

Superintendent Highlight of the Week: May 15

As spring rolls on, science is in the forefront.

This is the time of year when all of our elementary classrooms are observing the life cycle of various creatures. Some of our Kindergarten classes are observing the various stages of the lady bug and recording in their journals. Some grade levels are observing meal worms, trout and tadpoles, while others are having fun with the caterpillar and awaiting their release as butterflies near the end of the school year. A perfect metaphor for the tremendous growth stages they themselves have gone through this year and their readiness to fly as the year draws to a close.

In Heather Bower's third grade at Stratford Road, they held their first ever Caterpillar Olympics. Students were encouraged to use items from their recycling bins and working in groups, they cleverly designed different Olympic events for their Caterpillar. Each team developed a design portfolio, which contained several sketches and a description of the event. They developed unique names for each event and provided rationale as to why it should be reviewed by the Olympic Committee. They applied scientific concepts relating to insects, their body parts and the environment, for each even

The lesson allowed students to work like scientists by developing critical thinking skills while working together to compete in each other's events -- all while having loads of fun in Science!!!

