

Newsletter

South Ocean Middle School Quarter 3 March 2026- May 2026

About Us:

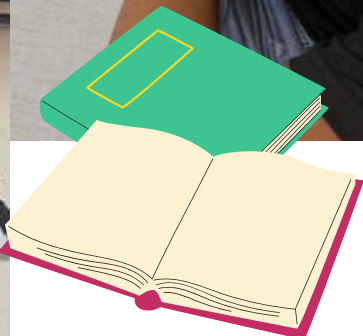
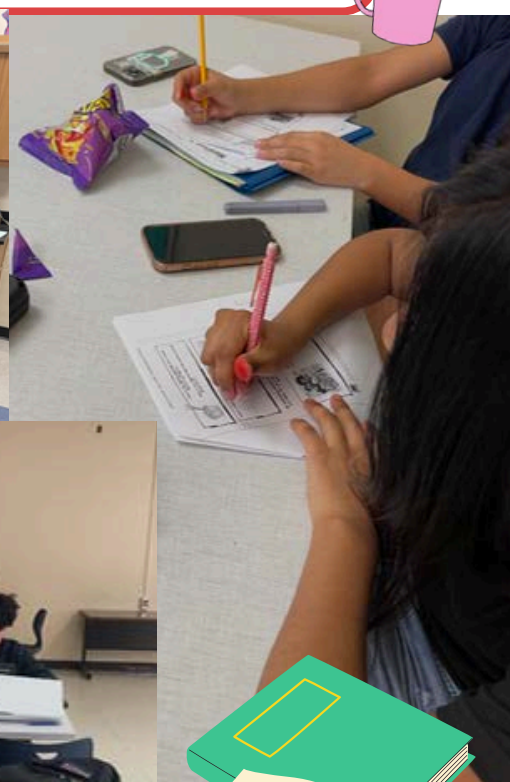
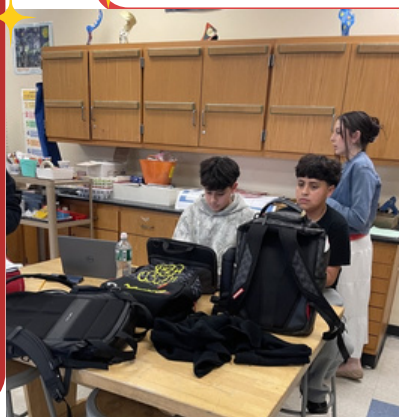


Here at L.E.A.P.S, we promote and encourage a healthy environment for students to grow and develop academically, socially, and emotionally. Each day begins with 30 minutes of academic time, allowing students to complete homework or enjoy independent reading. Afterward, students participate in a variety of engaging clubs and activities, including arts and crafts, culinary projects, sports, community service, and more. Our activities are designed to help students learn new skills, build confidence, and develop into responsible young adults. Each month, our staff introduces fresh ideas to keep students engaged, while emphasizing social-emotional learning (SEL) so students can come out of their shells, make lasting friendships, and feel connected to their peers.

Homeroom



During homeroom, students have 30-45 minutes of quiet, structured time to focus on schoolwork. They can use this period to complete homework, catch up on assignments, or collaborate quietly with classmates who need academic support. Students without homework spend the time reading independently or engaging in another silent activity. This routine helps create a calm, productive atmosphere for the afternoon and gives every student a chance to stay organized, develop strong study habits, and maintain steady academic progress.



Sports



Since the formation of our new soccer team, our LEAPS students have demonstrated outstanding teamwork and school spirit. This season, they have competed against the LEAPS teams from Saxton and Oregon Middle School and remain undefeated. We are proud to announce that the team has advanced to the championship finals, which will take place on June 6th.

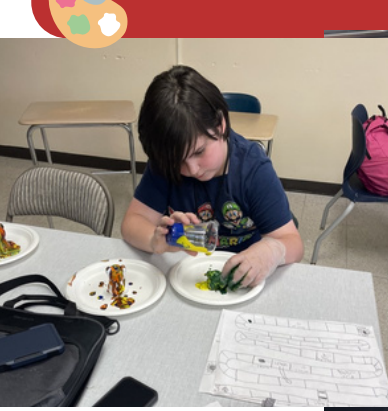
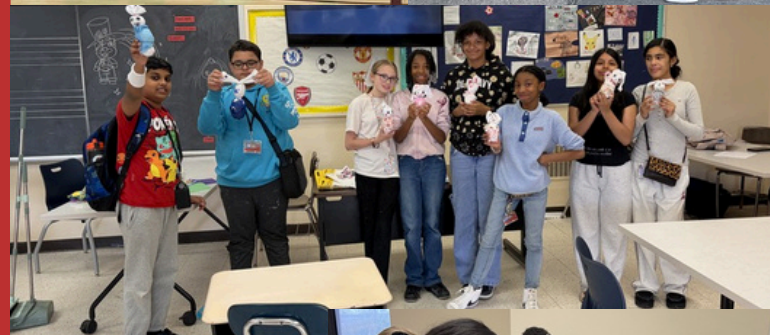
Additionally, our volleyball coach teaches students fundamental skills and techniques while creating a fun and engaging environment for all participants.



Arts and Crafts



Throughout the quarter, our students have also used a range of arts and crafts projects to exhibit their creativity. Painting, drawing, bracelet-making, seasonal crafts, and group projects are just a few of the practical ways that students can express their creativity and show off their skills. In addition to providing kids with an enjoyable and soothing environment in which to produce something they are proud of, these activities foster creativity, teamwork, and self-expression.



Cultural Heritage Appreciation

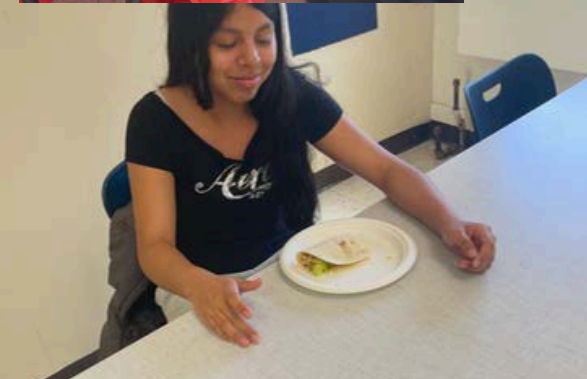


Our LEAPS children enthusiastically took part in the Multicultural Parade, contributing on an engaging float that honored pride, culture, and community. The EOC LEAPS program collaborated with Toys For Tots, and represented the program in a positive and honorable way. They distributed the toys to kids who were spectating the parade as part of the celebrations, bringing joy and generosity to the neighborhood.



Culinary

Every other week, our students eagerly anticipate Culinary Days, where they can enjoy themselves with one of our staff members while learning fundamental cooking techniques. Students take pleasure in practical projects that encourage responsibility, creativity, and teamwork, such as creating cookies or tacos. Throughout the curriculum, culinary activities enable kids to explore new cuisines, gain confidence, and make enduring memories with their peers.



Social Emotional Learning



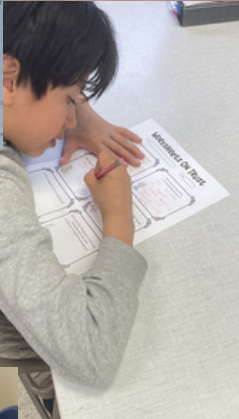
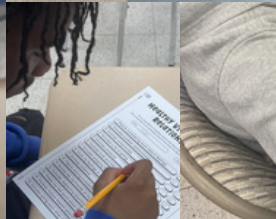
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Social-emotional learning is a key part of our program, helping students build self-awareness, empathy, and healthy relationships. In April, students explored respect, communication, and trust through interactive activities/worksheets. In May, they supported a community mental health awareness run, collaborating with Saxton and Oregon middle schools LEAPS programs, by creating pins and assembling goodie bags. This experience reinforced the importance of kindness, mental health, and community support while giving students a meaningful way to give back.



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SCPD Visit



We were excited to start our collaboration with local police officers to our program for a friendly visit with the students. The officers spent time talking with the kids, answering questions, and sharing positive conversations that helped build trust and connection within our community. Students enjoyed the opportunity to meet the officers in a relaxed setting, and the visit encouraged respectful relationships, open communication, and a sense of safety and support for everyone involved.

