

Dear Center School Parents/Guardians:

Happy New Year to all! Hopefully the winter break was a restful and happy one.

Students jumped right back into their schedules and we are happy to have them back.

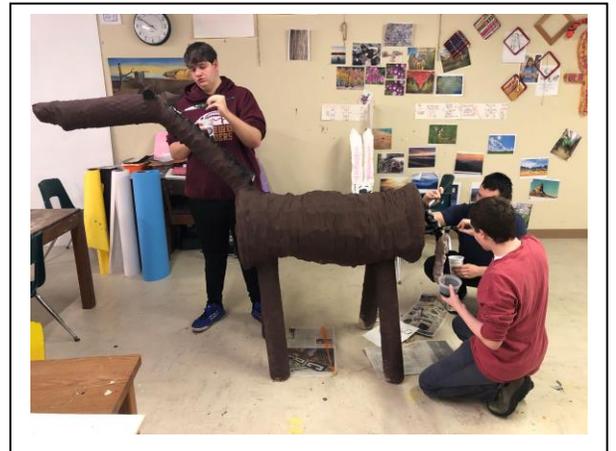


FROM THE CLASSROOMS:

High School

Students in the High School returned to school this week after the long holiday break. Students were able to get back into their daily school routines during the short two-day week. Students and staff, alike, also shared stories of their time away from school. Everyone is looking forward to a productive and fun second half of the 2019-20 school year!

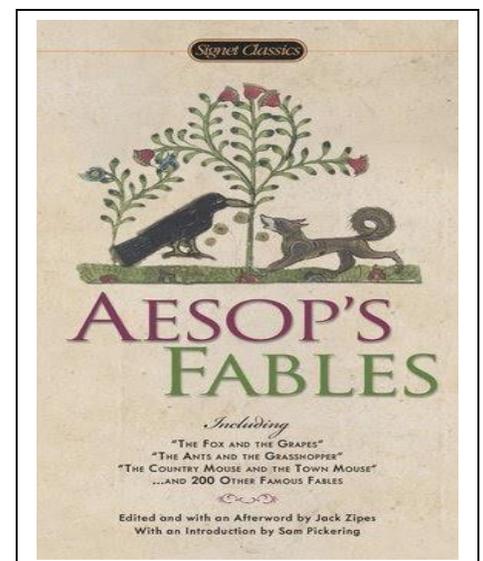
Ms. Gibson's LAL class finished up painting our (TCS's) very own Trojan Horse. We will be delving into the exciting Unit of Greek Mythology!



Middle School

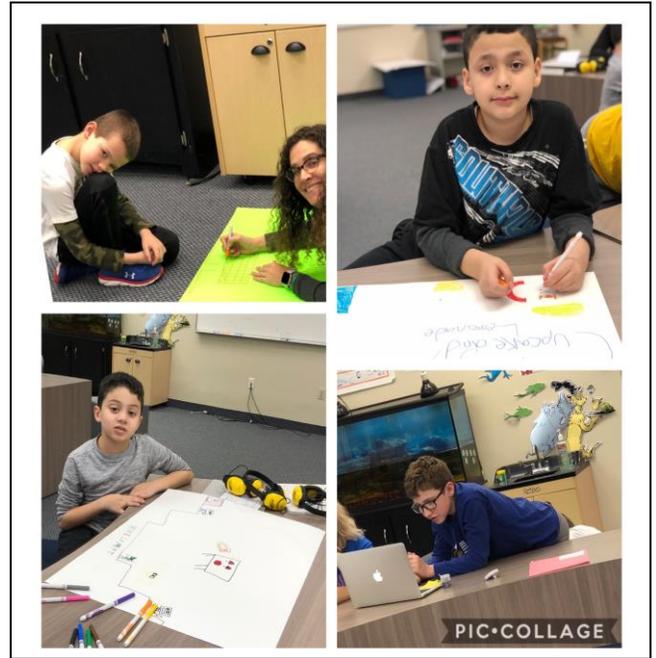
The Middle School is about to embark on a literary journey. We will be starting a unit on Fables. Students will prepare for this unit by introducing and reinforcing the concepts of figurative language and personification. It will be interesting to read the fables for the purpose of finding the morals.

Students also began the New Year with a New Year's resolution activity. They discussed topics such as what they would like to learn this New Year as well as what they would like to improve. They understand that it takes hard work and determination to reach these goals, but it is not impossible. We are looking forward to helping our students work towards reaching their goals!



Elementary School

Students in the Elementary School welcomed 2020 by talking about goals, responsibilities and resolutions. Students identified goals and resolutions for school and home. They also were able to name ways in which they can work to achieve their goal as well as some challenges they may face. Students in Mrs. Sheeley's class enjoyed listening to "Squirrel's New Year's Resolution", by Pat Miller, in order to learn more about resolutions for the new year. We look forward to supporting our amazing scholars as they work hard to achieve and surpass their goals and resolutions for 2020. Market Day preparations also continued with students designing posters and writing commercials using to advertise their products.



Music

Even though it was a short week there were many positive things happening in the music room. Play practice has resumed and students are doing a terrific job of starting to memorize their lines. New music is being introduced to instrumental students for our Spring Concert. High School students continue their Powerpoint presentations and Middle School is starting a "Music Around the World" Project. The music never stops in room 244.

Art

This short week in Art (1/2-1/3/2020) all grade levels were allowed to choose their project to work on, either continuing present assignment, free draw or assist on scenery for Lion King. Mrs. Eachus and Ms. Gibson sent in students to complete the Trojan Horse.



Career Exploration

This week students learned about the rising cost of college attendance and the impact on student loan debt by watching various videos and extracting information to record notes.

Life Skills

Students used the New Year as inspiration for a survey where they generated general New Year's Resolutions before calling staff members, practicing their conversation skills, and recording data. The students then utilized the recorded data to create a bar graph.

Financial Literacy

Students applied the knowledge learned about how to file their taxes by utilizing a W-2 form to complete a 1040EZ form for two fictional characters and scenarios.

Financial Planning

Students began learning about online and mobile banking, the evolution of personal banking and how banking trends have changed over the last 30 years, as well as the basic purpose and use of online and mobile banking.

Therapeutic Dept.

High School students played the game “Never Have I Ever” as an after the winter break ice-breaker. Students were asked random questions such as never have I ever been scared of ghosts after watching a horror movie, never have I ever made silly faces at random strangers, or never have I ever hidden food under my bed. The game encourages students to interact with one another so they can work on their social skills and learn more about themselves and others.

Due to the way the schedule fell this week, there were no scheduled counseling groups for Middle School. Individual counseling sessions took place as regularly scheduled. Students arrived back to school a little groggy but happy to see their peers, teachers, and counselors. Mrs. Gorski and Mr. Coronado wish all of our families a very Happy New Year!

School News

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High School Explorer's

High School Explorer's next trip will be to see “Rise of Skywalker” at The Reading Cinema in Manville. It will take place on Sunday, January 12th, 9:30am-2:30pm. For more information, please contact Ms. Gibson (cgibson@center.school)

IMPORTANT DATES:

Wed. Jan.15	Early Dismissal- 1:05 pm Staff Professional Development
Mon. Jan 20	Martin Luther King Day- School Closed
Fri. Feb 14-Tues Feb 18	President's Weekend- closed

Clubs and Events January 2020

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
		1 School Closed Happy New Year	2	3
6 Intramurals ES/MS/HS D&D / Adventurer's Guild	7 Spanish Culture MS/HS	8	9 Pride Club	10
13 Intramurals MS/HS	14 Cooking Club	15 Early Dismissal	16 E Sports Club	17
20 School Closed	21 Spanish ES/MS History Club	22	23 Newspaper Club	24
27 Intramurals MS/HS D&D / Adventurer's Guild	28 Music Club	29	30 Art Club Craft Club	31

EVENTS

Happy New Year

We will see you back all rested and rejuvenated on Thursday, January 2nd.

Spanish Culture Club

The Spanish Culture Club will be taking a trip to a Costa Rican restaurant after learning about the country. Contact Ms. Gonzalez.

Early Dismissal

We will have an early dismissal on Wednesday, January 15th. Students will be dismissed at 1:05.

Sincerely,



Dr. Ronald P. Rinaldi
Principal