

Maplewood Tiger Tales

There is a lot going on in Maplewood's classrooms. Here's a peek at what's happening in the grade 3 classes and in the STEPS program.

In Mr. Archer's Grade 3 room the students are exploring sorting and data management in math class. They are working on writing their first story of the year in language arts.

In Mrs. Blencoe's class,

the students are learning patterning in math. They are also learning about how to effectively use adjectives in their writing.

Both Grade 3 classes took a trip to Hillman Marsh on Wednesday, Oct. 18. They learned about several types of native plants. They also found out about the many different ways that seeds travel.

The students in Mrs. Bauer's STEPS program showed off their knowledge of weather by creating "tornadoes in a bottle". They used water bottles, a special connector and coloured water to demonstrate the movement of a tornado. They are obviously off to a great start to the school year.

— by Grace Teskey



Students in Mrs. Bauer's class are learning about weather. Here, a student observes "tornadoes in a bottle" that they made in class.

Do you know what your children are doing online?

(NC)—Kids are spending more time online than ever before. Hanging out at a friend's place after school has taken on a new meaning, with the wide-spread use of Internet based communication such as email, instant message and chat rooms.

AOL Canada and Leger Marketing recently spoke with parents and kids between the ages of eight and 12 about what they like to do online. The list was long but familiar, including: playing and downloading games, visiting entertaining Web sites, chatting on an instant messenger service, watching movies and TV shows, sending email and doing homework.

- Nearly a third (31 per cent) of the kids surveyed spend one to two hours online every day. Another seven per cent spend more than three hours online.

- The majority of parents surveyed (54 per cent) say their child spends more time on the Internet now than last year. In addition, nearly half of the kids surveyed (42 per cent) say they'd like to spend more time online.

With so many areas and subjects to explore online, setting ground rules and guidelines for your kids around Internet use in your home is important. Setting boundaries about who your kids can communicate with online, what sites they are and are not allowed to visit are all important in making sure our kids remain safe in the online and real world. AOL Canada's KOL Internet service is designed for use by kids, offering parental controls as an easy to use and helpful tool you can use to manage your children's activities online and make sure they are balancing online with outdoor fun.

More online safety tips for parents and kids are available online at: www.aolforkids.ca/online-safety

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