



Bulldog News

@ Grant Elementary School

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

KINDERGARTEN NEWS: Mrs. Romba

Good news, we found our gingerbread man! We had compared many gingerbread stories, deciphered clues, and sequenced all the events leading up to finding him! This week we made our snowman names and are working on reading comprehension, filling in missing letters sounds, and learning more sight words. The kindergarten has been exercising along with Jack Hartmann and counting to 100 by 1's. We are learning about greater than and less than and filling out a daily calendar journal. The children enjoyed an activity called Write the Room, thank you to all my parents for helping set it up. We are starting to see lots of red and pink and plenty of hearts for February and we are ready to complete our class work more independently. February is a very busy month, Groundhog Day, Valentine's Day, Black History Month, 100th Day of School, President's Day, and Dental Health Month. Please continue to let your child read and write to the best of their ability independently. Be sure to review what your child has done in school, ask them questions and encourage conversation about the best part of their day.

SECOND GRADE NEWS: Mrs. Spina

Second Graders read every day! In social studies, we are learning to identify primary and secondary sources and to think like a historian. We read both primary and secondary accounts about Martin Luther King Jr. We also listened to his famous speech, I Have a Dream, which inspired us to write our own dreams for the future. In science, we are reading about temperature and properties of water. We are using thermometers to measure degrees in both Fahrenheit and Celsius. We know when water freezes and boils. Speaking of freezing water, do you know what the Polar Bear Plunge is? We do! It is a tradition on January 1 when people run and jump into freezing cold water to welcome in the New Year. We read a primary account of one woman's experience. Have you ever wondered why polar bears can swim in freezing water? They have a layer of blubber and thick fur to keep them warm. We enjoyed reading nonfiction books about polar bears and other arctic animals. We even read in math. Our Second Grade mathematicians can solve one and two step story problems using up to four two-digit numbers with regrouping. WOW! So keep reading. Reading is the key to success!



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

We have welcomed the New Year this month as we returned from break. We look forward to many good things happening in 2021, including the continuing opportunities to learn and grow. We look forward to seeing our students each day and have gotten into a good routine for our remote learning. 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 math, we have completed Topic 5; “Working with Addition and Subtraction Equations.” We learned about finding out if a value is true or false, along with how to solve two sides of an equation. Now we are learning about data in Topic 6; “Represent and Interpret Data.” We are asking survey questions, using tally charts, and creating picture graphs. 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. We have been reading non-fiction books. This has given us the chance to learn about topics that interest us. Did you know that sound is a type of energy that you can hear? This has led to many other discussions about our five senses, what makes vibrations, and sources of light. In science, we are learning about light and sound. In our social studies series, we have switched our focus to the topic of geography. We have been learning about different kinds of maps and focusing on the 5 themes of geography. 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!

Dates to Remember

Monday	February 1	Teachers and Cohort C return for Hybrid Instruction
Monday	February 8	Cohorts A & B return for Hybrid Instruction
Monday Tuesday	February 15 – 16	President’s Day – School Closed