

# Grant School

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A cooperative school & home newsletter for the Grant School community

## Bulldog News

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### KINDERGARTEN NEWS: Mrs. Romba

We are all excited that the Groundhog did not see his shadow! We are ready for spring but we have many things to cover in the next few weeks before the season changes; Dental Health, 100th Day of School, Valentine's Day, President's Day and Black History Month are among the many topics that we'll be discussing. All of your children should be reading their "just right" books every evening. Along with reading, I am trying to teach them the responsibility of returning their books in their folder every day. We read in school to build up our fluency and stamina. The children have begun to be authors, writing their own sentences and sharing ideas. In math, we have begun to learn how to add and counting 100 days of school.

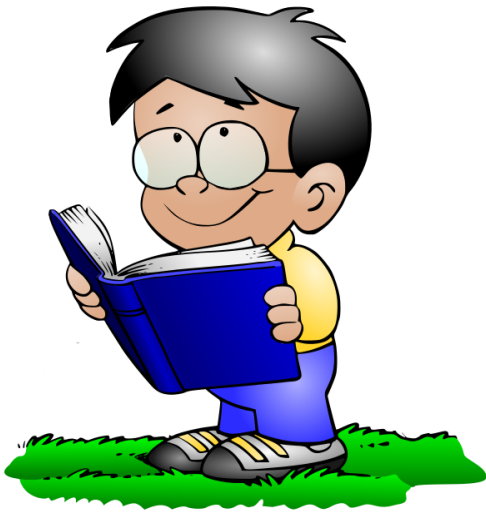


### FIRST GRADE NEWS: Mrs. Kelly

First graders have been extremely busy since the New Year began! In math, we are working on using addition and subtraction together, and understand their relationship to each other. Students need to be memorizing their addition and subtraction facts through practicing daily. We have logged into IXL at school to allow them to Independently practice their facts; please let me know if you have not been able to get them logged on at home. In reading, we continue to evaluate text in order to find out if books are works of fiction or nonfiction. We are concluding that we can learn from both and have used texts to develop our knowledge about the Lunar New Year. In writing, we are developing our skills at explaining how to do something, like making a sandwich. This is trickier than you might think! We are able to tell you the ingredients and discuss what to do, however, we are working on summarizing those steps in writing. Keep practicing this at home as well! We have been excited to learn about some celebrations, like Lunar New Year, and the traditions that surround it. We also are learning about important figures as we remember Martin Luther King, Jr. and some of our founding fathers.



## SECOND GRADE NEWS: Mrs. Spina



Second graders have been busy since the winter break. In Reader's Workshop, we are reading works of fiction. Students can now summarize stories that they have read. We are analyzing characters, paying close attention to what the character says and does to determine their unique traits. We are also learning many new vocabulary words. The unit will wrap up with a paper bag character trait project. Each student will choose a character from a book that they have read in order to complete the activity. They will present their work to the class once completed. In math, students are adding and subtracting two 2-digit numbers. In social studies, students are learning about the geography and how different the world is from region to region. Finally, in science, students are learning about different habitats. We have many fun experiments coming up to reinforce the information being delivered.

### DATES TO REMEMBER

Monday-Tuesday	February 17-18	President's Day - School Closed
Wednesday	February 19	Board of Ed Meeting - 7:30 pm

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