



Perquimans Central School
"Off To A Flying Start"
Computer Camp

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Perquimans Central School beginning 2nd Grade students had an opportunity to participate in a very exciting "Off To A Flying Start" Computer Camp that was held June 3rd - 7th and June 10th - June 14th. Off To A Flying Start, a NASA Langley Learning Technologies Project is a K-4 online telecommunications project that uses worldwide collaboration and aeronautics to provide learning opportunities to students in math and science.

Off To A Flying Start consisted of three modules: Introduction to Flight, Flying the Flyer and Experimental Design. Our students had the opportunity to view and interact with several programs identifying the parts of an airplane, as well as how and why airplanes fly. Exploring Aeronautics gave our students the ability to interact with the principle of flying. Mrs. Michele Aydlett, a commercial airplane pilot, was our guest speaker for the week. She shared information with our students on flying. Mrs. Aydlett also explained the parts of the airplane.

Flying the Falcon Flyer was an exhilarating time for the students. Students and teachers constructed the planes for the "Big Take Off". At the end of the week, the group used their knowledge of parts of an airplane to compete in a flying contest with their new planes. Students flew their planes, collected and recorded data. Graph Club software was used to record data. Students wrote a brief reflection on their findings.

Other enrichment activities included: using websites - www.learning.com - "spacey math" www.funbrain.com - Know your computer, Internet safety, story writing,

an ABC space workbook and many literature resources were used, including a video entitled " The Big Space Shuttle".

Each week parents were invited to observe students using various software programs as well as viewing a power point presentation.

The grand finale of the week was a trip to the Air and Space Museum in Hampton, VA. Twenty-one students and eight chaperons attended the museum. We had a marvelous time.

We would like to thank Dr. Hayden for allowing us to have such a wonderful experience.

Here are a few comments from our parents:

"Recently my daughter attended the "Off to A Flying Start" Computer Camp held at PCS. She really enjoyed herself. The students had fun working on computers. They learned about space, airplanes, and using the computers with Math and English. This was accomplished by reading and writing stories, taking quizzes, drawing and playing games on the computers. Ms. Stallings does an excellent job with kids and they all love her. I highly recommend this program to all parents, your child will learn while having fun!!! Keep up the good work!!!

Sincerely,

Katie Peal

My daughter attended the computer camp "Off To A Flying Start". I think the extra work and the materials made available enhanced her computer skills. Also she looked forward to the challenge each day. Hopefully, there will be more chances for this activity in the future.

Sincerely,

Tobey Saunders