

Grant School

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A cooperative school & home newsletter for the Grant School community

Bulldog News

SECOND GRADE NEWS: Mrs. Spina

Second graders have awesome new computer skills! We start our morning with a Google Meet to discuss the agenda for the day. We begin each day with language arts. Second graders read every day! We are enjoying writing personal narratives in our Writer's Workshop notebooks. In math, students are adding and subtracting and applying our new strategies to solve problems. In social studies, students have learned to navigate the Studies Weekly online program. It is exciting to learn about our government especially in a presidential election year. Second grade scientists researched, observed, recorded, and shared their work on birds. Ridgefield Park has so many different species! Next, the students will each choose an animal to research and make their very own book! This wonderful unit includes reading, writing, math, social studies and science. It is an amazing project!

THIRD GRADE NEWS: Mrs. Yoon and Ms. Fenton

Our third graders have had a busy start to the school year! They are becoming more independent in using their Chromebooks and navigating remote learning. In math, we are learning the foundations of multiplication and division. It is very important for students to practice their multiplication facts daily in order to become proficient. In reading, we are continuing to study characters as we dive into the genre of Realistic Fiction. We are also striving towards stronger reading fluency and comprehension by learning new words and reading strategies. Please encourage your child to read every day to support what they are learning in school. In writing, we are wrapping up our unit on Personal Narratives by choosing a writing piece to 'publish.' In science, we are exploring how organisms inherit, learn or acquire their physical traits. In social studies, we are expanding our understanding of how the government works. We had lots of fun celebrating Halloween and learning about Election Day, and we look forward to learning more about Thanksgiving and Veteran's Day in the coming weeks. Please check your child's Google Classroom to see if they are completing their work a couple times a week. Consistent work completion will be one of the keys to their success this year, especially during the remote learning period. Thank you for your ongoing support of your child's learning!

FOURTH GRADE MATH/SCIENCE: Mrs. Mastellone

Fourth grade mathematicians and scientists have been hard at work during the first ten weeks of schools. Although we all miss being physically in the school building, the children are working hard and adjusting to this new way of learning. Since September, students have discovered and explored so many new math skills and science concepts. In math, we reviewed number sense and addition and subtraction of numbers to one million. We are currently focusing on multiplication. Everyone was so excited to learn how to multiply 2, 3, and 4 digit factors by a 1 digit factors. Next, we will be multiplying 2, 3, 4, digit factors by a 2 digit factors. With students learning how to solve these more challenging equations, it is crucial that all students memorize their multiplication facts to ensure success. During science class, the children are enjoying our life science units. The classes have already examined the animal and plant kingdoms. Our lessons focused on the basic needs of the plants and animals and how all living things have adaptations in order to meet those needs. Currently, we are investigating ecosystems to explain how the living organisms (plants and animals) interact with the environment. These lessons will guide us on an exploration of deserts, rainforests, and oceans.

FOURTH GRADE ELA/SOCIAL STUDIES: Mrs. Dinkjian

November 11th is the date when we honor our brave veterans. Veterans Day honors all of those who have served our country in war or peace — dead or alive. It is a day set aside to thank veterans for their sacrifices. It was originally called Armistice Day, and commemorated the end of World War I. Our fourth graders listened to the picture book entitled, The Poppy Lady: Moina Belle Michael, by Barbara E. Walsh. This book tells of the time when American soldiers entered World War I. Moina Belle Michael, a schoolteacher, knew she had to do something for the morale of the soldiers, after all, some of the soldiers were her students and friends. Moina worked to establish the red poppy as the symbol to honor and remember soldiers. She devoted her life to making sure the symbol would last forever. Thanks to her hard work, that symbol remains strong today. Your fourth grader has just begun reading a classic -- Charlotte's Web, a fictional novel about a terrific pig and the friendships he develops. As we progress through this wonderful tale, we will discuss character traits, both admirable and less admirable. One of the themes addressed in this book is friendship and the importance of being selfless, kind, and considerate. Throughout the reading of Charlotte's Web, students will engage in cross-curriculum activities.



DATES TO REMEMBER

Tuesday	November 18	Board of Education Meeting - 7:30 pm
Wednesday	November 25	Half Day - Student/Faculty will conclude at 12:30 pm.
Thursday	November 26	Thanksgiving - No School
Friday	November 27	Thanksgiving Break - No School

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