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FALL/WINTER ACTIVITIES

During the fall, we had fun combining art and math when we did "monster symmetry." We discussed and defined symmetry and then created symmetrical monsters using construction paper, gems, and googly eyes. Everyone had a unique, and generally, not too scary symmetrical monster! Who knew monsters could be so cute?

Throughout several weeks, our group did facial art. We started out drawing a nose, a mouth, ears, an eyeball, then an eye complete with eyelid and brow, and finally a complete face. This REACH project included scientific facts about these features, and we also studied measurement and how to shade art to create shadow and depth.

GRANT PARTNERS

With our 4H community partner, Abby Brandt, students participated in two different science experiments. The first experiment involved learning about osmosis and diffusion. Students studied the effect of salt and sugar on cucumber and apple slices in a control group. The second experiment was a study of how gluten works using different types of flour. This was a messy, sticky-fingered, fun science experiment enjoyed by all!

COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS

REACH was able to partner with the Portland Art Museum to incorporate writing into an art project. This activity, called "Journal On", had the kids using colored pencils, markers, and a lovely journal to write their thoughts and feelings about the last year, which was unlike any other we had ever lived through. The project was artistic, creative, and touching. The children were encouraged to be introspective and many shared heartfelt personal feelings about the experiences of 2020.

PARENT EVENTS

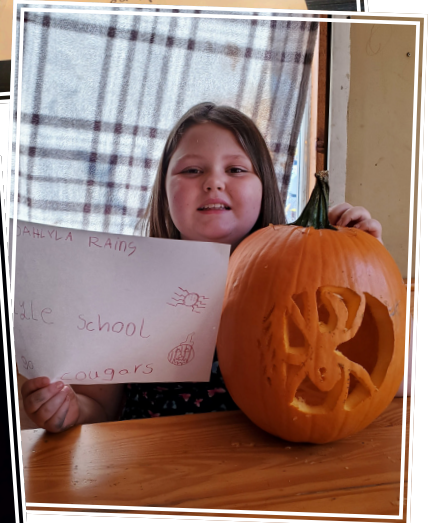
Claire Pearson-Walker of our community partner, OLWEUS, is an anti-bullying behavior specialist and truancy officer. Claire did a presentation for the parents of our REACH students titled Attendance and Bullying Prevention. We learned that attendance is the number one predictor of student success. Claire also talked about victims of



bullying being likely candidates to have poor school attendance. Thank you, Claire for the informative presentation.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Our REACH students will be doing an art project with artist Amy Gray, from our community partner, Arts in Education of the Gorge. Students will create an origami dragon eye. Some of the core concepts included will be life drawing (the eye), creating a gradient with oil pastels, analogous colors, and geometry and sequencing. The kids are excited about this as our art projects are a favorite with them.



Student Highlight

ELEANOR VINING (4TH GRADE)

What is your favorite thing about REACH?

"I like the packets we get every two weeks because they have activities we can do at home on our own. I also like the Zoom meetings because I get to see my friends and we can do activities together as a group."

What is something fun you did at REACH recently?

"I like the activity sheets like the Word Detective and the Find the Differences sheets. I also like Bella's Mystery Deck because I like to solve mysteries."

What have you learned recently?

"I learned to spell words and use text evidence when I solve Bella's Mysteries."

