Kintsugi Workshop

On October 23rd, one of our CREC teachers, Wendy Miller, hosted a Kintsugi Workshop at CREC. Kintsugi, meaning the Golden Joinery in Japanese, is the art of repairing cracked or broken pottery by mending with adhesive and gold, making it more value than before it was broken. The philosophy behind Kintsugi is one that values not only the beauty of an object, but also its imperfections, viewing them as something to celebrate, not disguise.

In addition to mending a beautiful piece of pottery (that participants got to take home with them), the group shared touching personal stories that brought tears to other's eyes. One person shared, "I liked how we were all able to come together and relate even though we're so different. Thank you so much for having us and showing us this beautiful art."

Another person commented, "It felt like I was releasing my anxiety and stress."

Healthy Snack Ideas

- Go-Gurt/Yogurt
- Cheese Sticks
- Rice Krispy treats
- Granola type bars
- Rice cakes
- Pudding cups
- Popcorn
- Pretzels, or other baked chip style snacks
- Fruit/Vegetables
- Animal crackers
- Gold fish
- Crackers
First Grade Field Trip to Klingel's Farm

On October 17th, our first grade classes attended their annual field trip at Klingel's Farm. Students, teachers, and chaperones attended the field trip by exploring the pumpkin fields, playing the farm games, seeing animals, and picking a pumpkin to take home!

ONE WORLD ONE SKY

Kindergarten students attended a mobile planetarium tour that features an inflatable dome that introduces children to the night sky while forging cross-cultural connections.

Inside the dome, the children will view a special planetarium show - One World One Sky: Big Bird's Adventure.
In Kindergarten, students read the story "Stone Soup". The Kindergarten teachers, Mrs. Colemen, Ms. Franz, Mrs. Marabell, Mrs. Fette, and Ms. Pryal, provided an interactive learning experience for their students. They read the book called "Stone Soup" together and made their own "Stone Soup" as a group. They had the opportunity to try the soup later in the day.

Monster Mash/Trail of Treats
Birthday Celebrations Around The World

Did you know that “Fairy Bread” is a popular treat served at birthday parties in Australia and New Zealand?

On Friday, October 25th, the students in Mrs. Bayley's first grade class had the opportunity to learn about this special food as a part of an event called “Birthday Celebrations Around the World.” Parents were invited to join their children for the experience. During the activities, students learned about various birthday traditions through literature, music, and delicious treats!

Veteran's Day Celebration

On November 8th, CREC students and staff celebrated Veteran's Day. Veterans from our community came to meet and take pictures with the students. The students also had the opportunity to see and explore a military vehicle from Tobyhanna Army Depot. In addition to these experiences, students learned and honored veterans in their family within their classrooms.
The Recreation Club has been having a blast at CREC! Grade 2 students were given the opportunity from October-December to work with peers throughout various activities within the gym environment. Students are encouraged to work together to complete fun activities and cheer each other on! A few of the favorites have been relay races, tag, and freeze dance.

Be sure to keep an eye out for the new session beginning in January that will be offered to both GRADE 2 and GRADE 1 students. We will meet Tuesdays and Thursdays 8:00-8:45AM. We look forward to seeing new and current faces!

Did You Know?

- Starting in kindergarten, too many absences can cause children to fall behind in school.
- Missing 10 percent (or about 18 days) can make it harder to learn to read.
- Students can still fall behind if they miss just a day or two days every few weeks.
- Being late to school may lead to poor attendance.
- Absences can affect the whole classroom if the teacher has to slow down learning to help children catch up.

Attending school regularly helps children feel better about school—and themselves. Start building this habit in preschool so they learn right away that going to school on time, every day is important. Good attendance will help children do well in high school, college, and at work.

What Can You Do?

- Set a regular bed time and morning routine.
- Lay out clothes and pack backpacks the night before.
- Find out what day school starts and make sure your child has the required shots.
- Introduce your child to his/her teachers and classmates before school starts to help his/her transition.
- Don’t let your child stay home unless he/she is truly sick. Keep in mind complaints of a stomach ache or headache can be a sign of anxiety and not a reason to stay home.
- If your child seems anxious about going to school, talk to teachers, school counselors, or other parents for advice on how to make his/her feel comfortable and excited about learning.
- Develop back-up plans for getting to school if something comes up. Call on a family member, a neighbor, or another parent.
- Avoid medical appointments and extended trips when school is in session.
**Upcoming Events**

**PTO MEETING**

**NOVEMBER 21ST @ 6:00 P.M.**

**Workshop:** Say their Name

This workshop will discuss the importance of talking about loved ones.

There will be time to make name keepsake.

**ANNUAL DISTRICT TITLE I MEETING**

**NOVEMBER 21ST @ 10:00 A.M.**

District Administration Building - Board Room

Come, see and hear the wonderful things that are happening in our TITLE I schools and learn more about our TITLE program.

The meeting will focus on:
- Parents' rights to be involved in school programs
- Strategies to monitor and understand student achievement
- District Parent and Family Engagement Policy
- District Equity Plan

Please join us! Call or email Amy Buffington, Director of Curriculum, Instruction and Federal Pro-

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**Reminder!**

Clear Run Elementary Center is committed to the safety and education of all students.

Dear Parent/Guardians:

Please remember that students **should not** have toys in school. In addition to toys often being a disruption to the educational environment, look a-like firearms and weapons (toy guns and knives) or any other item which could or would be a threat to students, himself/herself, or the school community violates the school district’s weapon policy. Such a violation could result in serious disciplinary action, such as a suspension or expulsion.

Please reinforce with your child that these items are not permitted in school and could lead to a serious consequence. It is recommended that you monitor what is in your child’s bookbag so that disciplinary issues can be avoided.

Thank you in advance for helping us to maintain and education environment that is both safe and productive.