

May
2010

Maud Abrams

Paw Prints



Can you spell **orchestra**? How about **avalanche**? If you need a little help, just ask the 2010 Maud Abrams School Spelling Bee winner, Cassidy, from Mr. Reidenbach's room. For their exceptional orthographic skills, the PTA awarded our star spellers gift certificates to the spring Book Fair. Cassidy received a \$50. coupon; runner up, James, in Mr. Young's class received a \$25. coupon; and Mrs. Vance's class received a \$25. coupon thanks to the efforts of Owen.

Students and staff are relieved that NJASK is now history. Students worked hard to show their best performance. Many thanks to the parents who assured that their children were prepared and on-time.

As a year-end event, Grade 4 will be visiting Historic Cold Spring Village for a taste of colonial life. The day-long field trip includes visits to the many crafts people and a scavenger hunt related to the exhibits. Students and staff will enjoy lunch and colonial games in this setting before returning to school.

The month of June will include many celebrations and special events. The Grand Falloons, featuring Professor Winklebottom's Earth Science Circus, will be reinforcing the message to conserve and recycle. Second grade students will be visiting Maud Abrams as part of the transition process. Their third grade "buddies" will be eager to share a preview of our school day.

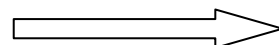
It will be the white team versus the green team competing for the school championship at the annual Green and White Day competition. Students and staff look forward to excellent sportsmanship, cooperation, and lots of fun!

Outstanding Authors, Accelerated Reader Champions, and students receiving Bring Up Grades (BUG) awards will be honored in the last weeks of June. Student Government has chosen a Kickball Tournament as the reward for meeting our Accelerated Reader goals.

Our last day of school is June 23rd. Our school will be on an early dismissal schedule June 21st through June 23rd. Look for the summer reading and math packets that will be coming home with your students. Please keep them reading and practicing their facts.

Thank you for your support throughout this school year.

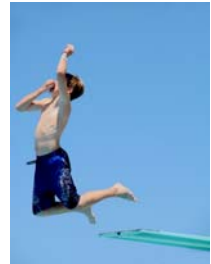
Barbara Dalrymple
Principal



Fun Fitness Activities for Kids This Summer

Summer is approaching and children need to stay active, healthy and busy during their break from school. Parents need to encourage their children to warm up properly and stretch before each activity. Let the kids choose the activity and keep the focus on having fun. To keep kids moving, here are ten suggestions for fun fitness summer activities.

1. Soccer: This highly active game involves both agility and teamwork. To keep kids injury free, be sure kids are geared up in protective equipment.
2. Martial Arts: With a variety of forms to choose from, martial art involves strength, coordination, and mental discipline.
3. Bike Riding: Bike riding is a fun activity for the whole family.
4. Swimming: Nothing beats splashing around in the ocean or pool for a full body workout.
5. Basketball: Basketball is ideal for developing hand/eye coordination and teamwork.
6. Obstacle Course: Challenge kids to use a variety of skills!
7. Dancing: Whether your kids like ballet or hip-hop, dancing encourages them to be creative.
8. Board Sports: Whether snowboarding in the winter, surfing in the summer, or skateboarding year-round, kids love to be on a board.
9. Jumping rope: Jumping rope challenges both coordination and stamina.
10. Ice-skating/inline skating: Ice-skating, inline skating, and hockey can be fun and safe as long as appropriate protective gear is worn.



Have a safe, fun, and healthy summer! Mrs. Kelly



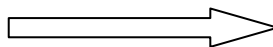
We have a lot of fun in **Mr. Coombs' and Mrs. Sweeney's Classes**. Throughout the year, we are able to earn Coombs Cash or pennies by doing the right thing and using our best judgment. With the Coombs Cash or pennies we can purchase things from the Coombs Store and Mrs. Sweeney's Sales or other things like a cafeteria extra, homework pass and Game Boy time!

Some other enjoyable things we do are: watch movies, do arts and crafts, play video games during recess, and read our monthly National Geographic Explorer together.

Our class used "tasty" activities to help us with our writing skills. We made homemade butter and Irish potatoes and then wrote "How To" paragraphs explaining all the steps. Soon we will be making ice cream!

It is not just all fun and games, though. We are working hard on our schoolwork. In Math, we have learned how to read tables/charts and are learning our times tables. We do our Spelling list each week and cursive handwriting everyday. We have been practicing our Reading and Writing everyday, too. And, we worked very hard on the NJ ASK!

Even though we work hard at our schoolwork, we enjoy learning because we have fun and do fun things.



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Mrs. DeBrosse

ATTENTION to all you Orton Gillingham morning and afternoon students:

- ❖ Congratulations on accomplishing some very hard work!
- ❖ You attended practically every session all year long.
- ❖ You improved your Reading by leaps and lunges.

NOW you can maintain your reading level by doing the fun stuff, reading. Do this every day over the summer and watch yourself reach even higher levels than you ever dreamed. Read to anyone who will listen. Yes, that could even be your dog.



Speech News

Is it May is **Better Speech and Hearing Month**? Students at Maud Abrams work to improve their communication skills all year long. Speech students have been practicing their target sounds in words and sentences. Language students have been learning new vocabulary, saying longer sentences, and asking and answering questions to keep a conversation going. All students practice listening quietly when others are speaking because being a good listener is so important to being a good communicator. Here's some communication advice courtesy of our students:

"Keep your tongue behind your teeth for /s/ and /z/." –Mary

"For /w/ you use your lips, and for /r/ you use your tongue..." –Matthew

"Always stick your tongue out for /th/." –Gabrielle

"Use a 'taco tongue' to say /r/." –Cody

"Listen silently." –Danae

"Say sentences." –Robert

Science
Rocks!!

Dear Students, Parents, and Staff,

Mrs. Levin and our classmates worked hard on our part of the Science Expo night. It was a time for the kids to be the teachers since Mrs. Levin put us in charge of the lab experiments. We put together four fun hands-on activities for everyone. There were even snacks included as two activities involved making yummy treats. In Planet Oreo, guests created an edible model of the Earth using cookies, icing, and M&Ms. We also had a delicious time making the plant cell model in Cell-O using Jell-O, licorice, and small candies.

Our other two fabulous activities were the Rock On! station where the members of that group let the customers try and guess if rock samples were sedimentary, igneous, or metamorphic rocks. Then the students would check the customer's answers to see how many they got right. At the Cells, Tissues, Organ activity we went crazy with play dough and made all different types of organs found in the different body systems.

Our science night was the best Science Expo in the history of Maud Abrams School!!

By: Gabrielle & Alexis

☺☺ From Mrs. Levin's Class ☺☺