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Current Events

Learn about what's going on in the world today! Get tips, tricks, and information...

By, Anabelle Q. & Aryan C.

Covid-19 Update

Most of us agree that being back in school is such an amazing feeling! It is so nice to interact with actual people right in front of you! During Covid, many of us reached Zoom zoom because of the lack of experience with distance learning. Some studies show coronavirus and distance learning undid months of academic gains, leaving many students behind in their studies. Some students are coming back to school feeling anxious, or they may have trouble interacting with other kids/people.

With focus already a challenge, it may be extra hard to focus when you have a global pandemic on your mind. Kids may feel challenged by simple tasks like paying attention, remembering information, managing emotions, and coping with fear and anxiety. The good news is that we are all in this together and that is a good place to be. We can lean on each other and give and get support when needed. We at Silver Oak are so excited to be back together, so let's support and help each other in any way we can. We got this, SaberCats!

Fall Q & A

We ask the questions and you give the answers...

By: Ashley S., Lillian L., Niana K.

Kindergartener: How do you feel about school?

Answer: Lucas S. stated, "Good, I like the toys."

1st grader: How do you feel about wearing a mask?

Answer: Shreya replied, "It's warm and soft. I don't mind it."

2nd grader: What are your favorite school supplies?

Answer: Samar S. stated, "Glue stick, pencil, and scissors."

3rd grader: What do you play during recess?

Answer: Meifei L. responded, "Hot Lava Monster, Wax Museum and Jump Rope."

4th grader: Do you like distance learning?

Answer: Amy G. replied, "I like in-person better."

5th grader: What is it like during school?

Answer: Breanna S. said, "It's good, but it can be hard."

6th grader: Do you feel safe with all of the safety rules in school?

Answer: Myra K. explained, "Yes, I feel safe."

Teacher: What is your favorite subject to teach?

Answer: Mr. Clopton enthusiastically replied, "Math is my favorite subject to teach!"

This & That...

Sports

By, Laila A.

We all know that being physically active and fit is super important to our physical and mental health, so I thought it would be great to talk about Silver Oak's PE program. One thing that I really like in P.E is running laps. To me it is fun because there are fast people in my class who make us more competitive and will make us tough, fast, competitive, and most of all hard working. We can really push each other! For those who do sports it is good because it will keep up your stamina and speed, but for those who don't do sports they can still get a light workout. It is a great challenge to become faster and to help you get your body moving. In the end, no matter how fast you run, all of your classmates work together. In my class we also do sports like soccer, volleyball, and tetherball. There are usually people who are better than others at each sport which makes it fun because it's a challenge and you see improvement over time. Another sport that a lot of people like to play is dodgeball. Dodgeball is a fun game where two teams battle each other with throwing, dodging, and running. For some of the kids in my class, P.E is really fun. We have so much fun playing different sports and games. We work as a team and have fun, all while being physically active. It really is a win-win!

Fun Facts & Jokes

- The King of Hearts is the only king without a mustache.
- Scotland has 421 words for snow.
- The average dog can understand over 150 words.
- The national animal of Scotland is the Unicorn.
- The Statue of Liberty wears a size 879 sandal. In the U.S.
- There is an official rock, paper, scissors league.

- Why did the ice cream cone become a reporter?
Because he wanted the scoop.
- Why was the dog depressed? His life was ruff.
- What do you call a boring pig? A boar.
- Why was 2019 afraid of 2020? They had a fight and 2021.

Special Person Spotlight

Silver Oak holds a special place in many people's hearts. Every month, we'll talk to someone affiliated with Silver Oak.

The world has changed a lot over the past year and Silver Oak looks a lot different too. Mrs. Tibbens, former Silver Oak teacher, taught at Silver Oak for the last 18 years. This summer, she made the difficult decision to leave Silver Oak. We sat down on a Zoom call with Mrs. Tibbens and got the scoop on her departure and other mind-blowing facts. Read on to find more about the interview.

During our chat, we learned a bit more about Mrs. Tibbens and her reasons for leaving our school after so many years. Mrs. Tibbens left the school because her young family lives closer to the school where she is currently teaching, Croce Elementary School, in Livermore. The commute pre-Covid was starting to weigh on her and being home during our lockdown made her realize just how much she needed to be home for her children and husband. Mrs. Tibbens is currently teaching 2nd grade and she especially likes teaching her 2nd graders Science and Math.

There is so much Mrs. Tibbens misses about Silver Oak. She misses all the smiles, laughter, good friends, and seeing her students each day. She likes teaching at Croce Elementary, but loves Silver Oak all the way! Additionally, she misses Ms. Giacomini so much- "more than words can describe!"

Last year was her last year teaching at Silver Oak and her students never got to say goodbye. She wants them to know they will always be very special to her and she misses them. We asked Mrs. Tibbens for any advice she has for Silver Oak students and she said, "To try your best every day and have a positive attitude." Mrs. Tibbens surely lived by her own advice and we will all miss her bubbly personality and great attitude! She was an excellent teacher and left an indelible mark on our school!