



# Dunfee Digest

Winter at LMDS

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## Reminders

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## Hello, Dragons!

### What are "Studies"?

Here in preschool, we learn through play everyday!

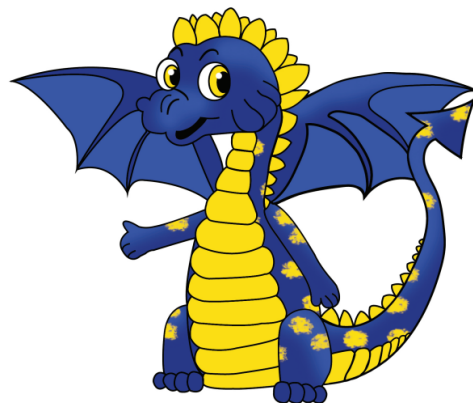
The curriculum takes young learners through different studies that offer hands-on learning centered around social-emotional development..

*"Inspire Children With Project-Based, Investigative Learning*

Build children's confidence, creativity, and critical thinking skills through hands-on, project-based investigations. Promote discovery and inquiry with opportunities for children to think critically and develop process skills with rich, hands-on investigations of relevant and interesting topics in the classroom. Reinforce learning with family-friendly activities designed for home."

*Taken from:*

<https://teachingstrategies.com/product/the-creative-curriculum-for-preschool/>



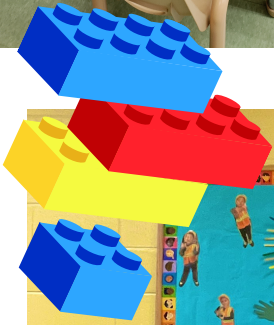




# Buildings Study

*Pictures from various classes.*

What do we know about buildings? What do we want to find out? Through art, play, blocks, books, group activities and more, Dragons are learning so much!

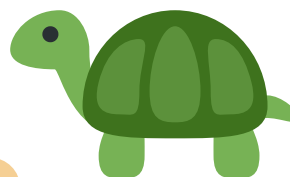
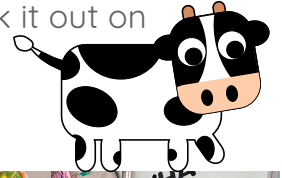




# Pet Study Fun!

*Pictures from various classes.*

What's your favorite study so far this year? I think a lot of us might say pets! We learned about domestic animals, wild animals, animal care, and so much more! We got to talk about our own pets, as well as get to experience our first ever Dunfee Dragons Pet Museum! Check it out on the next page...

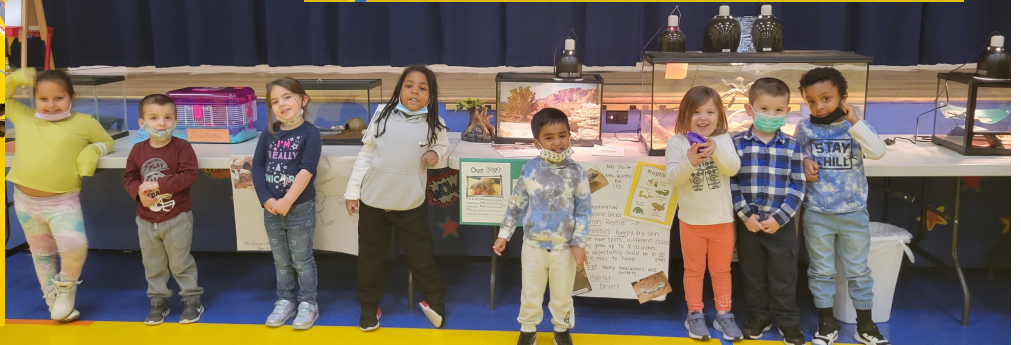
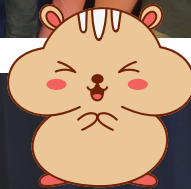




# LMDS Pet Museum

*Dragons first ever Pet Museum!*

Who do you think had more fun today, the students or the class pets?! All of our class pets got a new view for the day to celebrate our Pet Study! All students got to walk through and learn all about the different class pets in the building, how to care for them, what their favorite snack is and more!





# Clothing Study

*Pictures from various classes.*

What do we know about clothes? What do we want to find out? We are learning how to do laundry, how to make tie-dye shirts, different kinds of sleeves, learning all about zippers, buttons and more! This sure is one fun interactive study! Dragons wrapped up the Clothing Study with a Fashion Show on April 1st! Be sure to check out our social media pages or the next Dunfee Digest for pictures from the Fashion Show.



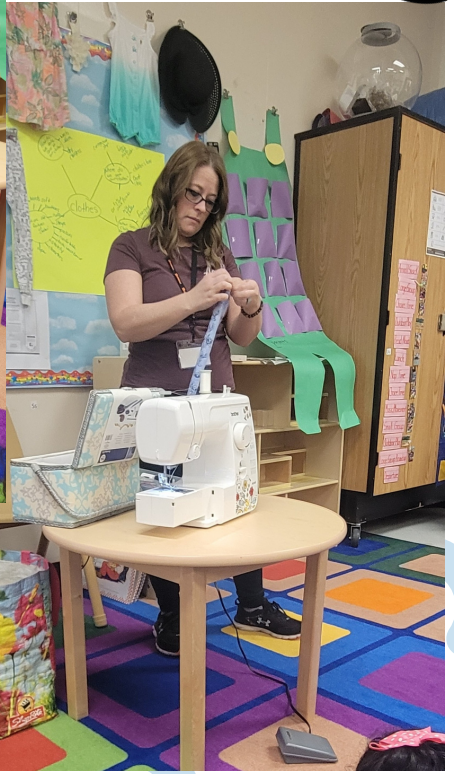
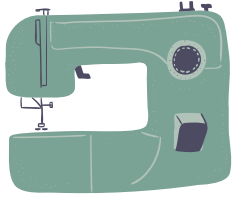




## Clothing Study with a Twist!

Mrs. Turi's class (below pictures)

In the below pictures you can find Mrs. Turi's class with a special visit from one of her students moms, Staci Primmer! A BIG thank you for coming in and teaching Mrs. Turi's class all about sewing and a sewing machine! What a fun way to learn something new!





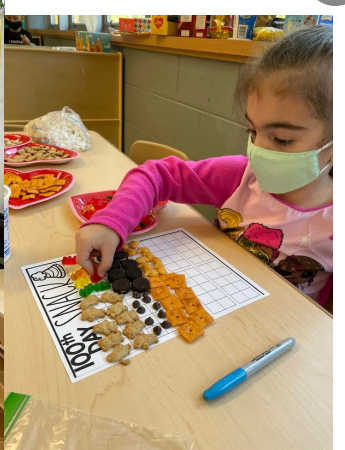
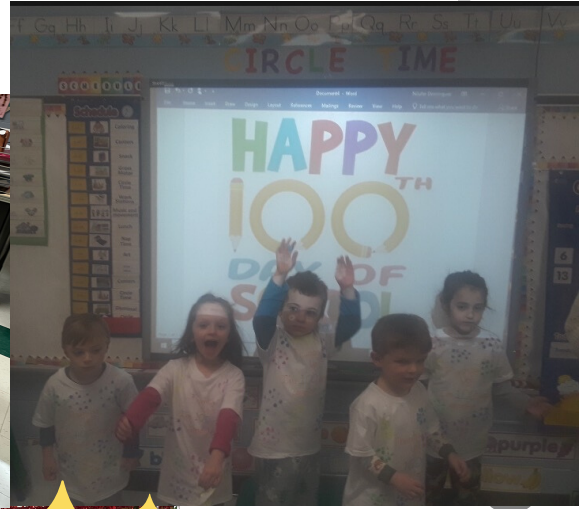


# 100th Day of School!

February 15th was our 100th Day of School! We celebrated with a parade around the halls and so many different, fun 100-day-themed activities! Counting 100 snacks, coloring paper 100-day-themed crowns, and more!



# 100





# All you Need is Love

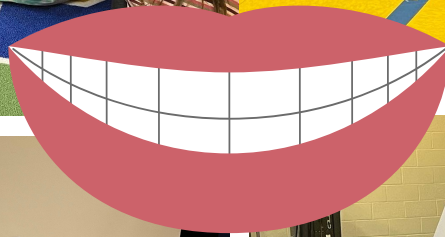






# Did you know: February is National Children's Dental Health Month

Thank you to Ocean Pediatric Dental for coming in to tell us all about the importance of dental health! Ms. Stacey brought her friend Frankie the Dragon and they taught us about cavities (aka sugar bugs), how to brush, how often to brush, and told us what to expect when we go to the dentist. We even learned what drinks and snacks are better for our teeth and every student got to take home a brand new toothbrush!



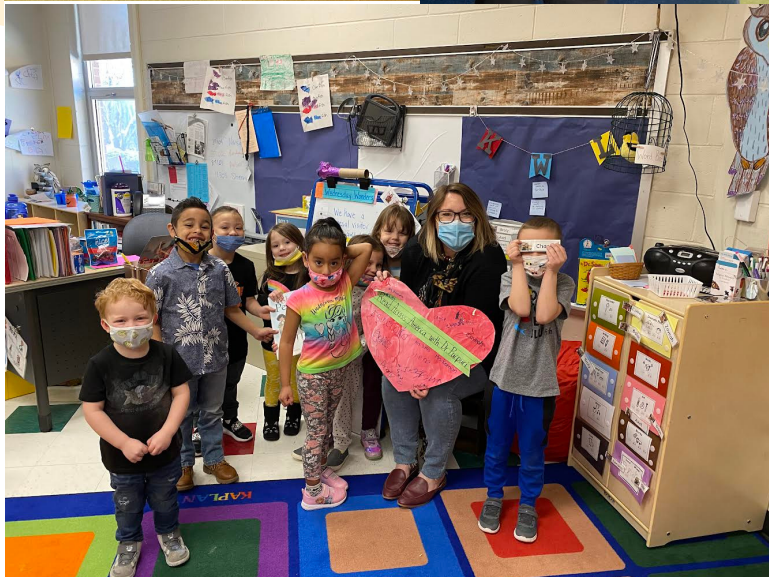




# Read Across America Day

March 2, 2022 (pictures from various classes)

Instead of having just one day, Dragons celebrated Read Across America all week long! It was one fun week filled with guest readers, spirit days, and lots of Dr. Seuss inspired activities!

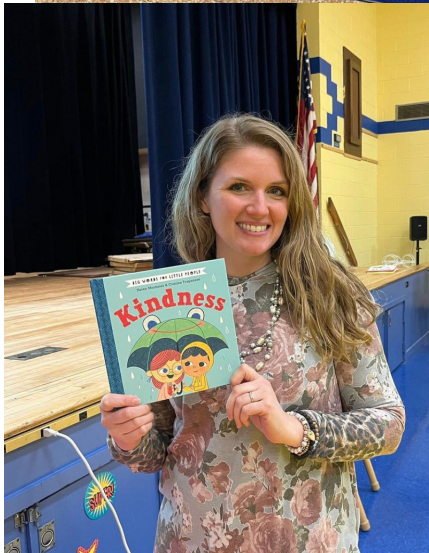




# Read Across Dunfee

*Event collaboration with the Ocean County Library, Barnegat Branch.*

To continue celebrating Read Across America, Dragons had a family fun all about literacy event! All families heard a picture book read by Mrs. Reynolds who modeled for parents how to engage their young readers at home. Kids got to sit with Mr. Dan, our librarian to hear a story and color while their parents heard a presentation on "Making the Most of Storytime" by Dr. Heather Tacovsky. We raffled off a door prize and everyone got to take home a pencil and a library card application! What a fun night it was!





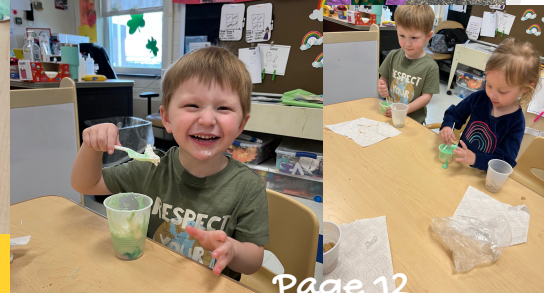
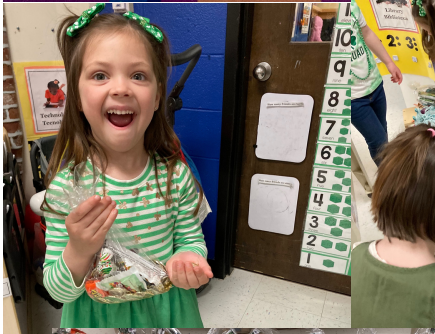


# St. Patrick's Day



*Pictures from various classes.*

Dragons sure had fun celebrating St. Patrick's Day! When we all came into school this day, a leprechaun had run through some of our classrooms making one big mess! I wonder if any students caught that tricky leprechaun that day. Every class celebrated St. Patrick's Day in their own way! Some made green snacks while others green tie-dye shirts, but one thing is for sure - everyone had their best St. Patrick's Day outfit on!







# Introducing, Mac!

## Dunfee's Own Therapy Dog

Dunfee has a new Dragon to introduce, Mac! Our district has worked hard on expanding this program to all schools and LMDS was one of the lucky first ones! So far Mac has been going around and introducing himself to every student and teaching everyone about what a therapy dog is. We can't wait for our next Mac-day!





# Mac-day meets St. Patrick's Day!

*Pictures from various Orange Pod classes.*

Mac came to visit the Orange Pod for the first time on an extra special day, St. Patrick's Day!!





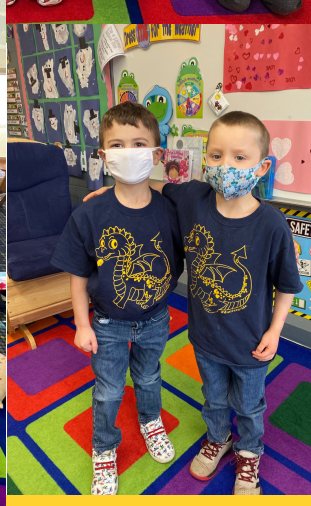
# PTA Spirit Days

*Pictures from various classes.*

Dragons love to get into the school spirit! From pajama days, to dress like your teacher day, to flannel-Friday's and more! We have so much fun dressing up!



# School Spirit





# Spring is Coming!!



*Pictures from various classes.*

Can you feel the weather warming up outside?? The Dragons can! We are so excited to get to spend more time outside in the sun. Between gross motor time and getting a chance to have an outdoor snack, being outside is one of our favorite things!





# CLASSROOM PEEK





# UPStanders of LMDS

## *UPStanding- Dragon of the Month*

### What is an UPstander?

In Barnegat, we believe in family. We also believe in helping students become the best versions of themselves, and facilitating a positive school climate.

And that's why in the 2018-2019 school year, the Counseling Department launched the UPstanders initiative. Through this program, one altruistic student per school will be recognized monthly at our Board of Education meetings. These students will be nominated by building administration and counseling staff.

To reward these students, we are granting them with a gift card to a local restaurant to fund a meal for their household. Parents will sign a contract to consent to bring the whole family—bringing back the idea of a family dinner and family togetherness.

Each month, students are nominated based on the UPstander criteria and the trait of the month.

### UPStander Qualifying Criteria:

Outstanding citizenship, indicated by:

1 or more acts of *advocating* for their fellow student(s); and/or

1 or more acts of *kindness*, and/or

1 or more acts of *facilitating community/teamwork*, and/or

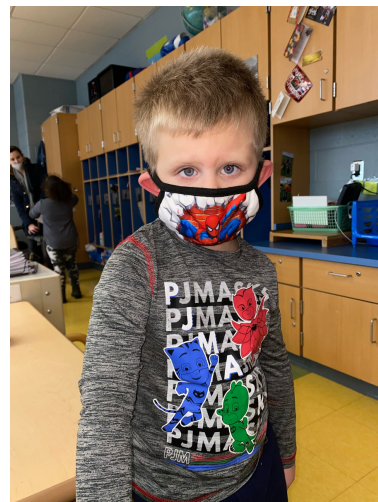
1 or more acts of *leading a group positively*



## -January Trait of the month: Acceptance

### *Colten Clifton*

"Colten is so kind and compassionate! He is always making sure his friends are okay when they are sad. He has grown so much and we are so proud of him!" - Ms. Tardiff & Ms. August



## February Trait of the Month: Leadership

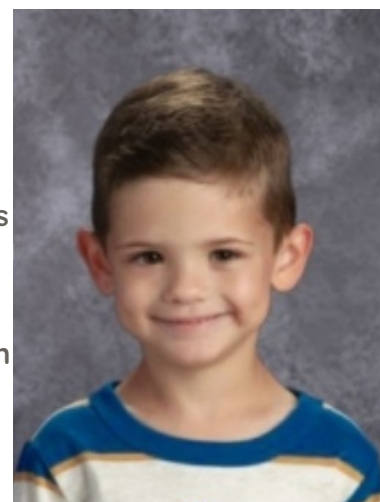
### *Isla Renner*

"Isla is a veteran student in our class! Isla is always willing to help and assist in our classroom. Isla loves to be the teacher's helper and guide her peers. Isla is a true leader!" - Mrs. Hazelet

## March Trait of the Month: Perseverance

### *Grayson Hughes*

"Grayson is a second year student with us and will be moving up to Kindergarten. He has been working very hard this year to master the skills necessary to have a solid foundation upon advancement. Grayson's perseverance has enabled him to work hard at achieving his goals. Just recently Grayson has mastered writing his name freehand, putting on and zipping his coat, and packing his backpack independently. Grayson has a new found sense of independence exhibited by his ability to problem solve in social situations and effectively enter a play group. He is a rule follower and a great role model to his peers. Grayson followed the motto "if at first you don't succeed, try, try again" and his perseverance has proven he can overcome challenges." - Mrs. Smuda





# LMDS Teacher of the Year

*Congratulations, Mrs. Kate Stolte!*

This is Mrs. Stolte's fourth year teaching preschool here in Barnegat! Before Barnegat, Mrs. Stolte taught preschool/early childhood, became Head Teacher and eventually was director at a private nursery school. Mrs. Stolte is a great example of a teacher who goes above and beyond for her students. She is kind, empathetic, nurturing and one fantastic educator!  
The Dunfee Dragons are lucky to have Mrs. Stolte!





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