



2016



CCA HIGHLIGHTS

Susie's Corner...

I hope everyone enjoyed their spring break. It is hard to believe that we have only seven more weeks of school left and summer begins. Brochures and registration forms are at the front desk for summer services. If you have any questions about registration please call Donna. Construction is underway at CCA. We are adding doors to offices and work spaces. Our quiet room was completed thanks to a generous contribution from a family. An architect is working on plans for the upstairs area to be more functional. We are trying to maximize the interior space to accommodate students' individualized needs.

Bench Project



The bench, from the Bench for Caps Project, was delivered on March 24, 2016. Thank you to Greg

Keffer, Amy Stolz and Dena Baylor from Toyota for presenting CCA with the Bench. Many CCA students were in attendance for the Toyota PowerPoint presentation to learn how bottle caps were transformed into a bench. It is amazing to think that 400 pounds of plastic lids were collected from parents, friends and staff and made into a bench. Please stop by and see our bench!



A Special Visit

CCA had a special guest come in to speak with our older teenage students on the morning of March 3rd. Sergeant Cumbow, from the City of Springdale Police Department, spoke with students from the Destiny, Superhero and Buckeye classrooms on the importance of making safe choices in our daily lives. This partnership serves to not only enhance the relationship between CCA and our community partners, but also to allow our students to build a better relationship with police officers. Sergeant Cumbow expressed that his hope was to allow the students to see all officers as people to turn to for help and not to run from in fear. Sergeant Cumbow discussed the important topic for today's teenagers, "making safe choices online". Students were encouraged to engage in the conversation and many asked great questions. It was an excellent opportunity for all involved.

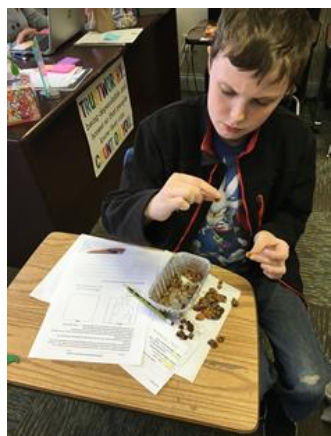


CABASAS!

The cabasa is a popular instrument throughout the center! It is a percussion instrument that is constructed with loops of steel ball chain wrapped around a wide cylinder. It provides tactile, auditory and visual feedback; making it interesting and fun to play for a variety of reasons. Students from the STEPS program are seen selecting where their cabasa can be played while incorporating "following directions" in a cabasa song.



Finding Fossil Fuels in the Destiny Room



In addition to reading and researching about rocks, minerals and fossils, the students in the Destiny Room attempted to extract fossil fuels! Using a Fossil Cookie and toothpick, the boys dug into the "land" in search of oil, coal and natural gas- also known as chocolate chips, M&Ms

and raisins! They attempted to extract as many of the natural resources as possible without destructing the surrounding land. This project helped to reinforce the ideas of fossil fuel creation and extraction. It also helped our students recognize how time consuming and hard this job can be. Several students noted that we should be more thoughtful about the use of our natural resources! Otherwise, we will destroy the planet in search of more and more and eventually, we'll reach a point where there are not any more fossil fuels left to dig out!



A Big and First Step For Liam

It was very exciting to see Liam giving Jan a treat without fear for the first time. It was an awesome moment for Liam and his teachers. Jan is a service dog that visits CCA every Thursday. Service dogs have been proven to enrich the lives of



children with disabilities. Just watching the students interact with Jan has been amazing. Jan has been a motivation for increasing social skills and communication.

Important Dates at CCA

April 15th – PTO Meeting
at CCA – 9:15 a.m.

April 15th – Parent Conferences
at CCA

April 15th – Spring Concert
at CCA – Time TBA

Librarian Visits the Superhero Room



On Wednesday, March 9th, Ms. Mary Ann from the Hamilton County Public Library visited students from the Super Hero room! Ms. Mary Ann brought numerous children's books that she read out loud to the students. She sang songs, told poetry, created tales and answered questions

prepared by the students. She loved CCA so much that she will be returning for several more visits scheduled through the end of the year! We are very excited for her return!

Pizza/Clock Hands-On Learning Activity

On Friday, March 4th, the Super Hero room was able to apply what they learned with telling time and clocks and create an edible clock! They used tortillas for the face of the clock, cheese sticks for the hands of the clock, and pepperoni slices for the numbers on the clock. They were able to position the cheese sticks into various spots to indicate a given time. Afterwards, the Super Hero room cooked it and was able to have a healthy, home-made pizza! Delicious!



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