

La Joie de Vivre

Académie Lafayette Summer School Newsletter
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A note from the Summer School Director:

It's been another exciting week at the Académie Lafayette Summer School Program. Read on to hear about what each of the grades has done!

This week at Cherry was jam-packed. The third graders went to the Federal Reserve Bank and learned how money is circulated. The second graders got to taste many different vegetables, herbs, and flowers at the Beanstalk Garden. First graders learned about animal classification with our friends from Zoomobile. The kindergarteners went to Edge Gymnastics to tumble and jump. In cooking class this week the kindergarteners and first graders made edible jewelry out of cereal, and the second and third graders made breakfast pizzas with lots of fresh berries.

The Oak grades were all over town as well. The eighth graders returned to Highland cemetery to continue their efforts to spruce it up. They also toured the Liberty Memorial and went to the top of the tower. The seventh graders created dough creatures that lit up with the 4-H program. The sixth graders wrapped up their robotics sessions with Mme Alix. The fifth graders visited the Federal Reserve Bank as well and enjoyed the experience. The fourth graders had fun creating art at Kaleidoscope.

Have a great weekend!

Mme Cathy Metcalf



From Mme Israel's Kindergarten class:

It's been a pretty fun first weeks in Kindergarten: we went to the swimming pool and to the Beanstalk, where we learned about plants, fruits, and vegetables. We even got to taste some of them!

Also, we learned how to hold a brush correctly and trace our names with paint. We learned some colors in French and how to make a circle with play dough. We learned how to count to five and sing songs in French!



From Mme Hanriot's fifth grade class:

Hi, this is Caroline and Citlali and we are going to tell you about what we did this week. First off, Monday, we went to The Bay. The Bay is a water park with three slides and a lazy river. Everybody in our class had lots of fun swimming. Secondly, our class had P.E. on Tuesday and Wednesday. We focused on how playing soccer helps you in every day life. And then of course we had a soccer scrimmage: we played boys vs. girls, and Mr. Djiba on the girls' team. We tied 1-1. We also read every day for thirty minutes in silence. We made a 3D model of the Statue of Liberty to learn about Independence Day. On Thursday, we had cooking class: we made banana pineapple upside down cake. It was really yummy! The last thing that we did this week was go to the Federal Reserve Bank. We had an awesome week!!!



De la classe de Mme Hanriot:

Bonjour, c'est Caroline et Citlali et nous allons vous raconter ce que nous avons fait cette semaine. En premier, lundi, nous sommes allés au parc aquatique The Bay. Puis nous avons fait du sport mardi et mercredi. Nous avons joué un match de foot: les garçons contre les filles. C'était un match nul 1-1. Chaque jour, nous avons lu pendant 30 minutes en silence. Nous avons fait un modèle en 3D de la Statue de la Liberté pour apprendre un peu plus sur le jour de l'Indépendance. Jeudi, on avait classe de cuisine. On a fait un gâteau à la banane et à l'ananas. La dernière chose qu'on a fait cette semaine, c'est aller à la Banque Fédérale. Nous avons passé une super semaine!



From Mme Defosse's first grade class:

Everything is going well in Madame Defosse's class. We are doing a lot of different activities, playing learning games, and doing crafts. This week, students had a wonderful time at the swimming pool. On Friday the zoo mobile came to the school and students were eager to see different kinds of animals.





From Mme Houfaidi's class:

We learned all about the American Flag in English class. We have done a variety of activities so far. To make our reading time more comfortable, we sewed pillow from different colorful fabric. We enjoyed our pool time our teacher even swam with us! We worked on some difficult puzzles together, and finished them!



De la classe de Mr. Sonko:

Lundi était notre dernier jour de robotique. La robotique se fait en deux jours pour chaque classe avec Madame Alix. Chaque jour, nous avons eu au moins trois sessions. Après chaque session, nous sommes allés en récréation pendant 30 minutes. Cette activité nous a permis de mieux comprendre la notion de robotique, mais aussi de préparer le championnat interclasse de robotique qui se déroulera le 17 juillet.

Mardi, nous sommes allés à la piscine. Cette piscine se trouve au Nord de Kansas City en allant vers l'aéroport, et s'appelle "The Springs". Nous apprécions positivement la nage à cause de ses deux aspects sportif et récréatif.

Du Mercredi au Vendredi, nous avons participé à une activité appelée "Trébuchets" conduit par Madame Carr chaque jour pendant une heure. L'activité était très intéressante. Elle nous a permis de comprendre certaines lois physiques.

Chaque jour nous avons fait des maths et lu avec Mr Sonko, et nous avons eu anglais avec Madame Littrell. Les mathématique et l'anglais sont des matières très importantes de nos jours.



From Mr. Sonko's class:

Monday was, sadly, our last day of robotics. Robotics goes on for two days for every class. This class's teacher is Mme Alix. Each day we had at least three sessions and after each session we had 30 minutes of recess. This activity allowed us to better understand robotics, but also to better prepare for the school's robotics competition on July 17th.

On Tuesday, we went on our very first field trip! It was "The Springs", a pool located in North Kansas City by the airport. It was an activity that we all appreciated because it is a sport but is also very recreational.

Wednesday to Friday, we participated in a very fun school activity called "Trébuchets". This class was taught by Mme Carr. Each day we had one hour where we learned certain laws of physics. The activity was very interesting.

We had math and read daily with Mr Sonko, who is also our homeroom teacher and English with Mme Littrell. Mathematics and English are very important subjects nowadays so we are glad to have these classes almost every day.



In May 2005, Académie Lafayette received a generous donation from the Charno family in honor of Harriett Charno's birthday. The funds were to build a garden next to the playground at Oak that would include a drinking fountain. Harriett's granddaughter, Nakysa Osadchey, attended Académie Lafayette. The drinking fountain was donated by BNIM. Over the years, funds were collected for its maintenance but as time went on, flowers and plants died. This spring Pablo Sanders, copy center manager, decided to renovate the garden. During summer school, he and a team of 5th graders attending summer school dug up the packed ground, measured the beds, added soil, and planted flowers. He promises to keep it watered this summer. Let's all work together to keep the garden thriving! Thank you Pablo and the 5th grade!



Making a
plan



Measuring



Getting new dirt



Picking out
the flowers

8th Graders visited the WW1 Museum



They also continued the community project started by last year's 8th graders





Meanwhile, many
classes had a blast
at our local
community pools!



Kids went to
the Federal
Reserve
Bank



Running
around at
recess!



Some preferred to
dance while
learning French
songs

