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Up News

Pine Mountain Settlement School: A Reflection

After three years of going to Pine Mountain I have collected many memories. Pine Mountain is a great field trip. It's really fun and exciting, and you get to do a lot of cool stuff. You get to weave, go on cool hikes, and learn all about nature. I have many memories of Pine Mountain, but here are just a few.

One of my top memories and favorite things to do at Pine Mountain is the summit hike. My first year on the hike I was pretty curious about what it would be like. All my friends in the sixth grade who had already been on the hike told me it was really hard, but it wasn't that hard after all. The summit hike is a hike to the top of the mountain where there is a glorious view. It takes about three hours. It is both fun and tiring.

Another one of my favorite things to do which brings back many memories from Pine Mountain is weaving. There is a really fun class taught by Pat. She is very nice and is a good weaving teacher. All three years I wove on the same loom. One year I made a placemat, and the other two years I have made table runners. Weaving is super fun, and I'm really sad that I will probably never do it again.

Folk dancing is really fun, too. I remember that in fourth grade I didn't know how to do any of the dances, so I was very confused. In 5th grade and 6th grade I was a whole lot better, so I had a better time. Folk dancing is after dinner and a visit to the gift shop, so you're pretty tired. You still have a really good time, and it's something I know I will remember.

All the memories from three years at Pine Mountain seem like they should last me a lifetime. There are so many fun things to do there like weaving, dancing, and hiking. Pine Mountain is probably the best field trip Providence Montessori goes on. I hope I get to go there again sometime.

Daniel Brenzel

State Reports

Ok - now this is it. Back in September we all did state reports, and this is how it went.... Everybody got a partner, and you and your partner decided on a state to research. After the research, each team presented their report in a different way.

Ah, yes - there was the Utah party. Now that was a lot of fun. And then we had a more serious look at New York followed by the California redwoods. That was very interesting. One person made a working lighthouse for Maine, and that was great. The Jeopardy game for Oregon was the best. Not everyone got to play, but it was fun to watch.

The very best part of this project was writing to the states. We asked for information about our state. Some people got mail from their state, and some are still waiting.

So that's my story - good-bye.

Doug Burris

International Peace Day

International Peace Day is September 21st, a day when all the people of the world should stop violence and think of ways to be peaceful. At Providence we all celebrate this day.

This year we sang a song called "Light a Candle for Peace." The whole school sang it. Not only did the children of our school sing for peace, but the whole world joined in. Schools all over the world sang this song at different times throughout the day so that all 24 hours of the day were full of peace and singing.

On International Peace Day we usually walk to the Peace Pole, and our principal says a few words about peace or reads a poem. Then the sixth year students lead a parade around the school carrying the peace dove. This year it rained, so we had our assembly in the FAAB.

Later in our classroom we watched videos of schools from all over the world and their peace ceremonies.

Maya Anjur

"The Little Mermaid"

Everyone come and gather! It's time to see the Lexington Children's Theater play, "The Little Mermaid." Everyone has heard of "The Little Mermaid," The Disney movie, but that's not what we saw. This performance was closer to the story by Hans Christian Andersen.

The play took place in the FAAB. There were two actors who both narrated the story and acted the parts. A third person was behind the stage doing sound effects and costume changes. The props were amazing. Who knew what some wood, paint, and string could do? I loved this play, and I would see it again.

Julia Dunavant

History.....

The Middle Ages

Learning about the Middle Ages was fun and exciting. We learned about many things like the Black Death. We studied people who lived then such as knights and the Pope and also about slaves. There was a lot to study, but now we know how life was in the Middle Ages.

George Shashy

The Renaissance Faire

On October 1st Classroom 7 went to the Ohio Renaissance Faire. It really made you feel like you were walking on a busy Italian street in the 1600s. The costumes were amazing and full of color. There were different shows happening all around. Our classroom even went to a full armored joust. The things for sale varied from delicate masks to books about Medieval torture. The faire was set in a green, grassy field. If you can go to Ohio next October, I would recommend going to the Renaissance Faire.

Ms. Wheeler

Ms. Wheeler, a UK art professor came to show us the difference between Medieval and Renaissance sculpture and painting. She showed us two and three dimensional paintings. The 2D Medieval painting looked like a guy floating, and the 3D Renaissance painting looked like you could touch it. There was one sculpture of Poseidon, the Greek god of the sea. It was so detailed it was like he could step up and start walking. All the paintings were awesome.

Blevin Stone

Science

In science the year started out with a study of the universe. We studied the solar system and what's in it, the different galaxies, and famous astronomers like Galileo and Ptolemy. We first learned about different astronomers and their different theories about the planets and stars. Next we learned about the planets - how they move in their orbits, their characteristics, and what they are made of. We studied the sun, too. Later, we learned about comets, asteroids, and meteors - what they looked like and what they were made of. Mrs. Burnes, Gareth's mom, came in to talk about the solar system to our class. She taught us many things we did not know, and she had amazing pictures from the Hubble telescope that she shared with us.

The day before our test we had a quiz bowl, a game where your team gets a point for answering a question correctly. It's a great and fun way to practice. I learned a lot about the universe this year. I hope the next thing we study will be just as interesting.

Alston Croley

Ms. Burnes

Ms. Burnes came to our class and showed us a slide show about the universe. She told us about Mercury, Venus, Earth, Mars, Saturn, Jupiter, Uranus, Neptune, and Pluto in order from the sun. She also told us about all the planets' moons. Some planets have moons around their rings that seem to keep their rings in place. These are called "shepherd moons." She told us about Jupiter's Great Red Spot, a storm that never stops, and Neptune's great dark spot, which is gone now. We learned that if you stood on Venus, your blood would boil, not because of the heat, but because our skin is used to having oxygen pressing on it. Since there is no oxygen, our skin would expand, causing our blood to boil.

Ms. Burnes told us about stars, too. She explained how they are born and how they die. When small stars die, they just burn up. But when big, giant stars die, they explode and then shrink into a ball of matter that is so small you can't measure it. It sucks up everything, even gas. It's called a black hole. Scientists don't know very much about black holes. Ms. Burnes had amazing pictures and interesting information about the universe.

Victor Allison

Hummel Planetarium

My trip to the Hummel Planetarium at EKU was magnificent. I learned so much about our universe.

My group and I loaded into my mom's van and started driving to Richmond. On the way we watched a Scooby-Doo video and just went with the flow. When we got to the planetarium my heart started beating fast because I was so excited.

We went inside to a medium-sized room. There were a lot of neat pictures like a solar eclipse, and a man in space with Earth behind him. Next, we went into an IMAX-like theater. This is when all the action began. We watched a movie on the solar system and then talked about what we had learned. We also saw a star map of the night sky and learned how to look for constellations.

After the presentation we went to the gift shop where I bought freeze dried strawberries and a mini telescope. The Hummel Planetarium was like going to another planet.

Chris Taylor

Our Literary Side.....

The first book Mrs. Snider read to us this year was Crispin: The Cross of Lead by Avi. She reads aloud during a time we call "Handwork Circle." Kids can draw or do other handwork while they are listening to the book Mrs. Snider is reading.

The two main characters in this book are Bear and Crispin. Bear is a big, tall, bearded man who is very nice, but somewhat scary-looking. Crispin is thirteen years old. He is also kind and very curious.

This story takes place around 1377 A.D. in England. Crispin and Bear visit many villages, but most of the action takes place in Great Wexley. Crispin is running from John Aycliffe. Aycliffe wants Crispin dead because the boy is the son and heir of Lord Furnival, although Crispin doesn't know that.

Crispin was a very good book. It was exciting and intense in a lot of parts. I would give it 2 1/2 out of 3 stars.

Daniel Brenzel

The Kid in the Red Jacket

At the beginning of the school year the fourth year students read The Kid in the Red Jacket by Barbara Park for their book study. The book was about a boy named Howard who had moved from Arizona to Massachusetts. When he got to his new house, there was an annoying little girl named Molly who lived across the street. Howard was someone who always looked at the down side of things. He hated the move, especially the thought of never seeing his friends again. What he feared most was being unable to make new friends.

In the end he learns to give everyone a chance and not to judge people before you get to know them. I give this book 5 stars.

Kassie Cook

Island of the Blue Dolphins

Island of the Blue Dolphins by Scott O'Dell is about a young girl who lives alone on an island for 37 years. All the young men were killed in battle, so the islanders decided to find a new land. When the ship prepared to leave, Karana jumped overboard went back to the island. She thought they would come back for her, but they never did.

To survive, Karana had to make weapons, which was forbidden for women of her tribe. She was scared something bad would happen because she made weapons. She built a small house by a spring and had two pet dogs. Many exciting things happened to Karana during the years she lived there alone.

When a ship finally arrived, she discovered why her own people never returned for her. That ship had been caught in a storm and sank. She was discovered 37 years later just by accident. What really amazed me about this book was that it is a true story.

Shelby Hammonds

I, Juan de Pareja

I, Juan de Pareja is the story of a Spanish slave written in the first person. Juan's mother died as did his master and mistress when they were in Seville. Juan, a slave, was property inherited by a famous artist, Diego Velasquez. Juan was sent to live with his new master, and he became his assistant.

Velasquez inspired Juan, and Juan started to love paintings. As a boy, Juan wanted to paint, but it was illegal for slaves to do so. In the studio of Velasquez, Juan stole paint and paper and copied what

he saw Velasquez do. Juan practiced in secret.

What will happen if his secret is discovered? Will he be punished or even killed? You should read this book to find out. I, Juan de Pareja isn't my favorite book, but I recommend you read it if you like art, Spain in the Renaissance time, and stories about slaves who dream of freedom.

Anna Ison

ART CLASS

In Art we are making bowls, vases, and cups. They're being made on the potter's wheel. On the wheel you must use great skill, but we get help from Mr. Martin.

We are also drawing trees. After you draw your tree, then you can use oil pastels to fill in the colors. Then you take Indian dye and pour it on your drawing. If you rub

on the oil pastels hard enough, the Indian dye will go around the pattern. It's cool.

Brennan Clarkson

P.E.

P.E. is fun. We play dodge ball. If you get hit, you're out. When you catch a ball, someone from your team who's out comes in, and the kid who threw the ball is out. We play another game called Deer in the Headlights which is a lot like dodge ball. Everyone is in the middle of a circle except for three people who are throwing the ball.

Sometimes we play Spud. When it is your turn, you throw the ball up into the air. While it is in the air, you call someone's name. That person must catch the ball and yell, "Spud!" Then everyone stops. The person with the ball can take five steps in any direction, then throw the ball at someone. If you get hit, you get an S. When you have SPUD, you're out. Charlie Weiss

Spanish

Spanish is fun. We play games, learn, and have fun at the same time. Our Spanish teacher is Senora Gal. We learn so much from her.

Around Halloween we learned about the Day of the Dead - or Dia de los Muertos - which is Day of the Dead in Spanish. There is special bread on that holiday which Senora Gal will bring to us.

Sophie Campbell

Music

Music is a fun class. We sing, play instruments, and we sometimes dance. We are learning a song now called "First Footprints." We will sing that and many other beautiful songs at our Winter Concert which is Thursday, December 17th at 7:00 p.m. Altogether, we love music class.

Noah Mullins

Creative Writing

Creative writing is good for all ages. Here in Classroom 7 we do all kinds of writing. This year we have practiced describing a person, writing a book report, and making Halloween poems. Even our newsletter is writing practice.

Creative writing lets students express themselves by telling funny stories or writing poetry.

Ethan Newton

Cooking

Every week we have cooking class. Partners work with a parent and cook one or two dishes for everyone in the class to eat. The partners get to choose whatever they want to cook, and the parent stands by if the kids need help.

My partner was Charlie. We made homemade lemonade popsicles and jampockets. The jampockets are a family dessert of mine.

Cooking takes place every Wednesday in the life lab. Some other recipes that we have prepared are Rice Krispie treats and drumstick chicken. I'm glad we have a cooking class at Providence. It's a lot of fun.

Willow Dickey