



CCA HIGHLIGHTS

Susie's Corner...

It has been an exciting start for September. We had a power outage and no internet or phone service for 3 days. We are now up and running and hoping for no more storms. On a positive note, thank you to Rod Randall and Modern Office Methods, we now have more computers. Thank you to Toyota and families for donating caps for another bench. Our new bench is located in the playground area. Future Farmers of America (FFA) visited us last week and the students had the opportunity to visit and learn more about the uses of corn and soybeans. Staff is in the process of researching field trip and vocational activities. We were just notified that CCA will receive a \$15,000 grant from Kaboom!/Dr. Pepper Snapple for new playground equipment. We will need additional fundraisers to meet the \$50,000 goal to complete the outdoor recreational area. Thank you to Beth Barr-Jobson for writing the grant and helping CCA expand. Stay tuned for information on Picture Day and mark your calendar for the upcoming book fair (October 17-21). -Susie

Scholastic Book Fair



Exciting news! The Scholastic Book Fair will be arriving to CCA the week of October 17th - 21st. It will be located upstairs in the library/media center. Hours to shop will be 8 - 9 and 2 - 4. A variety of books for all readers will be available to browse and purchase. Each student will have an opportunity to browse the books and make a wish list. Be on the lookout for flyers coming home with your son/daughter in the upcoming weeks!

Agricultural Day

Agricultural Day was held on Friday, September 16. It was a HUGE success! The Future Farmers of America (FFA) group brought farm animals, a corn sensory bin, and a few crafts. The students met and learned about a goat, week-old calf, 2 chickens, and a rabbit. They also got to ride on miniature tractor cycles.



Wendy's Luncheon

On Friday, September 2, students from L.E.A.P.S and S.T.E.P.S enjoyed a walk to Wendy's. Students and staff were able to enjoy ordering, dining, and socializing with adults and friends in a relaxed environment. It was great to enjoy the beautiful weather and make valuable connections within the nearby community. The Super Hero room and Buckeye room will be taking functional field trips to Wendy's every other week.



A Visit from a Special Friend (OWL Room)



CCA had a visit from a special animal friend. Quimby, a Dutch bunny, visited the classrooms on Friday, September 2. Quimby was able to visit students during

their morning meetings, while they were working in the garden, and was a surprise visitor in some rooms. Students were delighted to see this baby bunny as she hopped around the school on her leash. Students were able to hold her leash, pet her soft fur, and offer her treats. Dominic loved seeing the bunny hop so much, he began to hop around the classroom with Quimby. The Superhero Room loved getting to enjoy a break to observe the bunny. They kept their thinking caps on and asked thoughtful questions about bunnies. Quimby enjoyed the day, and students enjoyed their visit!

- Amanda Dotson, Educational Assistant

Music Therapy STEPS Program

Music therapy has resumed during our school program! STEPS students began their first group time with work on rhythm. Did you



know our bodies are inherently rhythmic? This input can be organizing to the sensorimotor system, and also aid in areas including cognition, communication, and behavior. "Rhythm words" with a school theme were given and, together,



students practiced tapping desks or clapping hands to strings of 1-3 syllable "school words" (backpack, computer, homework, CCA, gym).

Buckeye Room Update

This year in the Buckeye room, we are not only tackling our academic needs, but are actively working on our vocational skills as well! The Buckeye Room tends to the CCA garden every day, recently



planting new herbs and vegetables! We also make sure CCA is looking spotless, cleaning the building every afternoon. We are taking our skills outside of CCA, visiting the Springdale Nazarene Church with the Cardinal Room to help them set up for their big Labor Day service! The boys continue to show off their skills every day! We look



forward to expanding these skills as the year goes on and taking our talents to various vocational sites in an effort to practice what we learn!



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