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News from VASE.....

With the internet at our fingertips, it makes sense to utilize it to its fullest. Therefore, this and future editions of VIBES will be available on VASE's page of the school's website. VIBES will be published every other month, starting with December.

Click [here](#)¹ to visit our webpage. You can view upcoming events, meeting minutes, flyers sent home in backpacks and other VASE related items.

Thanks to our many volunteers and we hope everyone is having a wonderful school year.

News from Project GROW.....

The preschoolers in Project GROW have been busy this fall.

Our themes have included building our classroom through guided discoveries, learning to work with friends and finding out what it means to be part of a school community.

Both of our classes enjoyed a late October field trip to the Buttonwood Park Zoo where we enjoyed the animals (and they enjoyed showing off for us) and Boo at the zoo.

The staff have been busy observing the children as we put together the children's personal portfolios that highlight their strengths and interests in all areas of preschool academics.

Rhyming is a literacy activity as well as learning a new nursery rhyme each month.

News from First grade...

On November 2nd the first grade classes went to the Buttonwood Park Zoo to attend a program called The Reason for the Seasons. We went on a guided tour of the zoo to learn about how the plants and animals are preparing for the cold winter months. As the cold weather approaches please make sure your child is appropriately dressed for the weather. The classes go outside for recess almost every day. All coats, hats and mittens should be labeled with your child's name. Please take a few moments to teach your child how to put his or her mittens inside their hat and to put the hat inside the sleeve of the Coat. Hopefully this will cut down on lost hats and single mittens. Thanks!

News from Third grade ...

Third grade is in full swing! It is hard to believe that term 2 is already upon us.

In grade 3 math coverage has included place value, addition and subtraction facts and strategies, and problem solving strategies.

Reading instruction has focused on strategies to help strengthen comprehension. These have included visualizing, proper book selection, retelling, finding the main idea, sequencing, and story elements (characters, plot, problem /solution, setting). Monthly reading records are completed at home and shared in school.

¹ Another way to get to VASE's webpage is to go to www.oldrochester.org then click on *Schools*, *Sippican School* and *V.A.S.E.*

Students have begun to learn about different writing genres and are improving writing by using elaborate details.

Soil was our main theme in science, and Wampanoags and Pilgrims were the focus in social studies. Third graders thoroughly enjoyed a visit from guest speakers from Plimoth Plantation. They spoke about Wampanoag history and culture, and answered many great questions the students had. Thank you to VASE for funding this terrific program.

Our recent field trip to Plimoth Plantation and the Mayflower II was a huge success. This trip gave the students the opportunity to experience the lifestyles of both the Pilgrims and Wampanoags in a “real life” setting. Many thanks to our wonderful chaperones for your assistance!

We enjoyed meeting with parents at conferences in November to discuss each child’s progress. Thank you so much for supporting your child’s education.

News from the Library...

The books noted below were received by the Sippican School Library. We wish to acknowledge the generosity of those who donate books to the children at Sippican.

1607: A New Look at Jamestown by Karen E. Lange. Donated by V.A.S.E. in recognition of Peter Farrell for your 35 years of dedicated service at Sippican School.

Airy Fairy Magic Mess!, Magic Mischief!, Magic Mistakes!, Magic Music! by Margaret Ryan. Donated by Megan Hayes.

And Then it Rained... by Crescent Dragonwagon. Donated by Mrs. Dunham’s Class with warm thanks to Mrs. Pimental. Thank you for being such a wonderful Librarian and enriching our reading!

Bella at Midnight by Diane Stanley. Donated by Colleen Packard in honor of Ms. Campinha. Thanks for making my last year at Sippican so great.

The Boy Who Drew Birds: A Story of John James Audubon by Jacqueline Davies. Donated by Doris & Jack Ludes in celebration for her special day of days Cherrell Hughes.

Casey Back at Bat by Dan Guttman. Donated by Trina Waniga, Sophie Polonsky, and Sascha Polonsky in memory of Howard A. Waniga with love from his granddaughters Sophie and Sascha.

Collected Poems For Children by Ted Hughes. Donated by A Friend of Sippican in recognition of Kevin Hart on the occasion of his graduation from Stonehill College.

The Curse of Ravenscourt by Sarah Masters Buckley. Donated by Ali Grace in celebration of Megan Hayes’ 8th birthday.

Discovering Nature’s Alphabet by Krystina Castella. Donated by Barbara Moody in celebration of the life of Kim Bower. After enjoying this book – look for your own letters in nature.

Diving to a Deep-Sea Volcano by Kenneth Mallory. Donated anonymously to the students of Sippican.

The Egyptology Handbook: A Course in the Wonders of Egypt by Emily Sands. Donated by V.A.S.E. with warm thanks to Jacqueline Gleiman for her years of dedication to the Box Tops for Education program.

The Encyclopedia of Music by Max Wade-Matthews. Donated by The Marion School Committee in recognition of The New Bedford Symphony Orchestra. "Music in the Morning" has been a transforming experience for Sippican School students. We are so thankful.

Ghosthunters and the Muddy Monster of Doom! by Cornelia Funke

Katie Kazoo, Switcheroo: No Biz Like Show Biz by Nancy Krulik

Lily's Pesky Plant by Kirsten Larsen

The Penderwicks: A Summer Tale of Four Sisters, Two Rabbits, and a Very Interesting Boy by Jeanne Birdsall. Donated by Kelly Fox in celebration of Megan Hayes' 8th birthday.

Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets by J.K. Rowling. Donated by Jyla Bethany Rose in celebration of Megan Hayes' 8th birthday.

Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows by J.K. Rowling. Donated by Emily and Becky Koerner in honor of Mrs. Pimental. Thank you for sharing your love of books.

High Rhulain by Brian Jacques. Donated by V.A.S.E. with warm thanks to the Zeiterion Committee, Kathy Giles, Kellie Venrick and Robin Zora. You have done a wonderful job

organizing the "Z" trips for the past year and a half.

Images of America: Marion by Judith Westlund Rosbe. Donated to Sippican School by Judith Rosbe in honor of our daughters, Kristina and Heather, who entered Sippican School in 1977.

John F. Kennedy Commander in Chief: A Profile In Leadership by Pierre Salinger. Donated by The Marion School Committee in recognition of Donna Walther and Marissa Ortiz. Your leadership at VASE for the past 2 years has been inspirational. Deepest thanks.

Junie B., First Grader: Dumb Bunny by Barbara Park. Donated by Megan Hayes' Uncle Jamie in celebration of her 8th birthday.

The Little Mouse, The Red Ripe Strawberry, and The Big Hungry Bear by Don and Audrey Wood. Donated by Doris & Jack Ludes in celebration for her special day of days Cherrell Hughes.

Leonardo da Vinci by Kathleen Krull. Donated by V.A.S.E. in memory of Anne TenBrook founding member and guiding force of V.A.S.E. for many years.

A Little Peace by Barbara Kerley. Donated by Trina Waniga, Sophie Polonsky, and Sascha Polonsky in memory of Joanne Johnson Waniga with love from her granddaughters Sophie and Sascha.

Maria's Story, 1773 by Joan Lowery Nixon. Donated by Colleen Packard in honor of Mrs. Jacobsen. You made colonial times come alive for me. I really loved 5th grade.

Maritime Marion Massachusetts by Judith Westlund Rosbe. Donated to Sippican School by Judith Rosbe in honor of our daughters, Kristina and Heather, who entered Sippican School in 1977.

Miss Rumphius by Barbara Cooney. Donated by Marylou S. Hobson in honor of the Sippican planters.

My Season With Penguins: An Antarctic Journal by Sophie Webb. Donated by Charlotte Rathborne in celebration of Megan Hayes' 8th birthday.

My First Horse and Pony Care by Judith Draper. Donated by Erica Judd in honor of Mikey the first horse I ever rode.

Ocean Life by Alice Jablonsky. Donated by Colleen Garcia in celebration of Megan Hayes' 8th birthday.

Oh Say Can You Say Di-no-saur? by Bonnie Worth. Donated by Emily Hiller in celebration of Megan Hayes' 8th birthday.

On Earth by G. Brian Karas. Donated by Andrew Kuhl in memory of Michael Noonan.

A Seed is Sleepy by Diana Hutts Aston. Donated by Andrew Kuhl with warm thanks to Mrs. Soucy and Mrs. Cook for creating a really fun summer garden project where you can find seeds that are sleepy, adventurous and clever!

Su Dongpo: Chinese genius by Demi. Donated by Colleen Packard in honor of Mrs. Marie Pimental. This book may be on

your wish list, but going to China is on mine. Thanks so much for encouraging my love of reading. May all of our wishes come true!

Play, Mozart, Play! by Peter Sis. Donated by The Packard Family with warm thanks to Mrs. Hannah Moore. Such a wonderful gift you bring to the students of Sippican School ~ the opportunity to belong to something bigger than themselves and to have fun doing it. Thank you for the gift of music that our family has enjoyed so much.

A Port Through Time by Dr. Anne Millard. Donated by Jack & Doris Ludes in celebration of Judy Rosbe's retirement.

Redwall by Brian Jacques. Donated by Philip Ransley-Szuskiewicz. Thank you Ms. McKeen!

Small Steps by Louis Sachar. Donated by V.A.S.E. in memory of Kay Reis.

Steven Caney's Ultimate Building Book. Donated by Jack & Doris Ludes in celebration of Judy Rosbe's retirement.

Teach Like Your Hair's On Fire by Rafe Esquith. Donated by The Marion School Committee in recognition of the Staff of Sippican School with deep appreciation for all you do.

Wow! School! by Robert Neubecker. Donated by Mrs. Kelleher and Mrs. Rivet in recognition of the 2007 Reading Buddies. Each day they shared the love of books and made their buddies say ... "Wow, School!" June 2007.