

The Year in Review

It has been quite a year for the Asteroids and it is hard to believe that it is already coming to an end! The Asteroids endured many changes throughout the year and always handled these changes with grace and maturity. Through these changes the kids really came together as a group and have learned to work together really well. The Asteroids enjoyed playing games in the park together, doing word searches and puzzles, playing *Apples to Apples* and *Buzz Word* as well as *Pictionary* and *Charades*.

In social studies the Asteroids worked hard to learn about and understand the lives of the Algonquian and Iroquois tribes. The Asteroids truly enjoyed learning about the Road to the Revolutionary War, as well as many of the important battles of the war. The kids seemed to have learned to have an appreciation for what it means to be an American and how much our Founding Fathers had to sacrifice in order to gain independence and to form our great nation.

The Asteroids have studied hard to expand their vocabulary and dictionary skills. Each

of the Asteroids has made progress in navigating a dictionary and have enjoyed the challenge of using new vocabulary in both writing and in conversation.

It has been a great pleasure to watch the Asteroids grow and learn as a class, and to see them beam with pride for being a part of the Asteroids.

It has certainly been a memorable year, and we wish everyone lots of good fortune in future endeavors!

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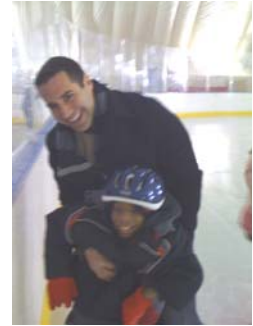
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This picture was taken during an Art photo shoot.

Saying Goodbye

On June 24th, the Asteroids will bid farewell to four of our members. Sarah will be moving to Texas with her family. Jaquan and DeVonni will be starting at new schools in July. The Asteroids will definitely not be the same without these three students. They will surely be missed! Tom will be leaving to start a new job as a full time physical education teacher at a

school in the Bronx. Tom was a great addition to the Asteroids. Tom came in mid-year after Debrah left to have her baby. His transition was seamless and he bonded quickly with all of the children. Tom was always enthusiastic and brought a great energy to the classroom. His new students in the Bronx are very lucky to be getting such a great teacher!



Tom and Jaquan try to stay on their feet at the GBS skating trip.



Sarah, Henry and Jonathan clowning around on an Art photo shoot.

Photo Shoot

In Art this month, the Asteroids looked at some of the work of photographer Cindy Sherman. Cindy Sherman is often the subject of her own photographs; however, she looks very different in each photo. Sherman uses props and costumes and is almost unrecognizable from photo

to photo. The Asteroids had their own Sherman-esque photo shoot. Each student wore a costume or carried a prop to portray a different character. The students took turns modeling and acting as the photographer. The Asteroids had a great time getting into the characters and

directing each other into interesting poses against a very cool red brick wall on 92nd street. The pictures came out great and the Asteroids were very proud of their accomplishments!



Sarah and our Regis High School volunteer Chris singing Beatles tunes.

Photo Gallery



DeVonni playing at the park.



Nichelle shows off her gymnastics skills and strength.



DeVonni and Ben pose during their photo shoot.