

RSU#21 Superintendent's Report



Mildred L. Day School, is proud of the hard work and accomplishments of all the students, and is committed to providing the foundation that will enable students to achieve their full potential.

The focus for this year has been to create and grow a culture of literacy. In the fall, a building level literacy leadership team was formed with the goal of promoting the love of literacy. Our teachers believe that all students can be joyful, independent readers and writers, and school-wide activities and engagement can create a culture of literacy that can benefit the entire student body. Some of the activities students have participated in include Drop Everything and Read Day, Book Character Day, Book-It, and a Theatreworks production of *Miss Nelson is Missing*. Additionally, the school has partnered up with the University of New England to offer Family Literacy Night in the spring.

Mildred L Day School is also very excited about the successful preschool story time, "Read with Me at MLD." Working in collaboration with the children's librarians from the Louis T. Graves Memorial Public Library and the Kennebunk Free Library, this program offers stories, songs, and crafts for preschoolers and their caregivers. Focus is placed on helping to develop strong early literacy skills and school preparedness. The initiation of this program was made possible by the support of the Education Foundation of the Kennebunks and Arundel.

Teaching kids the value of giving back is arguably one of the most important lessons a child can learn. Because of this, the students and staff are dedicated to service to others. They believe that kids **can** change our world one kind act at a time. In September, the students participated in a day of service and had the opportunity to thank our first responders by washing their vehicles. The school also celebrated what it means to be a part of a community through holding the 8th annual “Give from the Heart” food drive, which allowed the school community to collect items that were then donated to the local food pantry and animal shelter. The students and staff have also raised funds to provide support to families in need of heating assistance, and participated in the “Pennies for Patients” drive.

Mildred L. Day School is fortunate to be able to offer students a wide array of programming opportunities. These include a K-5 Spanish program, Gifted and Talented Services, Talented Artist Program, Math Team, Response to Intervention support, Destination Imagination, robotics, and a Kinder – Camp, which is a three day summer experience for incoming kindergarteners.

Educating the students of today takes the whole community, and the parent and community support that is afforded MLD is truly outstanding. From the moment you enter the school, you can feel that MLD is a special place. Collectively, the school is able to create a nurturing environment where students feel valued and supported, and are able to thrive. Mildred L. Day is most appreciative of this support and look forward to continued collaborative efforts to support the growth of our students.

Respectfully submitted,

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Interim Superintendent

