

STEM and STEM CLUB

While STEM Club is finished for this year, Mrs. Yee and I are already thinking up new projects to try next year! STEM is still alive and well in the computer room, as the third grade has to try out some of the available technology and see what they can accomplish with it!

Accomplished this Quarter:

PreK 4s - Using sesamestreet.org and starfall.com, students built their pronunciation and vocabulary through various books and sections of the sites.

Kindergarten - Used Tux Paint to learn about various painting tools. They reviewed rhyming and addition. They learned about the weather and shapes/geometry using sesamestreet.org and abcya.com/first_grade_computers.htm. They reviewed their reading and phonics skills with starfall.com.

First Grade - Reviewed all the different drawing tools in Tux Paint. They compared numbers and did math word problems. They increased their math skills in number sense with various websites and activities. They reviewed their reading and phonics skills with starfall.com.

Second Grade - Worked on their keyboarding skills for most of the classes using www.bbc.co.uk/guides/z3c6tfr, going through 4 levels and 12 stages. They also have started working on a project about animals using Animal Genius to learn about characteristics and habitats.

Third Grade - Started the quarter doing an Excel Spreadsheet survey, and charting the results. Then they created a power point. They reviewed their grammar and punctuation skills, as well as their keyboarding. They created a Word document and completed their Curriculum Fair documents.

Fourth/Fifth Grade - Completed their Curriculum Fair documents, including title page, outline and bibliography. They reviewed their geography knowledge with Stack the States and Stack the Countries.

Sixth Grade - Completed their Curriculum Fair title page, outline and bibliography. They also completed 3 projects that help them learn how to read websites for specific content.

Seventh Grade - Created a crossword puzzle in Excel, complete with pop-up clues. They also completed a power point on Ancient Egypt vs. Today and everyone agreed they would rather live in today's world!

Eighth Grade - Finished their 32-bar song in GarageBand, then used iMovie to make a music video with it! Titles, transitions and even "photo-shopped" pictures were included for a terrific job well done !

Some excellent apps to try include Little Bird Tales, Math Ninja, and Simple Machines. Move the Turtle, Khan Academy, and App Circle.

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Questions? Just ask!

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