



Adamsville Elementary
Principal: Mr. Scott Brillhart
Monthly Update
October 1, 2026

The 2026-27 school year is in full swing at Adamsville! With a month of school under our belts, teachers have:

- Screened students in reading and math to get baseline performance data
- Planned instruction and intervention to meet students' needs
- Created goals for this school year for themselves and their students
- Begun delivering high-quality instruction each and every day
- Continued striving to make Adamsville the best we can be

Adamsville again earned 4.5 out of 5 Stars on the State Report Card! Way to go, Adamsville!



We also had an assembly to highlight positive behavioral expectations tied to our 3 Be's. It was a super hero-themed gameshow assembly called SuperU. Students were excited to engage in the competitions and to cheer on their teams!



Academic Highlights

Preschool: We have been rocking it in preschool these last few weeks! Right now our classes are practicing routines, listening and following directions, and making new friends! Some of our preschoolers have never been to school so there is a lot to learn!

In October, we will be learning how to be a good friend, working on identifying the letters in our name and how to write new letters! There will be lots of opportunities to participate in hands-on activities, engage in group conversations and explore some fall themed items throughout the month.

We are looking forward to our Friend Mr. Nick from the Muskingum County Library to come and read, sing and dance with us this month.

We are also looking forward to our field trip to The Alpacas of Spring Acres in late October!



Kindergarten is off to a great start this September! We have spent the month getting to know each other and learning about our school, classroom rules, friends, and family. We got to watch the Super U Assembly which reinforced our 3 Be's and tasted coconut after we read the book Chicka Chicka

Boom Boom. We celebrated the end of September learning about apples! We did apple math and reading activities, completed crafts, sang songs, made applesauce, and did all sorts of apple activities! We even read the book, Ten Apples Up on Top and played a game to see how many apples we could balance on our heads!

Most of our students can now read and write their names, identify numbers 0-10, and count syllables in a given word. We continue to work on letter identification, rhyming and counting. We have also introduced Heart Words. Heart Words are sight words that align with UFLI (which is our phonics program). We are currently working on the words, I, a, and, is, & the. The kids are doing a great job learning to read and spell these words.

In October, we will be learning about fire safety and will even get to take a trip to the fire station! We will also learn about pumpkins and have a little Halloween fun with a class party where parents will be able to join us.

It has been a great first month and we are excited to see all the progress our kindergartners will continue to make!



1st Grade: As we look at the beginning of the school year, first grade has been very busy. In math, we have continued to work on addition and will soon start into subtraction. With our writing, we have reviewed what a sentence is and how to produce complete sentences. As we look at our language arts, we have been learning about fiction and non-fiction along with realistic fiction and fantasy. We have begun our reading groups and are learning all the important strategies associated with the reading process.

We have completed our unit on solar energy where we learned about the power of our sun and used that power to make smores in solar ovens. The first graders have also been learning about apples and Johnny Appleseed whose real name is John Chapman. They have had the opportunity to taste apples and learn all about their growing process along with the legend and tales of Johnny Appleseed. Our first field trip was a great success as we had a wonderful time at the McDonald Greenhouse and Corn Maze. There we enjoyed our time as a class and were happy to include family members on this amazing outing.

It is hard to believe that we are halfway through the first grading period and we continue to look ahead to the wonderful things that we will be learning in the months to come. Some of the highlights for the next month include: fire safety, Columbus Day and concluding our follow up from our field trip as we dive deeper into the wonderful world of pumpkins.



2nd Grade: In Math, both classes have been working hard on our addition and skip counting chapters.

In Language Arts, both classes have covered complete vs. incomplete sentences, as well as identifying nouns.

In Social Studies, we started the first quarter topic of being a good citizen. Both classes focused on rights and responsibilities of citizens, as well as laws vs. rules.

In Mrs. Wilson's class, we read *If I Built a School* and students divided into groups to design what their dream schools would look like and what they would include. We also read about Patriot's Day and did a ribbon craft. Since Mrs. Wilson loves owls, we have our "Owl About Me" papers hanging in the hallway.



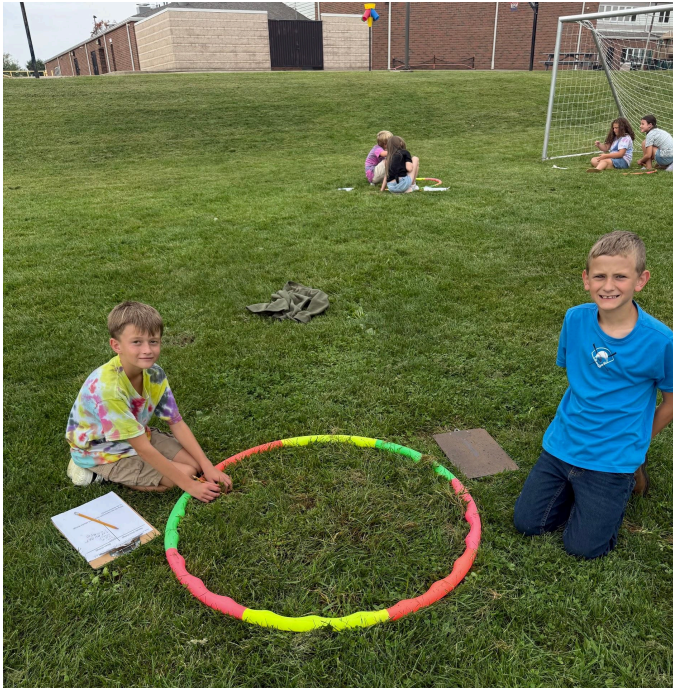
In Mrs. Hall's class, we discussed the importance of Patriot's Day and made ribbons to remember the heroes of September 11th. We had an apple themed week, complete with non-fiction apple writing, creating addition apple trees, and a craft in language arts where we made bushels of apples that contained collective nouns.



3rd Grade: Third grade has been busy diving into our curriculums with Wonders and number sense in math using balloons to showcase rounding. We practiced the skill of visualizing with the short story "Yoon and the Jade Bracelet." We enjoyed an amazing assembly where we learned we work better as a team by following the 3Be's with Super U! During Homecoming Week we had some high school football players and cheerleaders visit and our biddy league flag football and football players and cheerleaders were recognized. Upcoming, we have the fall 3rd grade state reading test in October!



4th Grade: The 4th-grade classes have been very busy this month. We explored the regions and geography of Ohio in Social Studies. Students enjoyed making salt and flour maps of Ohio, showing off their knowledge of the glaciated vs. unglaciated areas, as well as the location of Ohio's major cities. In science, we have explored energy in ecosystems. To launch our studies, we looked for biotic and abiotic factors within the small area of a hula hoop. In math, we completed chapters on place value and addition/subtraction, and are starting on multiplication. We encourage students to continue mastering their multiplication facts - they will be used in everything we do in math this year!



5th Grade: In 5th grade math we have finished up Chapter 1 about Place Value and are currently working in Chapter 2 learning how to Multiply Whole Numbers. Students have been introduced to powers and exponents, which is something new to them. In language arts we are reading "Camping with the President" in our Wonders Anthology book and continuing to practice and use the vocab words from our Wonders story last week titled "A Life in the Woods". We finished our Figurative Language unit and have moved on to reading our class novel "Ruby Holler". In Science Class, we have watched numerous monarch caterpillars eat as much milkweed as possible, turn into chrysalises, and fly away to Mexico! We also experimented with soap and saltwater to determine if more or less bubbles are created when mixed. During this month, the students also enjoyed creating timelines about themselves in Social Studies to share with others and then constructing thematic timelines on Google Slides.

The 5th graders will be attending 5th Grade Camp at Camp Ohio on Wednesday, September 30th. We are looking forward to all of the fun activities camp has to offer and make as many lasting memories with our students as we can!



6th Grade: In language arts, students had a reinforcement lesson in story elements. Groups were assigned classic fairytales in which they had to identify the story elements for their assigned book and do a plot diagram with illustrations. The theme was also required and students presented them to the class. We are halfway through our novel, *Where the Red Fern Grows*. We have been using this novel to highlight figurative language, plot, theme, and the use of pronouns. StudySync topics have included annotation, the elements of a drama, and the mystery genre.

In social studies we finished Ancient Mesopotamia and started Ancient Egypt. Students learned what a gift the Nile River is to civilization in northern Africa that consists mainly of the Sahara Desert. We studied the Old Kingdom/Pyramid Age and did a virtual tour of Giza and the Valley of the Kings.

In math, students have been working on commutative, associative and distributive properties. To go along with distributive property, students created unique posters to demonstrate how

the property works. We have also been working with prime factorization, GCF and LCM to finish up the current unit.

In science, students have been learning about rocks and minerals by participating in many hands-on activities and labs. In one lab students tested an unknown mineral for its different properties to later learn they had the mineral Halite the whole time, which is just salt, specifically, they had ice cream rock salt!

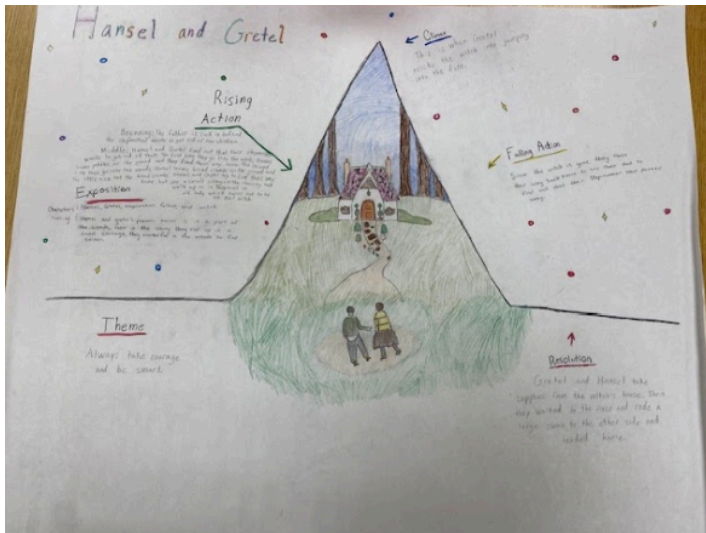
- Pep Rally - we were joined by some high school football players and cheerleaders for a pep rally on Friday of Homecoming week. Students loved it!
- LifeWise Academy kicked off on September 18. Students were greeted by the big red bus that will be transporting them this year.

Professional Development:

- Staff have all completed their annual training in Public School Works.
- PBIS training continues as we strive to recognize students for positive actions and behaviors.

Upcoming Events:

- Oct. 5-9 - Fire Safety Week
- Oct. 15 - Fall Pictures
- Oct. 27-30 - PTO Book Fair
- Oct. 29 - AR Night (Family Engagement)
- Oct. 21-22 - 3rd Grade ELA Tests



Reading:

- We completed StarCBM screening and formed our groups.
- Kindergarten has been learning letters and sounds using UFLI
- 1st and 2nd groups are using UFLI to review short vowels
- 3rd grade is using the new program EASE to work on fluency, comprehension, and vocabulary.

Parent/Community Involvement:

- Goodies with Grandparents had a great turnout! Students enjoyed a treat with their grandparents and were able to read grandparent-themed stories with them, followed by a visit to the Scottie Store.



