

EDUCATION EXPLORATION

The latest news and updates from Southland CAPS

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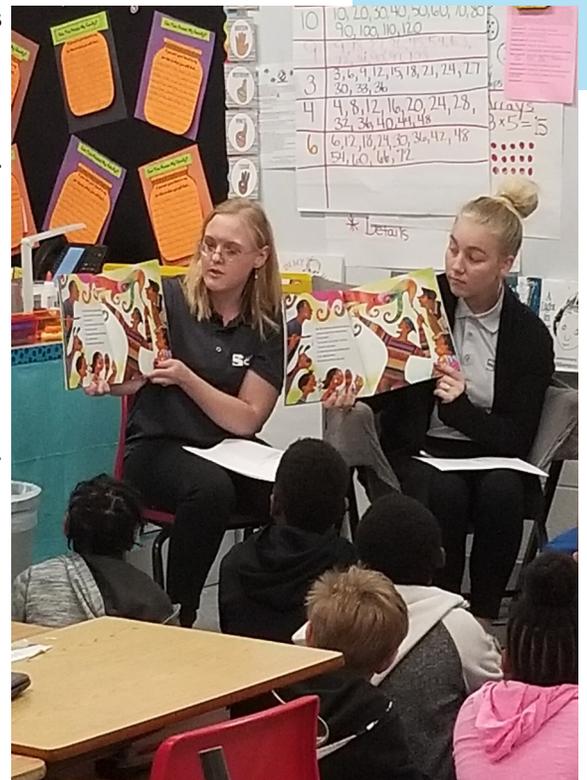


PM student Sheri, with Ms. Vandevyvere's Kindergarten class. Photo: Courtesy of John Billings

The CAPS Education Exploration students participated in Jumpstart's *Read for the Record Day* on Oct. 25, 2018. According to Jumpstart's website, this annual campaign was launched over a decade ago to highlight the importance of building early literacy and language skills for EVERY child, so that all children have the opportunity to enter kindergarten prepared to succeed. In Raytown we were able to send CAPS student readers to: Spring Valley, Blue Ridge, Southwood, Laurel Hills and Westridge and read to over 350 students in the district! We also donated a set of books to every elementary school in the district.

This year's book was *Maybe Something Beautiful* by F. Isabel Campoy and Theresa Howell and illustrated by Rafael López. To prepare, we first read to ourselves to get a feel for the story, then we read out loud for practice. We did that multiple times to understand the book, to know how fast or slow to go, what questions to ask, and also to memorize the story so we don't mess up while reading to the classes. Finally, before going into the classes we also had to make a lesson plan to figure out what we should talk about, the vocabulary the students may need help with, and before, during and after reading questions.

The kids had so many questions, they were engaged, and they were curious. I had a great time reading to the students. It was a lot of fun for me and it also gave me teaching experience!



AM students Andrea and Erica reading in Ms. Niemeyer's 3rd grade class

Southland CAPS Education Exploration Student Chosen for Cerner Kids Internship!

AM Student Andrea Blackman fell in love with the Montessori Method while on a tour of Cerner Kids (see article below). She applied for the Cerner Kids Internship, interviewed on Nov. 8 and was notified of selection on Nov. 15! There was only 1 internship slot available. Andrea will get to spend 4 days a week during second semester interning at Cerner Kids with a mentor teacher while learning more in depth about teaching in a Montessori setting! Congratulations Andrea, we are so proud and excited for you!



Cerner Kids— Learning About the Montessori Method

By: Andrea Blackman



CAPS AM and PM students meeting with Katie Johannes, Lead Program Manager and Sandy Slade, Early Childhood Director of Cerner Kids Realization Campus. Students learned about the Montessori Method before touring the school.

When CAPS toured Cerner Kids: Realization Campus, I absolutely fell in love with the Montessori method of teaching. I was able to observe several classrooms. In the two year old class they could already put their jackets on without adult help. I love how at Cerner Kids the students are allowed to explore their interests on any given day and that they set them up to read and write from such an early age by organizing the classroom from left to right. In another class a child came up to me and wanted me to read a book to him and the teachers didn't mind at all. In the infant classroom (six week olds to one year olds) they were already learning and exploring through a number of sensory toys.

College Connection—UMKC Institute for Urban Education

On October 23 both Am and PM students had the opportunity to visit UMKC's school of Education. In addition to a campus tour, students also learned about the Institute for Urban Education, got the hear from a current student, and learned about admission requirements and scholarship opportunities. We are thankful to Jennifer Ferguson, project coordinator for the Institute for Urban Education , for creating a personalized tour for us.



Important Dates:

11/12	Kauffman School Tour
11/14	Grow your Own Pres.
11/15	KIPP Endeavor Tour
11/16- 11/19	Sophomore Showcase
11/20	UCM Campus Tour
11/21—11/25	Thanksgiving Break
11/27	Park University Tour