



Elmhurst Academy

~ LAKEVIEW CLASSROOM ~

“Riflessione”

October 21, 2019 to November 1, 2019

Mrs. Wakeford, Ms. Soulakian, & Ms. Zito



Star Student

Emma was our star student for the week of November 4th-November 8th! She shared with us a photo of when she was born, swimming with a dolphin, riding a camel, first time painting her nails by herself, her trip to Disney World with Princess Aurora, and when she met Griffin. When Emma grows up, she wants to be a veterinarian!

Thank you, Emma, for being a wonderful star student!

Star Student

Otto was our star student for the week of November 11th to 15th! He shared with us a photo of when he was born, his first birthday, first Cubs game, first trip out of the United States, first time at Disney World, and first day at Elmhurst Academy!

Thank you, Otto, for being a wonderful star student!



Congratulations Hayden Brown!

Lakeview Class President 2019-2020



Congratulations Alexis Swift!

Lakeview Class Vice President 2019-2020

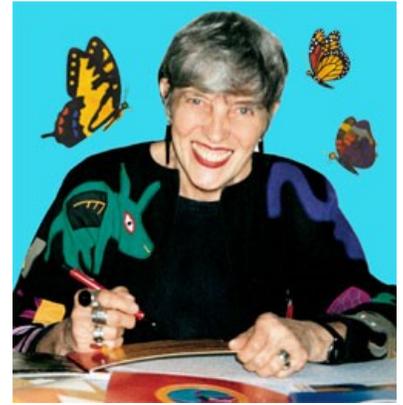
Inaugural Ball



Learning About Lois Ehlert

Lois Ehlert has created numerous inventive, celebrated, and bestselling picture books, including *Chicka Chicka Boom Boom*, *Holey Moley*, *The Scraps Book*, *Mice*, *Ten Little Caterpillars*, *RRRalph*, *Lots of Spots*, *Boo to You!*, *Leaf Man*, *Waiting for Wings*, *Planting a Rainbow*, *Growing Vegetable Soup*, and *Color Zoo*, which received a Caldecott Honor.

Lois Ehlert's artistic creativity was encouraged from an early age by her parents. Her mother used to give her scraps of cloth from her sewing and her father used to give her scraps of wood. She has been quoted as saying that construction paper was rather wimpy in color. Ehlert preferred the bright colors of the fabric compared to the pale colors of the construction paper. Her parents encouraged her by providing a card table in a small room for her to work at.

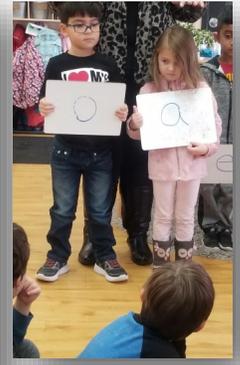
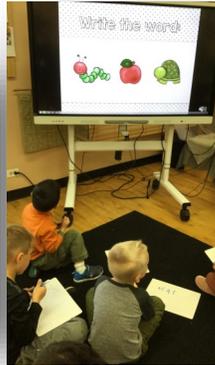


The Lakeview Authors designed and illustrated their own artwork inspired by Lois Ehlert's stories.



Language Arts:

The students began learning about consonant vowel consonant (CVC) words and vowel teams. The students learned that when two vowels go walking, the first vowel does the talking!



Global Studies

The Lakeview World Travelers learned explored Madagascar's unique plants. The student's sketched images of Baobab Trees. They also learned about another location called "Tsingy de Bemaraha" which translates to "Forest of Knives". The students learned about the different lemurs that live there and recreated "Tsingy de Bemaraha" using yoga poses!



Special Rights Learning Series

The Lakeview students had a visit from special visitors, Becky Cavanagh and Erin Compton. Becky Cavanagh and Erin Compton. Are Gold Medal Recipients from the Special Olympics. They spoke to the class about their achievements and taught the class some of their moves!

**Special
Olympics**



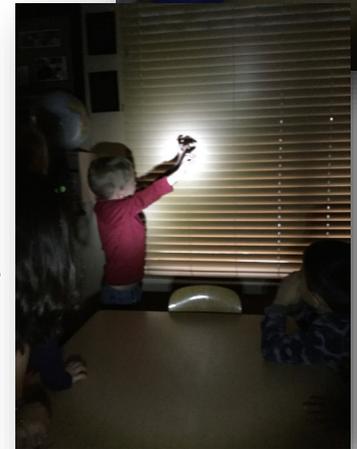


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Science: Light

The Lakeview students conducted an exploration of light. As a class, we discussed the various sources of light, including the Sun, fire, and electricity. This led to a discussion about why the Sun is so important. They watched a short video and we learned the terms absorb and reflect. Each student was excited to show off whether their clothes reflected a certain color, all colors (white), or absorbed all colors (black). We then had some fun creating unique shadow puppets to display the inability for light to pass through some objects, thereby creating a shadow. We had a dog chasing a butterfly by Stella, a narwal eating fish by Arabella, and a stag beetle by Eli, among others.

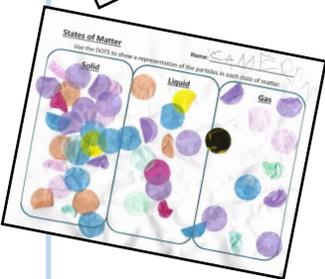
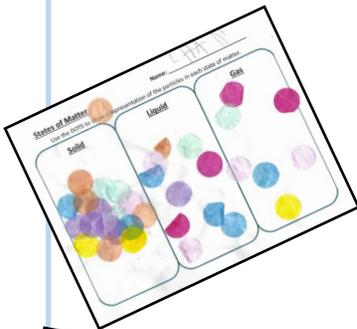


Science: States of Matter

What's the matter? The students delved into the states of matter. When asked what matter is they had a variety of answers.

"It's like when you are in a race and you don't win, it doesn't matter," explained Eli.

The students quickly discovered there was more to matter than they thought! Matter is everywhere. Using our bodies, we represented the molecules in the three states of matter, solid, liquid, and gas. The solid molecules are packed tight and vibrate, the liquid molecules glide past each other and the gas molecules bounce off of each other and spread out. The students then created visual representations of the molecules! We can't wait to experiment with matter next week!



Solid



Liquid



Gas

Math

We often see number sentences such as $3+2=5$; however, we began to explore other number models to represent number stories. Using diagrams called “change to more” and “change to less” models, the students listened to number stories, and solved the equations they created. They even began finding an unknown number. These models will resurface periodically during our math curriculum to add to the versatility of problem solving strategies.



World Kindness Day

“A little kindness can change the world.” ~ Unknown

The Lakeview students celebrated World Kindness Day by creating peace rocks. With messages of peace, friendship, and kindness, these rocks were decorated with care. Each child brought home their rocks to give to another person as an act of random kindness. We even gave one to each of the other classrooms. Whether they chose to

pass it to a family member, someone in the community or simply leave it for a stranger, the Lakeview class was enthusiastic about spreading kindness.



America Recycles Day

Friday, November 15th is America Recycles Day, a national holiday focused on the education about responsible recycling practices and waste management. Sharon from Flood Brothers Recycling visited our school to speak with the students about the waste management program and the



importance of recycling. The students were very excited to see the truck and its functionality. This was a wonderful day to review with the students the process of recycling in our classroom and to be an advocate and use the least amount of waste possible. They even intertwined technology by playing “Recycling Roundup” by National Geographic on the computer.





Creative Dance and Movement

The Lakeview Students began their Ballet unit with Ms. Burdi this month in creative movement & dance! We began by discussing the importance of discipline and respect in the style of ballet. WE discussed the seriousness of technical ballet classes and how they are run. Next we had our own Lakeview professional ballet class, led by "Ballet Master Burdi" complete with exercises at the barre. We learned 3 exercises that ballet dancers do in every technique class, whether they are a kid or a professional: pliés, tendus and rond de jamb. We finished with a great discussion about ballets background and we watched video clips about the history of ballet, the evolution of pointe work and Misty Copeland, one of the most famous modern day ballerinas.



Spanish

In Spanish class, the students have been reviewing foods and colors. They played Hidden Sticker. They had to both find and name the food that was described in Spanish. If they could do both, they won the sticker hiding beneath the food! "Una verdura naranja" "Es la zanahoria." ~Mrs. Lardin



Technology

Lakeview students began their photography unit this past week. We discussed what photography is, careers in photography, and cameras. We learned how to use the camera application on the iPad. Students then practiced taking pictures around the classroom! Students learned about the 'framing' technique when taking a picture. They played a guessing game where students practiced 'framing' by taking pictures around the room. Their partner then had to guess what the picture was!



In a combination of Art and Environmental Studies, the students "planted" a Nature Over Time Winter Garden using natural materials found around our school. Hay, rocks, sea shells, pinecones, evergreens, leaves and sticks were among the natural materials planted in the garden. Working together they created a natural, living composition where practical work meets with attention to aesthetics resulting in an eye-catching display. Students connected the pattern of our garden design to a patchwork quilt, adding that they are "creating a blanket quilt for our gardens" during the cold months.

Attention was drawn to the natural changes taking place during the fall. Students explored the difference between annual and perennial plants, discussing plant "hibernation" during the cold months of winter. In the spring, some of the plants in our gardens will sprout again while others will need to be replanted to restore our lush garden plots.

This winter garden is an everyday context that makes it possible to explore variations and transformations of color and materials over time. This garden will remain until spring growing season begins, stimulating awareness of the environment and developing a child's observation skills.

Super Scientist

Alexis demonstrated the difference in surface tension between milk and buttermilk. With the help of dish soap and food coloring, the students watched as the surface tension broke and spread the colors. Thank you, Alexis, for being a wonderful Super Scientist!



Outdoor Exploration



Important Information & Reminders

***November 22, 2019—EA Closed for Parent Teacher Conferences**

***November 28-29, 2019—EA Closed for Thanksgiving**

***December 13—Science Olympiad 5:00-6:00PM**

*We are excited to announce that we will be participating in Scholastic Book Club! Your child will receive a monthly flyer with fun, educational books and games! ***If you are interested in placing an order, please do so online at <https://orders.scholastic.com/VV24R> we will not be accepting orders in person.*** On Fridays, your order will be submitted and will be delivered to the school with 5-7 business days. When you visit the website, make sure to take a look at the digital flyers as well!

*Holiday Gift Shop will be open from Monday, December 2-Friday, December 6, 2019 for the Prairie, Woodlands and Lakeview Classrooms. Please return completed envelopes and money to the EA mailbox no later than Thursday, November 21, 2019. Additional envelopes are located in the parent resource center. Any questions, please contact Mrs. Webber at mwebber@elmhurstacademy.com

