# The Monthly Hoot

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## **Upcoming Happenings**

June 25th Summer Garden Club begins
June 26th Last Day of School!

June 26th Report cards go home
July 4th Holiday - office closed

Sept 4th First Day of School!

### **News From the Office**

Thank you for a wonderful year! A lost & found table has been placed in the hallway. Please remind your kiddos to collect anything they might recognize. Also, any medicine in the office, including inhalers, needs to be picked up by June 28, 2024 or it will be discarded.

Enjoy your summer and know that we are working hard to make next year our best one yet!



As the school year draws to a close, we can't help but feel a sense of pride and excitement for what lies ahead. It's been a journey filled with laughter, growth, and countless memorable moments.

We want to extend our heartfelt congratulations to our newly graduated kindergarteners! Your journey from curious learners to confident students has been remarkable to witness. We're thrilled to see you embark on the next chapter of your educational adventure as you move on to first grade.

To all our students, parents, and staff, we want to express our gratitude for your dedication and support throughout the year. Together, we've created a vibrant community of learners where curiosity thrives and knowledge flourishes.

Thank you for being part of our journey this year. Wishing you all a wonderful summer filled with laughter, relaxation, and cherished memories!

First grade learned how to take care of the chickens and their eggs. All of the kids participated. We also got all of our garden plot weeded and planted. We finished learning about the explorers Lewis and Clark and mapping their travels. We learned how to tell time and count money. We also continued to learn how to write paragraphs for several types of writing. Next we will be spending in our class store our train tickets we earned.

We've had a great year!

Second grade has been wrapping up the school year as they prepare for Summer. We've been working hard in our garden taking care of our flowers. Our Science unit has had us digging into geology learning the different types of rocks. And to close things out we got to celebrate with our field day and end of year picnic!

What an amazing year Third Grade has had! Thank you to all the parents for allowing me the opportunity to teach this group of very hardworking young ladies and gentlemen. It has been an honor to be a part of their academic journey.

It was a group effort to tackle new curriculum, but we rose to the challenge, learned an amazing amount, had some fun, grew as a community of learners, and are ready to advance onto Fourth Grade.

Enjoy a safe and relaxing Summer! Best wishes to all of you!

Love from Mrs. Klein XO

We are currently 3 episodes into our docuseries Hostile Planet - about the various regions that make up our planet, and how life survives in each. We have learned about Mountain, Ocean, and Grasslands habitats.

This week, we made PIES! Pie crusts (making the dough, rolling and shaping, and baking) and pudding pie fillings (chocolate, pistachio, and lemon).

We also learned how to test if eggs are fresh - by submersing them in water (if they float - they are bad, if they "stand" on end- they are less fresh but still good, and if they sink/stay at the bottom - they are fresh!)

Students also enjoyed putting jigsaw puzzles together. Some of the students shared their personal strategies and traded ideas about which techniques work best for each of them - and everyone strengthened collaboration and persistence skills. Our most complex puzzle completed was 300 pieces!

5th and 6th grade has been wrapping up the year with a book study on "Unfortunate Events" that will conclude with a field lesson at the Philip's Free Library on the 14th with a picnic lunch at McGraw park to follow. We had success with raising chicks in our classroom, they are now getting feathers! We have learned much about their life cycle and how to care for them. We will wrap up history with the Renaissance time period. We will continue to learn cursive writing and will wrap up our murder trial of Al T. Wolf (aka: the big bad wolf) and be presenting to get a veridict of guilty or innocent in the last week of school. 6th grade will wrap up their final year with us. We had a ceremony and celebration Monday the 17th. 6th graders will be taking their final field trip with us on June 24th to The Wild, miniature golf and lunch out, please dress appropriately for the weather! As we are looking forward to summer, we are also sad to see all the kiddos

leave school for the year!

#### Rural Life Lab

Our Rural Life Lab is getting summer-fied! With a great deal of help from staff and volunteers we will be able to maintain plants through the growing season and keep happy critters in the barn.

Want to visit and help over the summer? Please do! Ms. Jamie will host a Weekly Garden Club; families and community members are all welcome. Message jamie.smart@truxtonacademy.org to get emails with the most up to date information on times, weather, and to-do lists if you can only come at a time other than garden club, and follow us on FaceBook.

TRUXTON ACADEMY WEEKLY SUMMER GARDEN CLUB
Tuesday, June 25th: 3:30-4:30

July - Every Tuesday morning from 9:30am to 11:00 am
August schedule TBD - check Facebook for updates

### **Physical Education**

June has been filled with some of our favorite units:
Kindergarten and First Graders rode bikes! We did some of our favorite
dodgeball like games, brought back scooter town and so much more!
Thank you to everyone who donated or volunteered with field days! It was a
great farm frenzy themed day because of it!

I have announced to the students that I will not be returning to Truxton next school year as the physical education teacher. I have received an opportunity to teach at the college level and will be at SUNY Cortland. I have reassured the students they will see me again as I will be put on our substitute list! I thank everyone who I have crossed paths with here at Truxton. I have learned and grown so much here and hope to see the great program I built be carried on and further developed. Thank you for allowing me to teach your child how to participate safely in a variety of fun lifelong activities, I hope they choose to keep being active outside of the gymnasium! - Mrs. Boyden

