First Grade

Week 3 of Horizons was a full week of learning and new experiences. We spent our week continuing to make connections to ourselves, and others. In reading, first graders have been listening to stories and thinking about the author’s message or lesson in the story. We read a funny story about an interrupting chicken, and made a connection that we can sometimes be an interrupting chicken. We are working hard as a class to raise our hand to speak, and waiting our turn. We also have been focusing on knowing our short vowel sounds and what a digraph is. We are continuing to tap and blend sounds to read and write words and even sentences. In math, we are counting to 120 daily, and learning what the job of the equal sign is. We have been adding, subtracting, and writing math equations. First Grade has been doing a phenomenal job in their math stations. Swimming is an activity we look forward to every week and we have been making a big splash! Another big highlight of Week 3 is that First Graders climbed a mountain! We ventured to Talcott Mountain in Simsbury, and persevered to the top and saw a beautiful view! We look forward to Week 4 and the fun we are all going to have!

-Ms. Goodley and Mrs. Hill

Second Grade

Week 3 !!! What a week. We hiked up Talcott Mountain. It was a challenge, but we did it. We noticed trees, bird songs and a big beetle. We are spending a lot of time reading our favorite books and writing about our experiences. We are learning about children who happen to be heroes. They have made a difference in our world. Malala’s Magic Pencil is the book we read this week. Our goal is making connections with ourselves and others.

-Miss Kahn and Miss Psutka

Third Grade

Week 3 was a blast! Third graders have been working on discovering facts about Connecticut. We have learned that Hartford is pretty amazing and well known! Furthermore, we have been focusing on writing and everyone has been doing fantastic. Our hike up Talcott Mountain was challenging, but we were resilient and finished the hike. Thank you to Mr. Daley and all our volunteers! You Rock!

-Mrs. Hedstrom and Mr. Daley
Fourth Grade

Fourth grade came back to Horizons for a fun third week and new lessons. We started off the week with another trip to the Simsbury Public Library. While students were able to find their own books to read, as a class, we continued the novel “Holes” together. In literacy, students began studying maps and honed their skills in inferencing. As we wrapped up our math lessons in word problems, we began solving equations with variables. The focus in STEM this week was engineering so students built structures using household materials. A highlight of the week was our field trip to Ron-a-Roll on Wednesday where students had a fun-filled afternoon of roller skating/roller blading. Finally, students continued enjoying their activities in their enrichment classes like swimming, art, golf, and dance. We’re looking forward to week four with more fun activities!

-Mrs. Straker & Ms. Clapprood

Fifth Grade

Week 3 was busy for Grade 5. We are building our place value understanding in math - continuing to work on what digits are worth and different ways of writing numbers. In reading, we started a new book about food chains and webs. We’ll get to see this come to life next week at Mystic Aquarium for our field trip. We were joined again by the amazing Maris - volunteer extraordinaire - and Elysse and Nora helped us with our math and reading rotations (a student favorite!). The highlight was definitely our trip to Ron-a-Roll - lots of resilience and smiles on display. We are ready for the magic of Week 4!

-Teacher Jay & Ms. Crawford

Sixth Grade

This week was a blast for sixth grade! We shared many laughs and falls on our trip to Ron-A-Roll but nonetheless we had lots of fun! In ELA, we did a deep dive into our book Refugee and analyzed how the authors word choice impacts the mood of the story. In math, we applied and extended what we already know about numbers to the system of rational numbers. Stay tuned for next week’s adventures!

-Ms. Denerville and Ms. Hamilton