

News at 8 – October 2008

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During this beautiful month of October, Classroom 8 has been very busy. We are finishing up Weather in Science, and next we are going to study Electricity and Simple Machines. We are also studying Explorers in history. Marco Polo, Coronado, Cortes, Christopher Columbus, you name it we're studying it! We finished working on Australia, now its time to move on to New Zealand. The many different species of animals make this country very unique. Also, the Haka is a Maori war dance that no other country uses. It is used at the beginning of rugby matches today to scare the opposing team.

Classroom seven and eight just came back from the biggest trip of the year, Pine Mountain! This trip is a tradition that both classes do every year. We take classes such as weaving, botany, and making corn husk flowers. The summit hike is always a fun activity for the fifth and sixth graders, the hike is tiring and long, but it is worth it to be at the summit of the second tallest mountain in KY. The fourth graders learn about the Indians that were at Pine Mountain. Finally, we square dance. It is a lot of fun and many people look forward to kicking-up their heels. The classes also have a competition to see who can waste the least amount of food. Classroom 7 wasted half a pound and Classroom 8 wasted nothing.

We have just finished Bloomability, and are starting to read the Witch of Blackbird Pond. Both books are great and are very interesting. Also, the Lexington Children's Theatre performed The Legend of Sleepy Hollow for the lower and upper elementary classes in the FAAB building. It was a great play, and many people loved it.

The next big coming up is the Manchester Center Party. All the kids love it and have a lot of fun. We have games such as the pumpkin toss; dress up, coloring sheets, and the candy walk. It is going to be a blast. As always, we have been cooking every Friday. Things such as Chicken Acapulco, Mississippi Mud Cake, and many other types of food makes our mouths water.