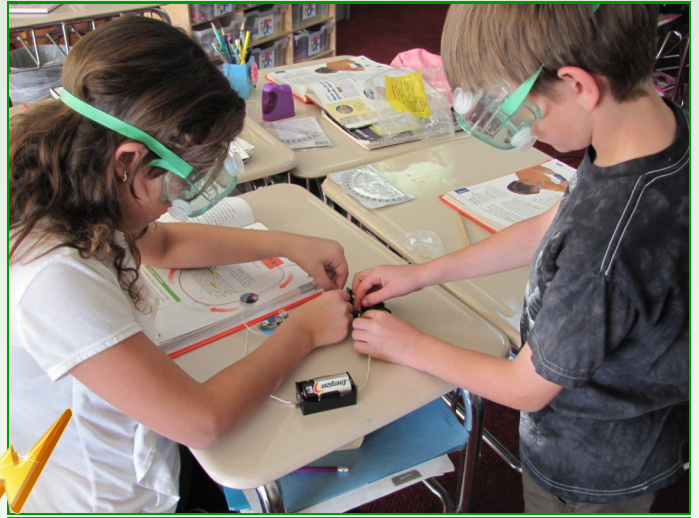
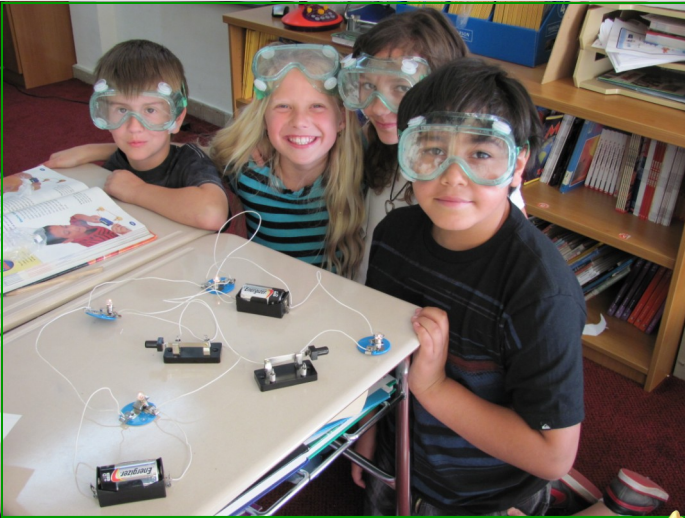




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March 2012



Electrifying Learning

Electrifying Learning
in Class!

Healthy Living in Balance



-, -, and - all agreed . . . balance in life is very important.

- and - learned that apples and rice are great food, but that candy is not so great.

- and - decided to be risk takers and try new foods. They agreed to be principled and make good choices, and they also agreed that balancing rest, exercise and eating right is important.

- and - were particularly impressed with -, the nurse who came in to - kindergarten/first grade class at Sevilla EMS and talked about trying new foods, eating more vegetables, and having more healthy snacks, even popcorn, which is very good for us. They love eating healthy.

- and - loved being germ detectives. They enjoyed looking for germs with gloves, a magnifying glass, and q-tips. They know now that even though germs are so small that they cannot be seen without a microscope, it still takes soap to get rid of them . . . and we must, because they can make us sick!

The whole class has been learning how to live a balanced lifestyle, and these are the things that the class has learned. Each of the students above paired up, chose a subject and wrote what they learned, and as a summative assessment drew what a balanced day looks like.

Remember to make good choices about healthy learning, especially when it comes to the “Big Three,” exercise, nutrition, and rest.



Show those germs
who's boss!

Parents,

You are cordially invited to attend our Continuous School Improvement (CSI) conference on Thursday, April 5th from 12:30 - 1:30 in the library. , our Kindergarten/First-Grade teacher, will be discussing educational kinesiology. There will also be a time to share best practices for encouraging good learning behaviors. Feel free to share your strategies for helping students learn at home. After all, parents are their children's first teachers! By having an open dialogue, we can support our school goals! We look forward to seeing you then!



Let's Read!



Phonics Night with -



Games and Rec Roundup for March 1, 2012

The plan in Games and Recreation Club for Thursday, March 1, 2012, was to fly kites, and the weather was just right for it . . . a nice, steady wind. Alas, we have only been able to find 4 kites so far in local stores, and as of yet we have not discovered any talented kite architects, so we will another week to have our Kite Flying Day. Ideally, there will be at least 6 kites by then, enough for the club to share one kite per three club members.

In the meantime, the star attraction for March 1 was “Chinese Checkers,” a new game to many of the club members. The club members drew numbers to see who would be able to play in the “first” game. They were -, - (later replaced by his brother -), -, -, -, and - who played to make sure everyone knew the rules before retiring late in the game to allow another student to play. While they played, Parent Volunteer - helped to supervise the other club members as they played paper football, penny basketball, and checkers.

Next Thursday, March 8, Kite Flying will again be the first choice of activity, but if there is not enough wind, and/or not enough kites, but the weather is nice, the club will play four square outside. If the weather is not nice, the club will go inside to finish their penny basketball tourneys, the GRCPFL (Games and Recreation Club Paper Football League) will continue its paper football league play, and - will feature another very old game, but a game probably new to most club members . . . jacks!

Happy Birthday, Dr. Seuss!



Oh, the places you'll go!

One fish or two fish?



The base library held a Dr. Seuss birthday party for the students at Sevilla EMS. One of our kindergarten students, -, had the closest guess in the “Guess the number of goldfish in the bowl” contest. There were 1,059 goldfish crackers swimming in that bowl, and she guessed 1,050! Great job, -!

Games and Rec Roundup for March 8, 2012

It has been sunny in Andalucia for 63 out of 68 days this “rainy season,” but on Thursday, March 8, there was enough of a pleasant breeze to make it possible for all 8 kites of the participants in Games and Recreation Club to successfully fly.

- was the first to get her kite up in the air, followed closely by the kite of - and his partner -. Other participants included -, -, -, -, -, -, -, -, -, and -.

- and - were parent volunteers who were a big help to many of the participants. A big thanks goes to each of them from the club.

There may possibly be another day of kite flying in the club’s future, but from this point forward, it will be a back-up plan only. Next week’s primary activity will be Academic Trivia Basketball in honor of “March Madness!”



Games and Rec Roundup for March 15, 2012

In a couple of weeks (Friday, March 30), - 2nd/3rd grade class will have the Academic Final Four, pitting the four college basketball teams that remain in the NCAA basketball tourney in an academic contest against each other. - students will be permitted to choose to be on their favorite team among the four teams left. The scoring of the game will be based on spelling the first quarter, grammar the second quarter, geography and social studies the third quarter, and math the fourth quarter. The two teams that win on Friday will play for the Academic Final Four Championship on the following Monday, April 2. The players from the losing teams on Friday, March 30, will have the opportunity to realign themselves with one of the two championship teams for the April 2 championship game.

All of the students participating in Games and Recreation Club on Thursday evening, March 15 got to experience a taste of what the "Academic Final Four" in - room will be like. In the club meeting, a practice game was played using the same rules, and here are the results:

Team #1, captained by -, was undefeated, beating the Longhorns 25-20, the Spurs 25-23, and Team #4 25-19.

Team #3, the Spurs, finished second, losing to Team #1, but defeating the Spurs 23-20, and Team #4 23-19.

The Spurs finished 3rd, losing to Team #1 and the Spurs, but defeating Team #4 20-19.

Leading Team 4 in scoring was - with 7 points. Captain - had 6 points, while teammates - tallied 4 points, and - had 2 points.

The Spurs, captained by -, who had 7 points, was led in scoring by - with 8 points. - had 6 points, and - had 2 points.

The Longhorns were captained by -, who had 2 points, while - led his team in scoring with 7. - contributed 6 points, - had 3 points, and - had 2.

The Champion and undefeated Team #1 were led in scoring by - and -, who each had 8 points, while teammates - tossed in 6, and - added 3.

Next week, the action in the club will be taken to the gym, where newcomb or kickball or BLOG (-Lots of Games) will be played. In the event that there is a steady wind and pleasant weather, the club might consider kite flying again next time.

Games and Rec Roundup for March 22, 2012

The Games and Recreation Club changed pace this week with a day in the gym, this time playing Newcomb, a lead-up game to volleyball.

Captains this week were - and -, and there were a bunch of games, with each game winning one point for their team. The final score between the two teams was tied at 8 points apiece.

There were solo games for the second graders, and solo games for the "big" kids. There were pairs games, boys vs boys games, and girls vs. girls games. There was even a brothers vs. brothers (the -twins, - and - vs. - and -) game. And points were awarded for the most amusing play . . . it was an accidental trip and fall by -!

The rules were stricter for the older kids because their skills were closer to the level needed to play the regular rules of volleyball, and as was mentioned above, the score ended up 8-8, all even between - Mischief (team members -, the -twins, -, -, and -) and -Capers (team members -, -, -, -, -, and -).

Next week, weather permitting, the club will be painting Easter Eggs if they are ready. If not, it will be Jenga, Pick-up Stix, and Jacks if inside, Kite flying if it is windy enough.



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Dates To Remember:

April 5th:
Early Dismissal for Teacher In-Service

April 6th:
No school for students
Teacher In-Service

Week of April 9th:

Spring Break!

April 16th:
Classes Resume
BoxTop Pick-up

Our School Goals

Walk into any classroom at SEMS, and you will see Continuous School Improvement in action in the areas of writing and math. By looking over our data and teacher surveys, we have adopted two goals for this school year. They are:

-By 2012, all students will improve writing/literacy skills by improving proficiency in *idea, organization and conventions* as measured by selected system wide and school based assessments.

-By 2012, all students will improve mathematical skills across the curriculum in the area of number sense through the use of formative assessments.

Guess Who???

Every month, we will submit a staff member's answers to these questions. We will reveal this month's mystery person in next month's newsletter. See if you can guess who this month's staff member is!

Hometown: Pasco, Washington

Favorite Place to Visit: Venice

Hobbies: Piano, singing, studying about the brain

Which cartoon character best describes you: Donald Duck

Favorite words to live by: Do all that you can today and never leave it for tomorrow.

Last month's mystery staff member: -