

# 7 Up News

## Staff Interviews

## Autumn Edition

### The New School Year

Coming to Classroom 7 as a fourth grader has been a good thing for me. Beginning in a new classroom is fun. I have met many new friends. When I was in third grade I visited Classroom 7, and I liked staying for the day. One cool thing is that my mom was in the same classroom with the same teachers when she was a student at Providence. In the fourth grade we have homework every week. There are more choices on the shelf, and the work is a little harder.

Mason

### *Student Newspapers*

*At the beginning of the year this year every student in Classroom 7 wrote a newspaper about themselves. It took a while for everyone to finish their newspaper and put it up for all to read. It was a lot of work, but I really enjoyed it. There was a spot for you to tell your favorite movie and another spot in the corner for a cartoon about what you like to do for fun. The main story was one about something interesting you did.*

Maddy

An interview is a conversation. You politely ask questions to find out things about the person. The students in Classroom 7 interviewed the staff at Providence. When we went to the person we were interviewing, we introduced ourselves and wrote down the answers to the questions we asked. Then we took a photo of the person. Later, we told our class all about the teachers and staff at Providence. I interviewed Ms. Richardson. She likes to garden, read, and decorate cakes. Ms. Richardson knew Sister Cletus, and she knows Sister Marcia. They are the founders of our school. Ms. Richardson has been teaching for sixteen years, and she loves working at Providence. Aren't interviews fantastic?

Jacob

### Beginning at the Beginning

Our first history work was a study of ancient civilizations such as the Persians, Hittites, Hebrews, Sumerians, Babylonians, and Assyrians. We learned about the Seven Wonders of the Ancient World. Did you know the Sumerians invented the wheel? We learned the fundamental needs of each civilization, and we even had a Geo Safari card about ancient times. The best part about history so far this year was going to the Cleopatra exhibit in Cincinnati and seeing the Mummy Omnimax movie.

Wilson

## *Cleopatra - The Exhibit*

*On August 25th Classroom 7 traveled to Cincinnati to see the Cleopatra exhibit. We saw many interesting artifacts such as stone figures, mirrors, earrings, and coins. The exhibit told the story of Cleopatra herself. She spoke several languages and was a powerful leader, until the time that Rome conquered her kingdom. At the end of this exhibit you are told she committed suicide rather than be captured as a war trophy of the Romans. To this day no one knows where she is buried. Maybe someday an archeologist will find her tomb, but for now it is a secret.*

*Nell*

## Ancient Egypt

Now we are beginning our study of the ancient, diverse, and complicated society of ancient Egypt. When we study ancient Egypt, we learn many interesting facts, stories, and myths including their entertainment, work, parties, religion, importance of the Nile River, pharaohs, Ptolemies, etc.

The pharaoh, Khufu, was buried in the great pyramid at Giza which is the tallest and only standing ancient wonder. But did you know that his

mummified body was stolen by tomb robbers and has never been recovered?

There is much to learn about ancient Egypt, and there are many mysteries as well. Maybe YOU can uncover the mysteries and finish "the puzzle" of ancient Egypt.

Chris

## Through the microscope.....

We have been looking through the microscope at protists. It is very neat. I had never looked at microscopic living things before. We saw amoeba, euglena, paramecium, stentor, and volvox. Looking at the amoeba was the coolest because I could watch it move by pushing out its pseudopods (false feet). The paramecium and euglena moved very fast. Using the microscopes was fun.

Niraj

We have been looking at protists in science, but there are many more works on the shelf in our study of botany. We are learning about trees and plants, but we also learn about smaller plants like mosses and ferns. There is even a work about lichens. All of it is fun.

Maya

## *Science with Mrs. Terry*

*Mrs. Terry is teaching us the ecology of our environment. We are learning about composting and caring for the plants. She took us to the compost and showed us how to turn it with the pitchfork. We trimmed a tree in Classroom Three's garden because they were growing plants for a science project, and they were not getting enough sunlight. We also trimmed a flower plant because it was blocking the sidewalk, and Ms. Richardson needed the flowers for Fairies class. Every time we meet with Mrs. Terry we do something different and learn a new thing.*

*Gray*

## **P. E.**

This year P. E. has been fun for Classroom 7. Mrs. Bryant is a great P. E. teacher. We have been playing soccer games, kickball, Spud, and dodgeball. We also work on skills. Once in a while we do stretching exercises. I love P. E. It is my favorite class.

Nicholas

## **Music**

Recently in Music class we have been practicing articulation with songs like "Jack Be Nimble" and "Peter Piper." We have also been working on the International Day of Peace songs: "Dona Nobis Pacem," "Songs of Peace," Light a Candle for Peace," "Paz y Libertad," and "If I Could Have One Wish Come True." The 6th year students will play instruments on the day of peace. Ms.

Franzini is a great teacher, and we always have fun.

Erin

## **Spanish**

In Spanish class we learn about Spanish culture as well as the spoken language. We can even translate sentences! Senora Gal lets us play games such as Adios!, I Spy (in Spanish), and Loteria (Bingo).

Now we are learning about Spain and learning to ask questions in Spanish.

Adios! And have a good day!

Serena

## *ART*

*Art this year has been nice. We started off drawing our classmates without looking at our paper. Then we drew a still life and then painted it. The still life had a candle, a pumpkin, two green peppers, an oil lamp, a blue bottle, a green bottle, a purple vase with two plastic orange flowers, and some cloth draped in the background. That project was fun, but I thought the lesson today was the best. Today we made pancake art! First, we looked on the computer to see some other pancake art, then we made our art. Niraj made something abstract, Nell made a butterfly, Jacob made a caterpillar, Will made a ying-yang sun, and I made an elephant, fish, and snail. Then we added syrup and ate it all.*

*Cynan*

## Handwork Circle

Handwork Circle is a fun and relaxing time. We can sit and draw, knit, weave, or even make jewelry while Mrs. Snider reads a book to us. It is also a time to work on our listening skills and learn how to be quiet. Being quiet and listening during Handwork Circle helps us to work quietly during regular work time, too.

Alexandra

## The Cay - Our book for Handwork Circle

First off, I should tell you how “cay” is pronounced. Most people think it is pronounced the way it looks, but it is actually pronounced like “key.” A cay is an island or reef.

The Cay by Thoredore Taylor is about a boy named Phillip who lived on the island of Curaco near Venezuela during the time of World War II. His mother wanted to move back to Virginia, but on the way back their ship was torpedoed. Phillip was on a raft with an old man named Timothy. While on the raft, a metal beam hit him in the head, and he was blinded. Phillip and Timothy find a small island and try to survive until they can be rescued. This book is the story of their time on the island. I recommend reading this book.

Graham

## The Kid in the Red Jacket

by Barbara Park

The fourth year students are reading a funny book called The Kid in the Red Jacket. It is a tale about a ten and a half-year-old boy named Howard. Howard is moving to Rosemont, MA from Arizona because his dad got a new job. He has a brother named Gaylord, and his dad is Clifford.

Howard hates the move. He hates leaving his home and his friends. All he wants is to make new friends in his new school. The book is about Howard as the new kid. We are all enjoying this book.

Caroline

## The Island of the Blue Dolphins

by Scott O’Dell

The Island of the Blue Dolphins is the fifth grade book study book. It’s a true story of a native girl in the San Nicholas Islands who was left behind when her entire tribe moved. She had to survive on her own. She faced many obstacles such as finding food, keeping fresh water near, and building shelter. There were wild dogs on the island that were a threat. She needed weapons to hunt and for her own safety. The girl also goes through many emotions like sadness, loneliness, and anger.

I like this book because you never know what is going to happen. This is a good book. You should read it.

Caili

## Tuck Everlasting

*by Natalie Babbitt*

Our book study group is reading Tuck Everlasting. The main character is a girl named Winnie. At the beginning of the book she is feeling upset and bored. Things begin to change when she meets the Tuck family. There is a mystery about the Tuck family that you will want to read about. They never seem to grow older. How is that possible?? You will have to read the book to find out.

Will

We like to write, too.....

### **WRITERS' CLUB**

**WRITERS' CLUB IS ON TUESDAY IN THE AFTERNOON. THIS YEAR WE HAVE WRITTEN STORIES ABOUT OURSELVES, PEOPLE WE ADMIRE, AND WE HAVE SENT LETTERS TO SISTER MARCIA.**

**RECENTLY WE WROTE POEMS ABOUT WISHING. MOST OF THE POEMS START OUT WITH "I WISH...." SOME PEOPLE WISHED TO TRAVEL. SERENA WROTE ABOUT WISHING THAT SHE WAS MUSIC. THE POEMS WERE ALL VERY DIFFERENT AND INTERESTING TO READ.**

**SHELBY**

## **Cooking - Yum!**

**In Classroom 7 we have been cooking, and to me it seems like we make treats and healthy food. The food is always really good. We cook every Wednesday. Two kids get to cook with the help of a mom or dad. The kids choose the recipe out of a cookbook. They both bring the ingredients and then cook. Some dishes that we have tasted are potato soup, fruit salad, brownies, and lava cake.**

**Ashley**

### *Grace and Courtesy Lessons*

*On Fridays Classroom 7 has been practicing courtesy. We have practiced with conversation starters, how to include everyone in a conversation, and we have learned how to greet a teacher in the hallway.*

*Recently, we worked in groups to build something. We all had to work together on the project using only straws and a roll of scotch tape. Sophie, Cynan, and Lauren built "The Crooked Tower of Awesomeness." My group built a house. We all had fun getting to know each other better. It was a lot of fun for all of us.*

*Abby*

## God's Pantry

Our school is participating in the God's Pantry food drive. You may have noticed the big blue barrels in the lobby area. These are the containers we filled with the food we collected. The items needed most included canned meat, canned fruit, tomato products, soup, fruit juice, rice, canned beans, and peanut butter. On September 30th the people at God's Pantry came to school to empty the barrels. The food will be given to hungry people. You may also donate money if you like.

Lauren Dodson

## Jobs

When we do jobs in our classroom we help clean the room. At the beginning of the year we wrote down some of the jobs we would like to have. Mrs. Snider and Mrs. Irvin decided who would do each job, trying to grant each request. We have our job for the whole year. The most fun is finding out what your job is. We each do a classroom job so that we all have a fair share in the cleaning of the classroom. Some of us help take out the garbage and recycling for Room 1 in addition to our regular job. A real important part about it is that we don't have someone else clean up our space. We clean it ourselves.

Lauren Depa

## The 6th Year Experience at Pine Mt.

This year the 6th year students took a photography class at Pine Mountain. Everyone had a camera, and we went on a hike. As we walked we stopped and took pictures of plants, fungi, and other organisms. We saw some really cool mushrooms. When we get the pictures developed, we will identify them with the notes we took. It was a fun and special activity. I can't wait to see how the pictures turn out.

Kassie

## *Drying Herbs*

*After we returned from Pine Mountain Settlement School the students in Classroom 7 dried herbs. Several students brought many different herbs for this project.*

*Mrs. Sherr, who is an herbologist, gave us a lesson about herbs. She passed around some leaves for us to smell and guess what they were. She also brought some things containing herbs such as cleansers, lotions, medicines, and soap.*

*After the lesson we worked in small groups with Mrs. Sherr and Mrs. Depa. Each of us chose some herbs, put them in a bag, and hung them up in the greenhouse. In a few weeks our herbs will be dried, and then we can take them home.*

*Sophie*

## International Day of Peace

A few weeks ago the entire school celebrated International Day of Peace. Everyone gathered in the FAAB and the elementary students sang songs of peace. Ms. Franzini chose some really great songs for us to sing. The sixth grade students carried a large peace dove to symbolize peacefulness.

A reporter from the Herald Leader was there, and he put a story about it in the newspaper. He took photos, too, and published them as well. The ceremony went really well, and it was lots of fun.

After the ceremony a storyteller from Brazil gave a performance and told stories that had a theme of peace. He was also a mime, so he incorporated that into his presentation. He was funny and dramatic, and his performance was very entertaining.

Anna

## The Seasons

### *Spring*

*With flowers carressing violet mornings,  
Soft, sweet rain gently falling,  
Delicate, pink blossoms,  
Ruby red roses,  
And grapefruit red sunsets.*

### *Fall*

*Red, orange, yellow, and purple leaves  
Falling down to the ground,  
Chilly October nights,  
The white crescent moon  
In the dark, dark night.*

### *Winter*

*Frozen crystals  
Fall to the ground  
And cover the earth  
With a blanket of white,  
The trees are brown,  
And the sky is dark.*

### *Summer*

*The sun is glaring  
And hot, red light  
Is everywhere,  
The heat is so intense  
And shade is nowhere to be found*

*Nell*

## PEACE

**Peace is a wonderful thing,  
One thing that makes people peaceful  
Is the outdoors,  
You hear the birds chirp,  
The wind go by,  
You feel the heat of the sun,  
It's a place I like to be.**

**When I look outside  
I see trees of many colors,  
Leaves of many greens,  
Flowers pink and purple,  
Sometimes of tan and orange,  
Skies of light blue.**

**That's what makes me peaceful,  
And maybe even you.**

**Alexandra**

