

Putman Elementary Buzz

Proud to be Wildcats!

October 2018 Issue



The first months of school have flown by and fall is upon us. First off, I want to thank all the parent volunteers and our wonderful kitchen staff for making Grandparent's Week a success. We served over 1000 individual breakfasts during Grandparent's Week. We hope that it was an enjoyable time for all.

We have made some upgrades to our back playground. As many of you may have noticed, our playgrounds get used quite often after hours. Please help us keep it looking new by picking up trash, using equipment properly and making sure it's used by appropriate ages. If you see people using the playground or any part of the property improperly or see suspicious activity, do not hesitate to call the police.

Putman realizes that maturation plays an important part in the assignment of homework. Differences in the abilities and interests of students vary greatly. It is important that each child have structure in his/her life and is able to anticipate the workload involved at various levels and plan enough time to complete the required work adequately. Homework is expected to be complete and returned on time (Read & Respond, Math, Spelling). Your child's teacher can explain homework expectations and requirements.

This year we are going to be using MAP (Measure of Academic Progress) testing to help track our students as they progress academically. This information will be used to determine mastery, interventions, areas of need and possible retention. This test will be performed 3 times during the school year. Parents will receive copies of their child's results. If you ever have questions or concerns over academics, please contact your child's teacher. *Mr. Snider*

Dates to Remember...

- **Oct. 19-** End of the first Quarter
- **Oct. 24-** Picture Retakes
- **Oct. 26-** Grade cards go home
- **Oct. 31-** Halloween Parties
- **Oct. 31 -** Walk-A-Thon
- **Nov. 1 & 2-** Parent Teacher Conferences
- **Nov. 21-** Thanksgiving break begins



Grandparent's Day

Putman was so excited to welcome grandparents in September. It is always one of our students' favorite days of the year. Every student was invited to enjoy a hot breakfast and talk with grandparents. Students also made letters and cards for their special guests. Thanks to all the families who were able to enjoy the day with us!



Around the School...

3 Screen Productions delivered a presentation to students on the power of making good choices. Students learned how to stand up to a bully. They also were taught to expect from yourself, not for yourself.



All students at Putman participated in a bus safety talk put on by Blanchester Schools' transportation department. Students learned about the rules on and around the bus, and even got to see a can crushed by the bus' "killer tires."



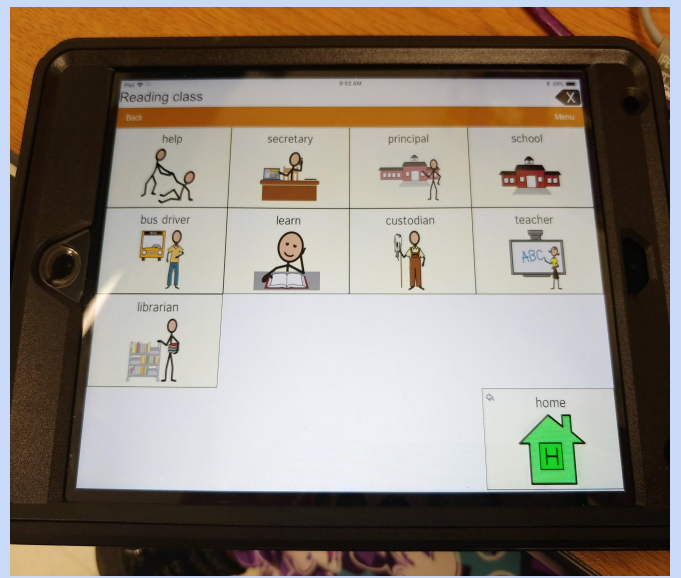
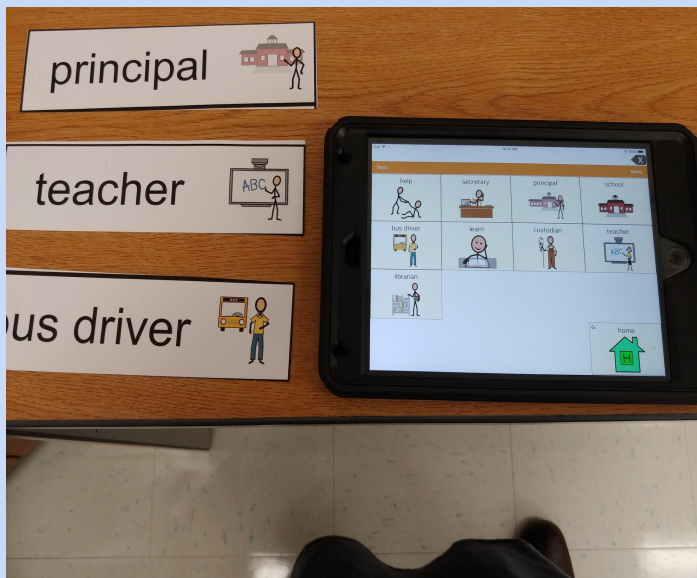
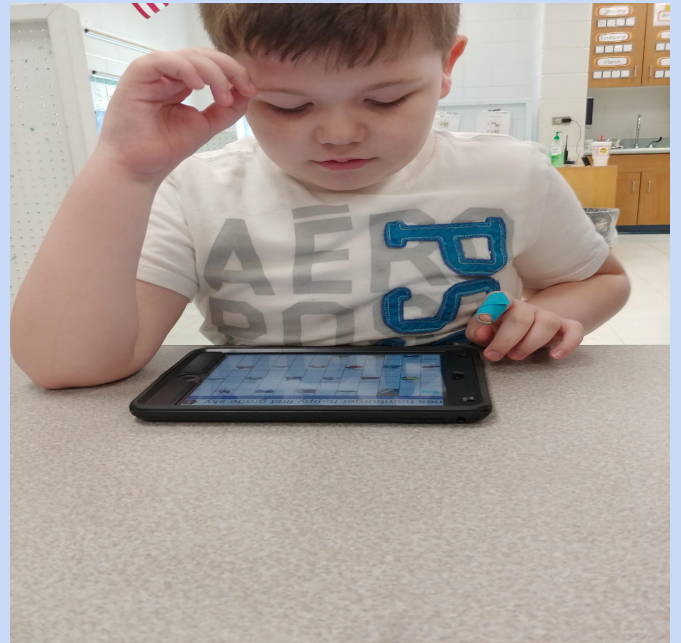
Preschool

Preschool students have been having fun learning to write their names. They are going to have a great year!



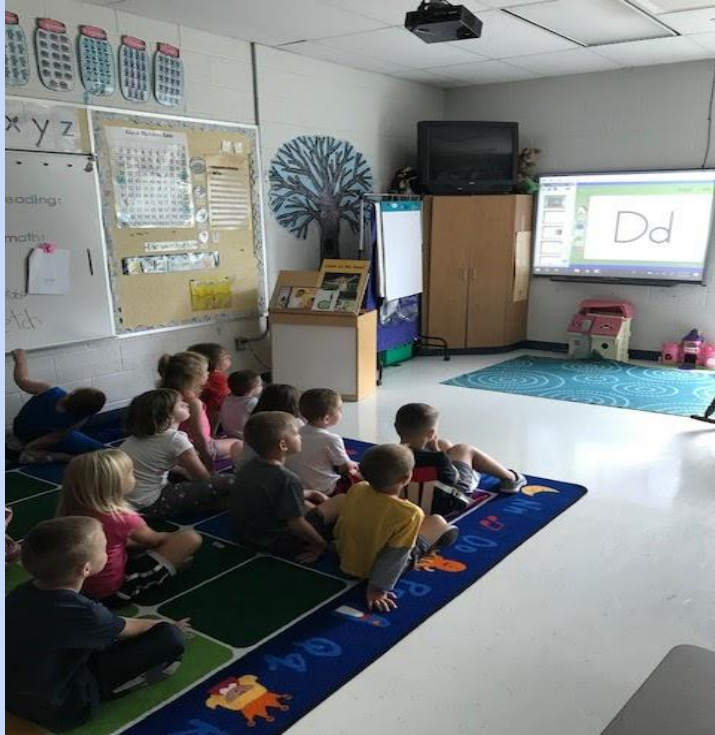
Mrs. Stonerook's Room

The multi handicap class has been enjoying learning to use the new iPad that was graciously donated to them by many donors through the website, donorschoose.org. Through the donation of this iPad they were able to download communication apps that have been used to teach vocabulary and allow students to express their wants and needs. Mrs. Stonerook and her students are very humbled by the donations made!



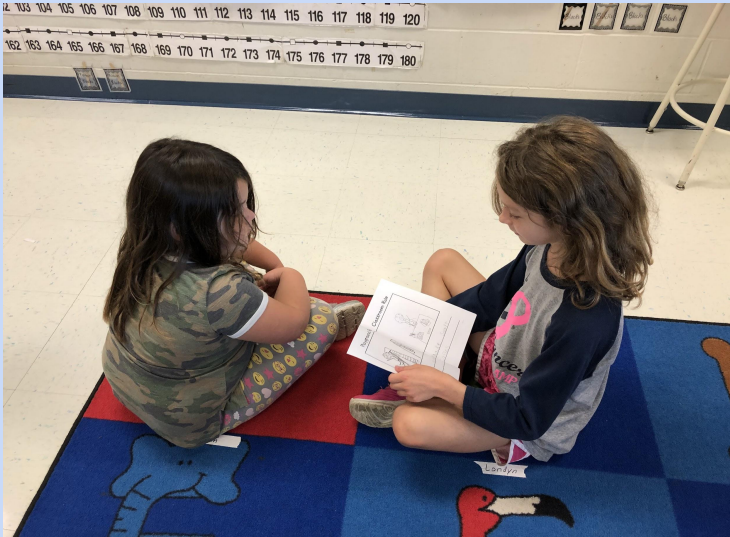
Kindergarten

Kindergarten is busy learning all about Putman Elementary! They are getting used to all their new teachers, new classrooms, and all the new rules! Plus they are starting to learn about their letters! Below is Mrs. Page's class learning the letter "D" from the Smartboard, and Mrs. Stewart helping a student.



First Grade

First grade has started off the year with a lot of fun activities! Each first grader in Mrs. Laubernds' class created a book about rules around the school. Then they visited Mrs. Coomer's kindergartners and read the books to them. Also, first graders have recently learned the game, Top-It, which is just like the card game, War. They learned to play this game in a small group after practicing with partners.



Thanks to a grandfather who collects monarch caterpillars, Mrs. Laubernds' first graders were able to watch a monarch butterfly come out of its chrysalis. They enjoyed taking turns holding the butterfly before releasing it.



Second Grade



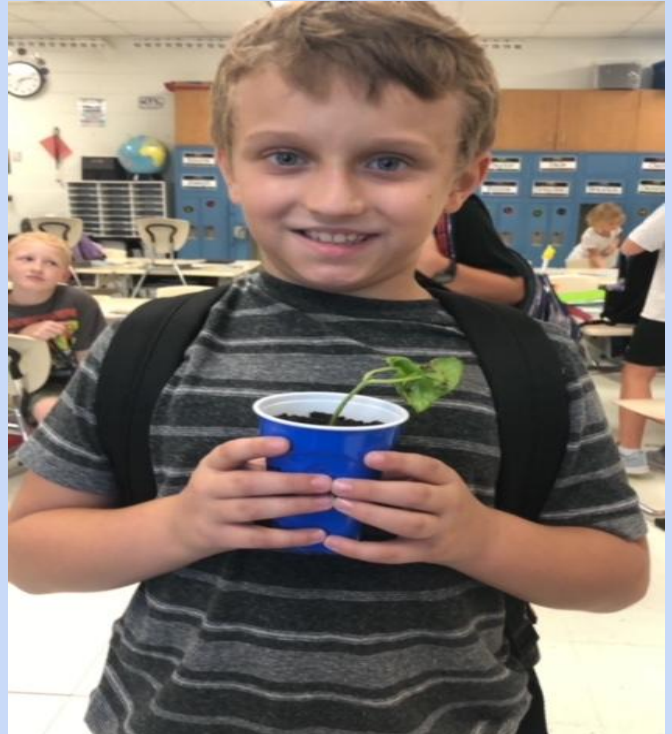
Mrs. Looney's 2nd graders enjoyed an activity that helped them practice teamwork and perseverance while getting to know each other. They were challenged to save Fred, the worm, by getting him back to his "raft" and back into the "boat!"



Second graders kicked off their karate math program with Mr. Hill from Hill's Martial Arts in Maineville, Ohio. He spoke to students about focusing on their goals, believing in themselves and being respectful. Students were eager to get started, as Mr. Hill has offered up a special prize for anyone who earns 3 black belts by May! Good luck 2nd Graders!

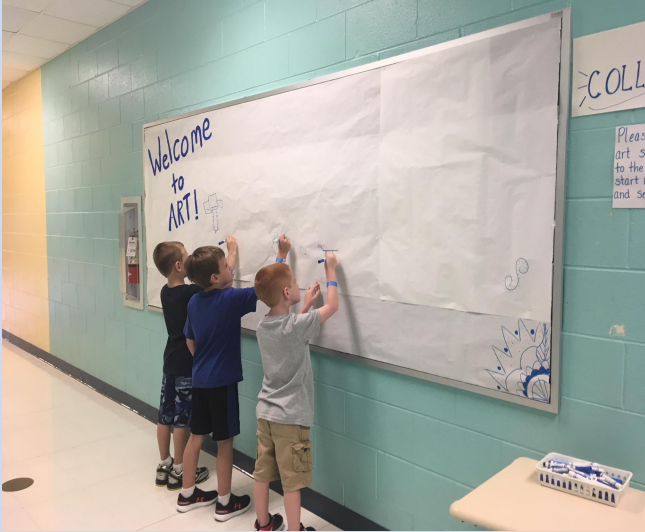
Third Grade

Third grade students are learning all about life science! They grew beans to see how plants live and grow. They have also watched caterpillars turn into butterflies and eggs hatch into chickens to explore life cycles of different animals!

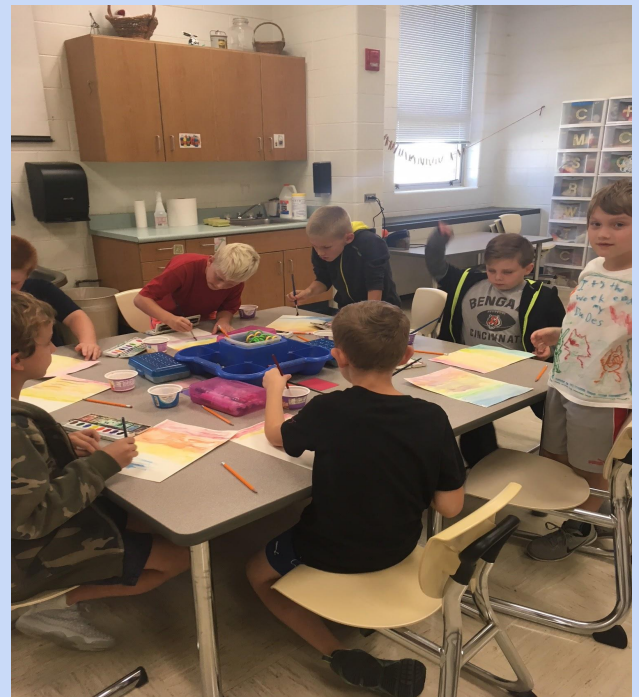


Art

Mrs. Phillips has a new role this year, she is now the art teacher! The following pictures are students working on a collaborative art board during the first week of school. All students worked to help decorate the bulletin board in the hallway!



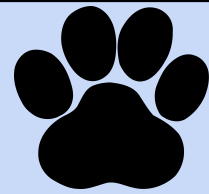
Third grade students also worked with watercolors in art class.



Upcoming Events



Putman Walk-A-Thon



This event allows our students to raise money for their school without selling merchandise, while promoting wellness and fitness. Students will walk/run around the high school track during the school day.

100% of the funds collected benefit Putman Elementary School! Everyone who participates has a chance to win a prize! The prizes are amazing and all have been donated to our school!

More information will be coming home soon!



Circle Tail is visiting Putman again this year. We love watching their service dogs in training who are eager to explore the school and meet new faces. Circle Tail is located just 10 minutes away in Pleasant Plain, Ohio. They offer obedience classes, as well as many volunteer opportunities. Check out their site for more information: www.circletail.org.

BUS DRIVERS NEEDED

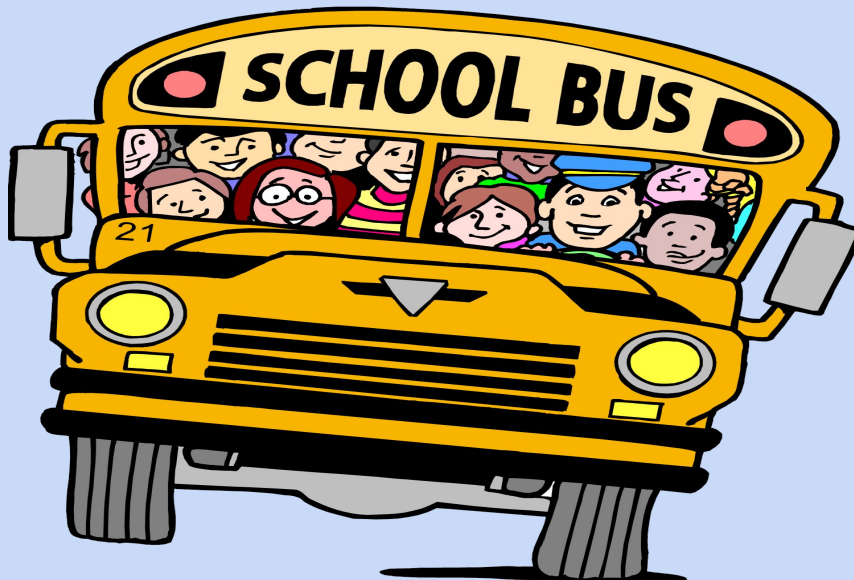
POSITION:

2 Bus Driving Positions:

1. 4.50 Hour Bus Driving Position
Edenton Blanchester area
2. 4.75 Hour Bus Driving Position
Midland/Blanchester area

QUALIFICATIONS: Ohio School Bus driving certificate
BCI Criminal Background Check
FBI Identification Background Check

CONTACT PERSON: Barb Prater
Transportation Supervisor
(937) 783-3714



Staff Spotlight

MEET OUR SENSATIONAL NEW STAFF MEMBER



Where did you go to school?

I went to college at Wilmington College.

What is your favorite thing about your job?

My favorite thing is teaching my students and witnessing the moment that it clicks.

What is something people might not know about you?

Something interesting.... umm.... I was raised on a farm and was a member of 4-H for 14 years.

Thank you Miss Culberson, and we're excited to have you at Putman Elementary!

Related Links



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STUDENTS



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