

Hurricane Deck PASS News

October



MEET THE TEACHERS

1ST Grade Teacher – Debbie Laemmli – This is her first year with our PASS Program. She is a retired teacher and alternative school director. Welcome Ms. Laemmli!

2nd Grade Teacher – Diana Schwab – Ms. Schwab is a retired teacher and a long time PASS team member.

3rd and 4th Grade Teacher – Susan Chesen – Ms. Chesen is a reading specialist and worked in a Wisconsin school district until she retired and joined the PASS team several years ago.

Science/Computer – Terri Thompson – Ms. Thompson is our computer teacher at Hurricane Deck and has been working with our PASS children for many years and brings a love of science and nature to our students.

Site Coordinator – Ruthie Graham – Oversee the PASS program and taught in Illinois at the elementary level until retirement when she moved to the Lake.



FOCUS IN THE PASS CLASSROOM

1st Grade – Our students are eager readers. They have been practicing sight words, phonic skills and comprehension daily. They will be working on writing skills. In math, the students have worked on counting, understanding two digit numbers, and addition.

2nd Grade – Students have been “Partner Reading” (reading to each other). After reading a book together, we answer the question of the day. These questions are related to characters, plot, and solution. In math, we have learned to play a math game called “Go Fish”. They are currently fishing for combinations of two numbers that add up to 10.

3rd and 4th Grade – Students are practicing subtraction of four and five digit numbers with regrouping. They are also working on multiplication facts and solving word problems by deciding what operation is necessary. In reading, they are applying grade level phonics and word analysis skills in decoding words. They are reading the book Sarah, Plain and Tall. Skills being covered are story characters, events, cause/effect relationships and problem solution concepts.





COMPUTER/SCIENCE

PASS students are stepping back in time with Mrs. Thompson's Fossil and Dinosaur Science Unit. Students learned about different kinds of fossils and how they formed years ago. Third and Fourth graders got to dig up fossils from blocks and put them together like real Archeologists. Second graders studied prehistoric plants and created large dioramas of prehistoric lands complete with volcanos. First graders created four different types of dinosaurs and compared their traits with Hula Hoop Venn diagrams.

The unit was completed with a Dino Party that included all the grades coming together to view everyone's work and feast on dinosaur themed treats while they played Dino Bingo!

PASS MEAL!!!

Our children are very enthused with our meals. We are so happy to have John Ballard as our wonderful cook! Thanks to the Camdenton R-III Food Service Director, Dawn Matthews, for helping us implement such a wonderful program for our students.

ATTENDANCE/HOMEWORK

It is very important that your child is here every day for PASS. Our teachers work very hard to make sure that your child is participating in hands on learning which is linked to their regular day classroom lessons.

REMINDERS

We will always send out a PASS Calendar at the beginning of the month. It will tell the days that we have PASS and other events that relate to our program.

Parent Night of "LIGHTS ON AFTERSCHOOL" 5:30-6:30, October 20th

No PASS October 21, 23, and 28 – Parent Teacher Conference