

Sixth Grade Students from Old Trail School Participate in Project-Based Learning at Stan Hywet

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April 19, 2016 – Akron, Ohio – Forty-eight students from Old Trail School (OTS) recently spent a week of classes at Stan Hywet Hall & Gardens, centered on the theme of “perspective.” The program began on Monday, April 11 with tours of the Manor House and an oral history lesson with Julie Shaw and Anne Davis, granddaughters of F.A. and Gertrude Seiberling. The classes continued through April 15 and cover a wide range of topics, including geology, Latin, world history and photography. The project culminates in Presentation Day on April 29 on the Estate. Stan Hywet is located at 714 North Portage Path in Akron, Ohio.

Teachers from OTS planned the week of classes by working with the staff from Stan Hywet’s education department; they developed lessons using the Estate and its collection of archival resource materials. Classes are being facilitated by the OTS teachers and the Stan Hywet education staff.

“This program builds on the long history between Stan Hywet and Old Trail. Seiberling family members have been students at Old Trail and Penfield Seiberling was board president in the early 1940s,” notes Toivo Motter, Director of Education at Stan Hywet. Tim Tober teaches the six graders at Old Trail School. “We have extended our classroom, using Stan Hywet as a vehicle for our curriculum. We wanted to give the students a unique experience and bring back the partnership that started many years ago. The week has gone really well,” according to Tober.

Interestingly, Stan Hywet was used by OTS in the past: in 1946, F.A. Seiberling agreed to allow the school to use the third floor of the Manor House for classes for the kindergarten, first and second grades, while construction continued at the Old Trail campus.

This spring’s project culminates on April 29 with *Presentation Day*, when the students will share experiences at Stan Hywet with teachers, and invited parents and grandparents.

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