists.

In ELA with Ms. Pease, students have been working on analogies, mysteries and making connections. Also, graphic organizers are being used to help with putting multiple pieces of information together to come up with a new idea or solution.

Ms. Hess' ELA class continues to study grammar, spelling and reading comprehension through stories such as The Umbrella and Stellaluna. Other students are encouraged to practice letter sound recognition, sight words, alphabetizing and reading comprehension.

Math with Ms. Barmash continues to review concepts. Some students have been working on reducing and identifying fractions while others work on division.

History and Geography classes with Ms. Young continue to study continents such as China by designing brochures, pamphlets, posters and coloring flags. Martin Luther King Jr. Day and "I have a dream" was a primary focus this month through movies, graphic organizers, timelines, coloring pages and tracing.

Room 201 wanted to make sure we welcome two new students to our school, Abby and Harley. WELCOME!!!

As always we hope your days are safe and happy!