



Bulldog News

@ Grant Elementary School

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A cooperative school & home newsletter for the Grant School community.

KINDERGARTEN NEWS: Mrs. Romba

Winter is almost here and we just had our first real snowstorm of the Holiday Season. Hopefully everyone was able to have a little fun in the snow. The kindergarten has been writing and learning to read. We are having fun learning to tap out words and read our sight words. Rhyming is our new game to play. We are using a number line to learn more than and less than and using ten frames. The kindergarten has been counting the days of school to get ready for our 100th day celebration, we even had time to make holiday gifts for our family. Also, we have read different versions of The Gingerbread Man. We have been comparing the stories and we are getting ready to make our own gingerbread man cookie. Be on the lookout for the finished product in the upcoming days.. Happy and healthy New Year to all of our Grant School families.



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FIRST GRADE NEWS: Mrs. Kelly, Mrs. Walker & Mrs. Conversano

Wow! Can you believe we have started the second trimester already? We are so excited to see your children each morning and are grateful for the routine that we have been able to create with them. We appreciate your continued efforts and support in making sure they have an appropriate space at home to learn from, we see the difference it makes for the students. In that light, please continue to make sure that they are dressed and have finished eating prior to the start of the school day so they are ready to focus.

We spent the first trimester on reviewing a lot of skills in our core subject areas. In math, we will be expanding on our knowledge of addition and subtraction as we begin Topic 5. Students should be practicing facts to 20, including thinking about related facts, to help them prepare for this continued learning. In language arts, we have been adding long vowels, consonant blends, and digraphs to our foundational knowledge of short vowels and consonants. We continue to learn sight words, using them in our reading and writing.

Our social studies lessons have been focusing on the themes of government, outlining our important documents, teaching us about our important patriotic symbols and holidays, and introducing us to the founders of our country. In our science lessons, we have learned the difference between living and non-living things. We know the important characteristics of living things, are able to describe a life cycle, and are learning about survival behaviors animals need for different habitats.

Homework and afternoon assignments are released in Google Classroom daily; please make sure students are doing them, turning them in, and attaching their work. Watch for Reading Groups, Extra Help, or other interactive learning as well in the afternoons. Students should be reading daily, along with practicing addition and subtraction facts. If you have specific concerns about your student, please reach out directly to the teacher. We are here to help!



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SECOND GRADE NEWS: Mrs. Spina

Happy Holidays! Second Graders are in the holiday spirit! We started a Gingerbread unit by learning the history of Gingerbread. Did you know that Queen Elizabeth made cookies to look like world leaders? When people visited, she gave them cookies that looked like them! Students read the original Fairy Tale, The Gingerbread Boy. Then we read The Gingerbread Baby and The Ninjabread Man. We compared and contrasted the different versions. This week, we are using the writing process to write our own Twisted Fairy Tale. In addition, each student made a disguise for their Gingerbread Man in the hopes that he won't get eaten! The projects are very creative! In science and math, students are using weight and measurement to create a bridge for the Gingerbread Man. They are using household materials to plan and implement their experiments. The class is excited to share the results of their investigations and share their creative writing pieces. Have a wonderful break!

Highlights and Shout Outs

Congratulateios to Ms. Butler for pulling off a fantastic virtual dance party with the students of Grant Elementary. Congrats to all the students and teachers who took part in the event as well. A fantastic time was had by all and we could not be prouder of Ms. Butler for pulling it all together!

Dates to Remember

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| Wednesday | December 23 | 12:30 Dismissal for students and faculty |
| Thursday | December 24 | Winter Recess begins – No School |
| Monday | January 4 | School is back in session |