



UPCOMING DATES:

For more information consult Chalkable or your school calendar.

1/1/18: SRS Closed

1/2/18: Ski Day @ Loon
Grades 5-8

1/2/18: PTG Meeting
@ 4:45 Room 101

1/4/18: Ski Day @ Sunapee
Grades K-4

1/6/18: SSAT test date
at SRS

1/15/18: SRS Closed
MLK Jr. Day

1/22/18—1/26/18:
Parent/Teacher Conferences
Grades K-3

NOTES FROM THE EDITOR:

Look for the Saplings on Chalkable each month this year posted online at www.shakerroad-school.org. A classroom will be featured with updates from special events, school trips, athletics and alumni. If you have any photos of sports or school performances that you would like to share, we would love to have a copy. Hope you enjoy the articles.

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Hello from Prekindergarten 3!

The weather has been cold outside, but it has not hindered our exploration of the winter season. In science we have been discussing the weather and the temperature at which water freezes. We conducted an experiment to find out if the temperature outside was below 32 degrees by placing a Ziploc bag of water outdoors. To our amazement, our liquid water turned into a solid! We then extended the experiment by bringing the ice-filled bag indoors.

Through observation we discovered that when the temperature rises above 32 degrees, the ice reverts back to water. Simple science experiments are exciting to set up and observe. Questions like: "How can we...?" and "What do you think will happen if...?" get some interesting, creative responses and open up fascinating discussions.

Each week we look forward to Tuesday morning visits from our music teacher, Miss Rachel. When she arrives with her pull cart it is filled to the brim with everyone's favorite musical instrument. Her creative ideas inspired us to imagine ourselves skating and singing in a winter wonderland during our last class.

Tuesdays are very busy days for Prekindergarten since we also have art class with Miss Barbara that day as well. She has shown us how to make plaid paper using watercolors, do crayon resist drawings, and by the end of the month we will have some great bead sculptures displayed in our room.

Spanish class happens on Wednesday when Senora Giberti comes in to visit us. We are learning our basic colors and how to count to five in Spanish. We follow Senora Giberti around the room as we get on board 'the number train' singing our Spanish numbers.

We wrap up our very busy week on Friday with Mrs. LaRochelle's third grade class and our Reading Buddies. We just finished a joint project decorating mittens for an "Oh Dear Winter is Here" bulletin board. The third graders can't wait to visit and everyone looks forward to joining their reading buddies in our classroom.

Visitors to our classroom can expect to find a great group of PreK 3 students engaged and having a great time. If you find yourself strolling around campus, stop in.

We love company!



Marie, Ceil and Tania



Winter Fun

The opening of the SRS ski season was delayed due to the frigid temperatures and blizzard conditions. Fortunately, the second week provided optimal conditions, and students, faculty and parents all headed to the slopes for some beautiful skiing. This year more middle schoolers than ever before decided to try their skill at snowboarding. Loon and Sunapee had many recognizable SRS bibs soaring down the mountains relishing the day. Those not participating in the ski program have an opportunity to take part in winter activities on campus, enjoying some of New England's favorite outside winter sports.

Submitted by: Patti Hicks



4TH GRADE

Starting this month the fourth grade began a five-month study of the New Hampshire watershed and will raise Eastern Brook Trout. "Trout in the Classroom" is an environmental education program in which the students raise trout from eggs to fry. Within this unit the students learn about the natural habitat of the Eastern Brook Trout, how to maintain a healthy watershed, and become responsible stewards of their local water resources.

While raising the fish the fourth graders are responsible for monitoring the water quality of the tank, developing an artificial habitat within the tank, and tracking the development of the fish. Through weekly journaling, the students observe the life cycle of the trout from the eye egg stage to the fry stage. At the fry stage the trout begin to swim up to the surface looking for food. In the study of clean water and fish life cycle, they will be learning with hands on opportunities of following the Merrimack River in temperature and water quality for a May release.

The students went to visit Randy Smith, director of the New Hampton Fish Hatchery,

to introduce "Trout in the Classroom." Randy explained the importance of the fish hatchery and how it is more than just a fish farm. The class had an opportunity to witness how the hatchery is a controlled environment and a safe habitat for trout breeding. On the tour of the facility the students saw the process of milking eggs from a female and fertilization. Within the hatchery there are different stations that house the eggs from time of spawning to release into lakes, rivers, and streams. While at the hatchery the fourth graders witnessed a large bald eagle perched in a nearby tree overlooking a flourishing trout habitat. After leaving the main hatchery the students ventured to the hatchery extension center. They were able to see thirteen-year-old adult trout, completing the cycle from egg to adult.

In the coming weeks the eggs will be arriving at Shaker Road School. The fourth graders are very excited to get started with the new curriculum of trout life cycles and watershed study.



Submitted by: Stephanie Newbery and Peter Daley



Advisory of the Month

A Story of Tolerance, Conflict and Peace from Mr. Dow's Advisory

Once upon a time lived Sebastian the Snake. He went to school at Alpine Academy in Alaska, and the holiday season was approaching quickly. He decided to bring in snowflake cupcakes to celebrate with his class. He made 22 cupcakes with his Mom and brought them in the next day.

"Everyone grab a plate and a napkin to eat your cupcake with," Mr. Mike the Mouse said. The students gathered around, and Sebastian the Snake passed out the treats. Half way through, Sebastian the Snake realized he didn't have enough cupcakes. He was missing one. Sebastian the Snake thought about the dilemma and decided to leave Katie the Cat out instead of giving up his own. She is interested in different activities, and they disagree on many topics. He wasn't tolerant of her opinion, so he didn't like her.



Ten minutes later... Everyone finished eating, and Katie the Cat realized she hadn't gotten a cupcake. She asked Sebastian the Snake, "Can I have one? Where are the rest?" Katie the Cat was upset, but she came up with a devious plan. The next day, she would bring in snowman cookies. She would only bring in enough for 22 people, and she would exclude Sebastian. She and her dad made snowman cookies that night.

One day later... Katie the Cat handed out her cookies and Sebastian was left out. He was very angry and demanded to know why he didn't get one. Katie the Cat said, "You left me out yesterday! Now, you don't get a treat." Katie the Cat and Sebastian the Snake got in a big fight and said very unkind things to each other.

Timmy the turtle watched the conflict. He interjected, "This is not how we settle things! Sebastian, you should not have eaten the last cupcake. Even though you and Katie the Cat have different interests, you should still be tolerant and kind. Katie, two wrongs don't make a right. You should not respond to him with the same actions. You two are both to blame for this conflict. If one of you were more tolerant, we never would've had this issue!"

Katie the Cat and Sebastian the Snake realized Timmy the Turtle was right. They felt very guilty for acting so badly. "I'm sorry Katie. I should've given you the last cupcake," Sebastian the Snake said. Katie the Cat also apologized because she was truly sorry.

Mr. Mike the Mouse said, "Timmy, you resolved this conflict well. Class, we shouldn't respond to behavior with more unkindness. We need to be more tolerant and accepting others."

TICKETS NOW AVAILABLE

Socially Shaker is coming on Saturday, February 3! Don't forget to buy your tickets in the Main Office or the school store.

Proceeds go to the Parent Teacher Group (PTG) to support the school and faculty.

