

# 2021 Summer School Scoop

Coolidge Elementary School

School Hours 8:15am-12:45pm (Pre-K 8:50am-12:30pm)

Breakfast 8:00am-8:15am

“The beautiful thing about learning is that no one can take it away from you.”

-B.B. King

“When you educate one person you can change a life, when you educate many you can change the world.”

-Shai Reshef

“An investment in knowledge pays the best interest.”

-Benjamin Franklin

“A new book is like a friend that I have yet to meet.”

-Abraham Lincoln



## Reminder

Session 1 of Summer School will be in session on the following dates:

6/18, 6/21,  
6/22, 6/23, 6/24,  
6/25, 6/28, 6/29,  
6/30, 7/1, 7/2

## From the Principal's Desk

We would like to thank all of the students and parents for attending Session 1 of Lansing School District 158's Elementary Summer School this year! We appreciate all of the support from Dr. Schilling, Mrs. Bragg and the Lansing 158 School Board. The students have been working hard since the first day of summer school. The summer school staff have provided the students with an excellent learning experience so far and will continue to do so. Please reach out to one of the administrators listed below if you have any questions or concerns.

Respectfully,

Mrs. Booth                      Mr. Byrne  
Mrs. Sechowski                Mrs. Willis



## Home Learning Extension

Pick a time to read with your child everyday. Show them how fun reading can be. Ask them the following questions while you are reading with them to develop their reading skills:

- What is the setting of the story?
- Who are the characters in the story?
- What is the problem/conflict in the story?
- What is the theme/lesson of the story?

## Summer Refresher



Students in Mrs. Okroi's Summer Refresher class have been learning about different dinosaurs.

Students are focusing on words like museums,



fossil and extinct.

## Get Ready for Kindergarten

The theme in Mrs. Strug's Get Ready for Kindergarten class is "Under the Sea." The children are learning how some sea animals live in the ocean and how others can live both in the sea and on land. The class listened to the story called "The Rainbow Fish" and used paper plates to create their very own rainbow fish. For Mathematics the students played a fishing game with numbered fish and had to sequence the numbers correctly. Students also enjoyed singing the song "1,2,3,4,5, Once I Caught a Fish Alive" and used musical instruments during music class!



## Kindergarten

Ms. Huppert's class practiced letters, sounds and numbers (0-20) for fluency. They listened to the story "Don't Eat Your Classmates" to identify story elements and develop listening comprehension skills. The students are working hard building their reading stamina and read the emergent reader "Dino At School" independently. We discussed different ways to count including one-to-one and counting on. Check out their fun discovery activity! Students were paleontologists and found dinosaurs in eggs!

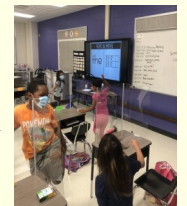
The kindergarten students in Mrs. Gifford's class are working very hard on writing their letters and numbers as well as reviewing sounds. They enjoyed going to specials and being together with their friends. They learned how to be a good friend and classmate this week. Students brought in some wonderful treasures from home for show and tell. The kindergarten students were excited to go on the computers at school and work on math skills!

In Ms. Hughey's class, students learned about dinosaurs and colored a mystery picture using a 100 chart. Students had to guess what the picture was as we slowly uncovered different parts of the picture. They were too excited when they discovered it was a T-Rex!



## First Grade

Ms. Krueger's students are practicing 'active' sight words using the Promethean Board. It shows the sight word, activity associated with the word and number of times students have to say the word. Students have also been working hard on place value and reviewing digraphs for the week!



Ms. Marcotte's summer stars have been busy learning all about the ocean! Thematic units allow the teacher to incorporate skills into exciting topics.

In Ms. Owczarzak's first grade class, students have been working on place value, writing complete sentences, and digraphs. In this photo you can see students "reading the room" finding different digraphs and sorting them into categories.



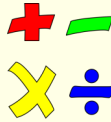


## Mrs. Orr's Reading Class

The kindergarten and first grade students have been busy learning their sight words. Here is a picture of a group of first grade students on a "highlighter hunt." They are highlighting the sight words they find in their book.

## Second Grade

Students in Ms. Harris' class are working on key ideas and details and sequencing in reading. For math, students have been working on place value (up to the hundreds place) and skip counting by 10's and 5's. Students are also learning about the power of YET!



Ms. Kubik's second grade class has been working hard on place value, expanded form and addition in math.

In reading, students have been learning about story elements as well as identifying text evidence in non-fiction passages in order to support answers



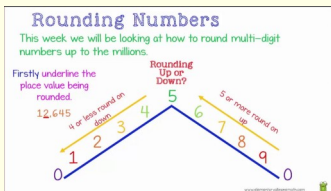
## Third Grade

Mrs. Brazda's third graders are off to an amazing start! In math, students have been working with place value and rounding. In ELA, students have been practicing using a highlighter to find text evidence when answering questions. Students have also been distinguishing between common and proper nouns.



DreamBox and Reading Plus are fun computer programs that are helping students develop math and reading skills at their own pace.

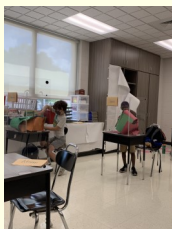
Mr. White's class has been working on identifying place value and rounding. Students have also been working on finding key details in a story to support their answer.



Students are really enjoying the various special classes like STEM and SEL!

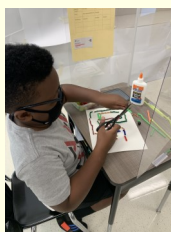
During the first week of Summer School, Ms. Zentz's 3rd grade class is working on rounding to

the nearest ten and hundred in math. In ELA, students are working on nouns and main idea/details. Ms. Zentz's class will be working with verbs and adjectives next in ELA, as well as addition, subtraction and multiplication in math!



## STEM

Students in Mrs. Fuller's STEM class have been exploring various STEM topics! Grayson Lafferty and Jaden Hill (top left picture) are busy making a cage for their stuffed animal while they are at summer school. Aidan Haywood (bottom right picture) is concentrating on making a marble maze.



The summer school students in second through fourth grade really enjoy having STEM incorporated in their schedules.

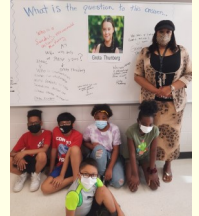
## Fourth Grade

Mr. Cieplucha's class is working on their math facts: addition, subtraction, multiplication, and division. Students enjoy working on their timed math drills during centers to build better understanding of their facts. Students also enjoy playing "Math Battle" with the foam dice. Students can challenge each other by rolling the dice at the same time and quickly shouting out the math fact in addition and multiplication.



Mrs. Mahoney's class learned about influential people in the world. The students use the bulletin board (pictured below) to research various figures using credible sources. Students then use the information to guide their writing.

The students have researched Barack Obama, Kamala Harris, Michael Jordan, and Dwayne Johnson so far. Students will research Michelle Obama, Abraham Lincoln, and Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. next!



Mrs. Smith's class has been working their way through the story of "James and the Giant Peach." The students have enjoyed discussing and analyzing the different characters and their personality traits. Students have also developed their own figurative language similar to the author's style of writing.

## Art/Music

Students in pre-k through first grade have been working hard on creating various masterpieces in Mrs. DiGrispino's art/music class. Students used different geometric shapes to construct dinosaurs and used colored tissue paper to create beautiful rainbows.

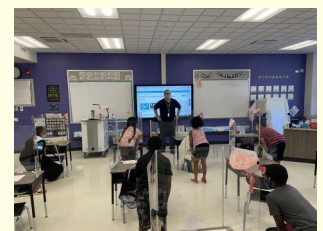


## SEL

During SEL (social emotional learning) class, third and fourth grade students are learning to identify emotions, practice coping skills, and have empathy for others. Students have also discussed the importance of being assertive and understanding others' perspectives.

In pre-k through second grade SEL, students are excited to be taking part in Second Step. These lessons help our students identify feelings in themselves and others, be better friends, and to show care and kindness.

Second Step lessons allow for the use of visual aids like puppets, pictures, and videos as well



as games and songs to help engage the students in the lessons while emphasizing the main ideas in a fun way.

