

The Plymouth Center School Connection

October 2023

MESSAGE FROM PRINCIPAL KIM LOVELAND

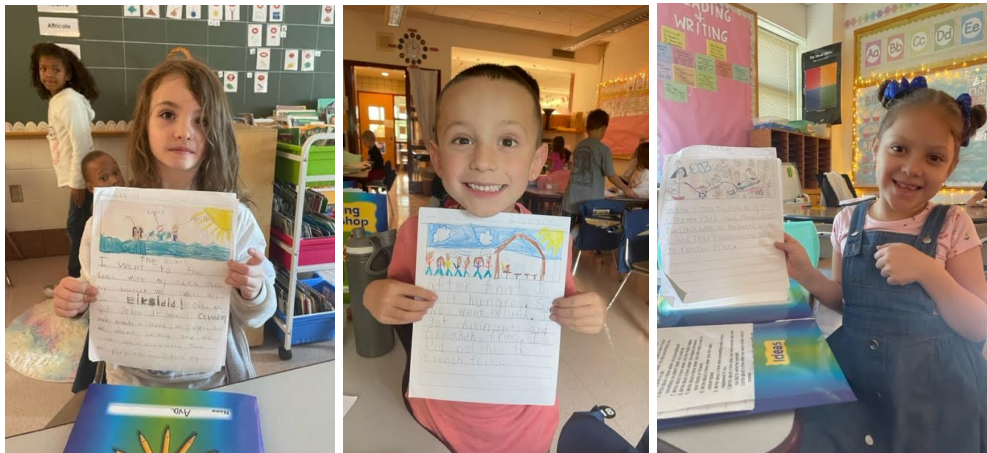
The start of the year has been filled with fun and excitement with our students in PreK through 2nd grade. Our youngest students have had many firsts this year, from riding the bus to picking out library books by themselves to eating in a huge cafeteria! They have been working hard building classroom communities and beginning their learning journeys. Some of our classrooms are kicking off piloting a new phonics program, UFLI, to explore effective strategies for learning phonics in the classroom and extending it to writing. We also continue to launch our second year of enVision math and are excited to see students are already familiar with the resource and have a solid base from last year's work. We look forward to a fantastic year of great growth and tremendous learning experiences!

As a reminder, The Plymouth Center School Connection will be shared monthly as a means of highlighting the good work being done at Plymouth Center School. You will find the information will be under three specific district goal areas: Student Achievement, Engagement, and Well-Being.

As always, if you have any questions or concerns please contact the main office and I look forward to seeing everyone at our school events throughout the year.

STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT

Second graders are publishing their first writing unit: Narrative Small Moments. Students worked hard to describe an important moment in their life and use descriptive language to tell their story from their point of view.

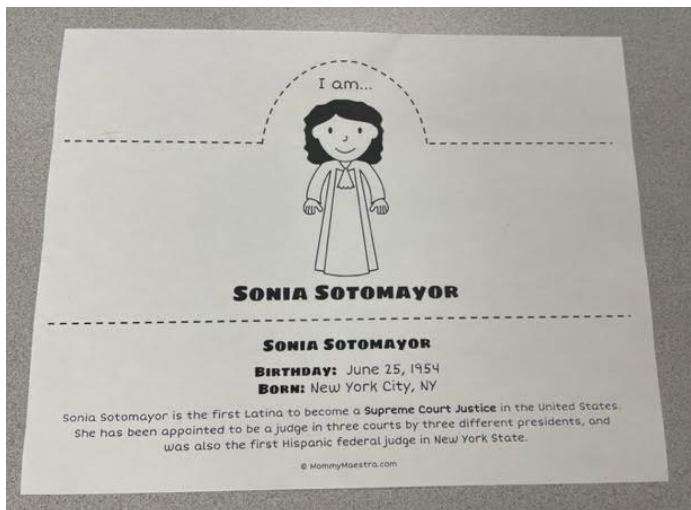


ENGAGEMENT

In science, kindergarten students are exploring living versus nonliving things. They went outside to explore and compare living and non living things such as ants, fallen leaves, grass, a ball, and even a toad!



This month, our library kicked off Hispanic Heritage Month which runs from September 15 through October 15th. Students read books written by Hispanic authors. Some books included *El Perro Con Sombrero*, *Gracias Thanks*, *Mango Abuela and Me*, *Alma and How She Got Her Name*, and *Funny Bones: Posada and His Day of the Dead Calvaleras*. Students also listened to biographies on Sonia Sotomayor, Ellen Ochoa, and Picasso and did an activity to go along with each biography. Kindergarten also listened to a story called *The Dot* and created their own Dot creations.



WELL-BEING

We launched the year in partnership with FES and ETJMS engaged with the Harlem Wizards. Our students are practicing basketball and fitness drills in the WizFit Challenge, where they have raised over \$8000. We set earning benchmarks that the students have met across the board: \$2000 for a Sports Day, \$4000 for a school-wide Go Noodle Dance Party in our gym, and we recently met the \$8000 threshold, where students will cheer on some of their beloved staff in a pie eating contest! Our students were super motivated and looking forward to seeing the Wizards play their teachers!

