

# 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



Happy New Year! We have been working on our resolutions for the New Year. I am sure you heard all about our gingerbread adventure. The children were very excited to read various versions of the tale of the Gingerbread Man. We compared the stories, characters, and outcomes of each book. We made our own gingerbread man that escaped on my scooter and left behind clues for us to find him. It took the class two days but we did it. We sequenced our clues and graphed our favorite version, but best of all we got to eat him! We are working hard on CVC and sight words. Please be sure your child knows their letters and are practicing their letter sounds. Our "just right" books will be sent home soon for you to read with your child. We are also beginning to write sentences and are writing our names with one capital letter. Stay warm and ask your child to tell you all about our adventure!

### FIRST GRADE NEWS: Mrs. Kelly

This month is an exciting time in first grade! We are further from being kindergarten students and closer to becoming second grade students. Students are looking forward to the responsibility that this brings. We are understanding how addition and subtraction are related in mathematics. Memorizing addition and subtraction facts need to be practiced daily in order for students to practice the strategies we are learning in class. In language arts, we have been learning about the difference between fiction and non-fiction texts. We recently read a nonfiction book (autobiography) about a boy named Jonah Larson. This has us not only excited about learning from a book, but especially learning more about crocheting. We are writing a narrative about something we did during break. Homework has changed and we now have a book to complete spelling assignments in. Keep watch for the beginning of tic-tac-toe homework in spelling as well. Your students have loved the opportunity to buddy up with some of the older grades recently as well, for technology time and book buddies!

# 1ST GRADE

## SECOND GRADE NEWS: Mrs. Spina

Happy New Year! Second graders are off to a great start in 2020. One of our class goals is to read and write daily. After reading multiple versions of the classic tale, The Gingerbread Man, students are writing their own stories and disguising their cookie to save it from being a tasty treat. The ideas are so creative, including Mario, an angel, a ninja, even Santa! Another goal is to master math facts. We are beginning to add two 2-digit numbers and apply the skill to solve problems. Finally, our last goal is to spread a little kindness every day. A simple smile or a kind word goes a long way.



### DATES TO REMEMBER

Monday	January 13	PTA Movie Afternoon - Sign up was emailed home
Monday	January 20	Martin Luther King Jr. Day - School Closed
Thursday	January 30	Staff Development Day - 1:00 pm dismissal

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