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Reading: The Recipe for Success

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Mr. Paul J. Saxton, Hopatcong Superintendent of Schools, Announces

Reading is the recipe for success for several second graders at Tulsa Trail Elementary School. Mrs. Kovach and her second grade students, along with Speech and Language Specialist Mrs. Pietrzak, hosted a “Book n’ Cook” this past Monday. Over the past few weeks, students read numerous books in the classroom and then created recipes to go along with each book. Titles such as “Dragons Love Tacos” and “Chocolate Milk, Por Favor” were among the favorites. The students then cooked each recipe they created. The recipes were put together in a special cookbook and parents were invited to sample the recipes while reading with their child during the “Book n’ Cook” event.

But Mrs. Kovach’s students already knew their way around a kitchen. The class has been cooking in Cafe Kids once a week since September. Mrs. Kovach and Mrs. Pietrzak use cooking as a way to combine reading, writing, and math while practicing expressive and receptive language. Cafe Kids is the perfect combination of academics and speech therapy. Founded in 2013, Cafe Kids was funded through an ING Grant written by Mrs. Kovach and Mrs. Pietrzak to implement a functional kitchen for the students at Tulsa Trail. Today, it is still used on a weekly basis and has benefited many students over the past five years.

