



L.I.L. CATS



Hannan Trace Elementary

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April 2023

Easter Egg Hunt

During the last week of March on a warm, sunny afternoon, the LIL Cats afterschool program provided the students with a huge Easter Egg hunt of 1,000 candy filled eggs. The students enjoyed the warm, sunny weather After the hunt, the students had time to examine their finds and share with others that may not have found as many. A drawing was held for prizes 3 of which were hand crocheted rabbits. Every child received a special treat of either a hand made bunny, chick, or lamb filled with candy.

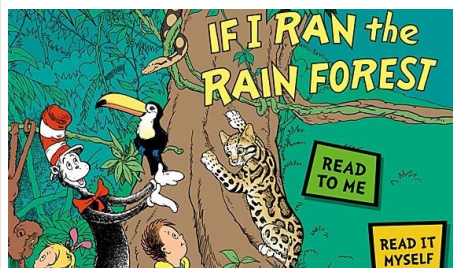
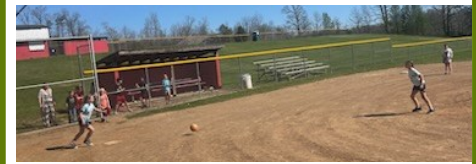


LET'S PLAY KICKBALL!

LIL Cats enjoyed a game of kickball as a group activity during the warm weather in early April. All ages were able to be involved since the only skills needed were kicking the ball, running to bases, and throwing the ball. The teachers divided the students into teams and made sure rules were



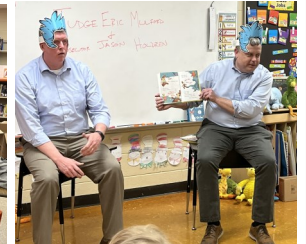
followed and a clean, fair game.



On March 7, 2023, Hannan Trace and LIL Cats afterschool program sponsored Literacy Night featuring Dr. Seuss's If I Ran the Rain Forest. Families registered at 5:00 and started visiting various stations set up for the night. One station, Read Aloud, Judge Eric Mulford and Prosecuting Attorney Jason Holdren read stories to families, the book walk, huge pages from the book



If I Ran the Rain Forest, hung in a hallway to read, enjoy the pictures, measure your wing span, chart it, and compare it to the Macaw and Harpy Eagle. Safari science was in the library and the petting zoo which had dogs, a tarantula, snakes, lizards, and other critters to see. The staff went all out on the decorations with a shimmering waterfall, sunsetting, and massive trees. A great time for all.



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Cincinnati Zoo 'Wild Chats' on Hippos

On March 28, 2023, the Highlanders Afterschool Program had the privilege to zoom with the Cincinnati Zoom and participate in 'Wild Chats', an interactive zoom visit, on hippos. The chat discussed hippos in general but also highlighted Fiona since this year she turned 6. The presenter used videos, pictures, discussion, and question and answer to give the students knowledge of the hippo world, such as hippos are herbivores, the type of habitat they live in, and they cannot swim but



walk or run on the bottom of rivers. The students were able to see Fiona and her birthday cakes and witness how big and fast she had grown over the 6 years. As a culminating hippo event, students receive a stuffed hippo animal and a package of filling, to make their own personalized hippo buddy.



When We Say Goodnight



Chris Honett, an author that relocated to Gallia County from California, published his 1st children's book in March. He visited the Afterschool programs and read his first book to the children. He discussed imagery, illustrations, and the story meaning of the book. To end his presentation, each child received an autographed book to take home.



LIL Cats Easter Crafts

Students love to do crafts to show off their creativity especially around holiday time. Crafts is a fun way to practice those fine motor skills that need to be mastered such as coloring, cutting, and gluing. Crafts encourages students to follow directions and use critical thinking while working on crafts. Students gain in confidence and resilience as they display their finished creation for all to see.



Kona Ice Visit

On April 11, 2023, Kona Ice visited the LIL Cats Afterschool program on a very warm Spring evening with a cool flavored treat. The children love Kona Ice and enjoy mixing the syrups to their liking. A great activity to end a great year.





June 6—July 13th, Monday—Friday

Watch for the sign-up packet coming out soon.

Academically get caught up or move ahead.

Breakfast and snack served

Summer Field Trip.

Get school supplies for 2023-24 school year.

Clothing allowance for 2023-24 school year.

School shoes for 2023

