

Benefits of Reading Aloud

One of the most important things parents can do with their children is to read aloud with them. By reading aloud with your children it can expand their vocabulary, and develop early literacy skills, such as rhyming and letter recognition. Another skill important for children to learn early on is comprehension using inference, text structure, beginning, middle, and end, predicting, and understanding characters' actions and motivations. By reading different kinds of books such as fiction, poetry, fantasy, science fiction, and nonfiction, gives the students a better understanding of the world around them and can expand the knowledge of different cultures, chance to see someone like them, see heroes, and contributes to their self-esteem.

“Reading is a journey. It’s a way to explore new worlds and meet new people. It’s a way to learn about different cultures and ways of life. And it’s a way to expand your imagination.”

Children’s author Kate DiCamillo



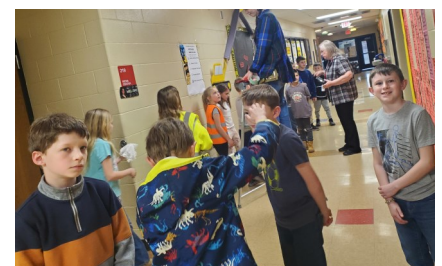
American Sign Language (ASL)

The students of the LIL Cats afterschool program had an American Sign Language (ASL) activity. Students learned the basic alphabet and common signs for words and phrases. Students enjoyed this class and it gave them knowledge of people that may be different from what they are use to.



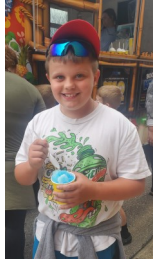
Construction Literacy Night

On March 8, 2024, LIL Cats and Title 1 sponsored a literacy night for their school. It was focused around construction with local businesses visiting with their equipment for the students to see and try. Children enjoyed blowing horns and climbing into different machinery and trucks under supervision. In the hallway students walked through a book walk on construction. It was a very enjoyable time for all involved.



KONA ICE

As the LILCats program comes to a close, students were treated to a performance by Doug Mickan and his puppet friends telling the students to "Let your Light Shine". For a special treat Kona Ice was served to everyone. Students love to serve themselves and mix many flavors.



LIL Cats STEM Activity

A favorite activity for the LIL Cats is STEM evenings. Throughout the year the students predict, observe, experiment, and learn about the world around them. Students created clouds and fog in a bottle using water, hairspray, shaving cream, and food coloring. The students enjoyed watching the chemical reactions and the results when making slime. The Camp in the Boxes provided many STEM activities weekly for the students to engage in. STEM activities helps the students to understand the world around them and make sense of it.



On March 21, 2024, the LIL Cats had an Easter Egg hunt looking for candy filled eggs. The children were divided into grade levels to hunt eggs with Students of about the same age. They loved it! They had drawings for 3 Filled Easter Baskets to give away. The LIL Cats played Easter Themed BINGO and other games on game night. The children enjoyed the activities and Was ready for the Spring break.



