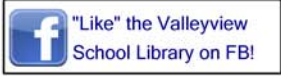


Valleyview Library

Newsletter



1st Grades Create Collage Art in Library!

In September, grade 1 library classes read Author of the Month Michael Hall's new book "Wonderfall," which uses clever wordplay & collage-art to celebrate the various signs of Autumn. Both classes then created their own colorful Autumn trees using Michael Hall's collage art technique. Their work is on display outside the library for all to see and enjoy!



All K-5 students & families are encouraged to visit the library during the Valleyview Open House on the evening of October 25th; 5th grade library classes have been working on "Fifty Nifty Facts," a research-skills activity forming part of the year-long theme "Getting Ready for the Big Leagues!" And have you "Liked" the Valleyview Library on Facebook yet? That's the Buzz!

4th Graders Begin Study of History's 'Tough Cookies'!

In September, 4th grade library classes began a year-long unit which will chronologically introduce them to some of history's 'tough cookies,' those who overcame obstacles to make the world a better place. We began by reading about the life of King Tut, crowned an Egyptian pharaoh at age 10, and will continue until we reach the present day. And of course, homemade cookies are served each time we meet another of history's 'Tough Cookies!'



Talkin' Technology!

Classes are busy reintroducing themselves to the Computer Lab! Kindergarteners have been learning to log-in and practice their letter sounds at Starfall.com & 1st graders have been busy using IXL Math. 2nd graders have been practising keyboarding skills with Typing Pal, while 3rd, 4th, & 5th grade classes have gone mobile, learning how to use the new Chromebooks being shared between grade-level classrooms, as well as learning to use Google Drive and how to create, edit & share their own Google Docs.



Did You Know?



Parents, Valleyview students have access at home to a wide variety of online educational resources! Through the SEEK link on the library webpage, students can use (for free!) databases such as the World Book Encyclopedia, PebbleGo, and BrainPop. Students just need to remember the SEEK password which they also use at school. Additionally, students can follow the link from the Oneonta City School District webpage to use both Typing Pal and IXL Math at home too!



Parents, you can help your student to not only keep track of their library books but to take care of them as well! Please help to reinforce what they have been taught during library class: keep library books in your backpack when not reading them; share them with little brothers & sisters, and teach them to take care of library books as well; don't leave your library books outside where they may get rained on or stolen; and don't leave your books where curious or hungry pets may chew on them!



Parents, you can also help your students to use the Internet wisely and safely! During the course of the school year, library classes will discuss the importance of Internet Safety & Digital Citizenship, and these lessons are most effective when reinforced at home. Remind your child to tell you if they see or read something online which makes them uncomfortable, and explain to them why they should never give out any personal information to others online!