**Elementary September Academic Update!**

**Mrs. Derrow’s September Update for Kindergarten & 1st Grade:**

Both grades have been working on counting and learning to write numbers. Students have also been working on word play skills and letter names and sounds.

**Miss Dickey’s September Update for 2nd & 3rd Grade Math & Science:**

For math, both grades have been focusing on being more fluent with solving addition problems. In science, both grades have been learning about and identifying living things.

**Miss Rausch’s September Update for 2nd & 3rd Grade Reading & Social Studies:**

For 2nd grade language arts, we have been talking about living things and reading stories about living things, including plants, animals, and humans.

For 2nd grade social studies, we have been discussing maps and the United States of America. We learned about America’s symbols and how to locate America and other places on a map.

For 3rd grade language arts, we have been learning about the Earth and how it affects geese migration with story character geese named Henry and Tim.

For 3rd grade social studies, we have been learning about types of maps and how we use maps. We have discovered the different parts of maps and cardinal directions.

**Miss Martin’s September Updates for 4th & 5th Grade Reading & Social Studies:**

For 4th grade reading/writing students have been reading *Ron’s Summer Vacation* and working on cursive and personal narratives.

For 4th grade social studies students have been learning about Ohio, including our wildlife, founding, state bird/flower/tree, and fun facts.

For 5th grade reading/writing students just finished reading *The Doughnuts* and are working on cursive and personal narratives.

For 5th grade social studies students have been learning about maps and the regions of the USA including the Pacific Coast Plains, the Rocky Mountains, and the Interior Plains.

**Mr. Boroff’s September Update for 4th & 5th Grade Math & Science:**

In 4th grade math students are working on expanded form and place value.

For 5th grade math the focus is on place value.

In science, the focus has been on the planets that makeup the solar system.

**Mr. Smith September Update for Elementary & Middle School Music:**

Students started September off by learning about the legendary composer Beethoven. Next, we began connecting music to not only visual arts and natural sciences, but also with mathematics. Students also got to appreciate the many different electric guitars and violins.

**Sensei Ellis’s Update for Elementary & Middle School Martial Arts:**

For September, all students were instructed on safety in regard to proper warmup and stretching, as well as the Biomechanics of how the body moves.

**Mrs. Rausch’s September Update for Read-Aloud:**

In the month of September, we have been reading *The One and Only Ivan* and *Because of Winn Dixie.* Movie clips have been played to correspond with the chapter that we are reading.