

# Bulldog News @ Grant Elementary School

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



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#### THIRD GRADE NEWS: Mrs. Yoon and Miss Fenton

Happy February! Our third graders have been very busy this school year! In math, they continue to work on multiplication and division and are beginning to learn how to measure area. Please encourage your child to practice their multiplication facts daily. In reading, our students are so excited to be reading our first novel, <u>Mr. Popper's Penguins</u>! We are practicing our reading comprehension and vocabulary skills while reading the novel. Please support your child's daily reading at home. In writing, our third graders have been working hard and are looking forward to publishing their Realistic Fiction stories soon! In science, we are finishing up our study of climate and biomes with a research project and presentation. In social studies, we are continuing to study the theme of geography. We are so proud of our students! Thank you for your ongoing support and feel free to reach out if you have any questions or concerns.

#### FOURTH GRADE NEWS: Mrs. Dinkjian

The fourth graders have finished reading the classic, <u>Charlotte's Web</u>, a fictional novel about a terrific pig and the friendships he develops. As we progressed through this wonderful tale we have discussed character traits, both admirable and less admirable, and how characters change over the course of a book. The themes addressed in this book are friendship and the importance of being selfless, kind, and considerate, courage, perseverance, cooperation, honesty, and loyalty. The fourth graders are presently working on a picture book version of <u>Charlotte's Web</u> to share with the younger students of Grant School. We'll post a copy for your enjoyment when it's completed!



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### FOURTH GRADE NEWS: Ms. Mastellone

I cannot believe it is almost March already. Where is the time going? The fourth graders have been super busy in math and science. They are learning new skills and concepts every day. In math, we have begun examining fractions and discovering all the ways to find equivalent fractions. Students are using fraction pieces, number lines, multiplication, and division to generate fractions. They are also learning strategies that help compare and order fractions, for example, using benchmark fractions and number lines and my favorite the butterfly method. Ask your child about the butterfly method. In science, the students are transformed into astronauts and are currently exploring space. First, they observed the moon and its phases. Next, they determined that the earth rotates causing day and night and revolves on its axis which is the reason for the seasons. Later, in the chapter, everyone will be inspecting the other seven planets in our solar system, their moons, and other objects in space like asteroids and comets.

# Highlights and Shout Outs

Monday, we will begin seeing our hybrid students in person. Monday and Tuesday Cohort A will meet from 8:30-12:30. Cohort B will meet on Thursdays and Fridays from 8:30-12:30. Please make sure that you are following CDC and school guidelines pertaining to safety measures prior to sending your children to school.

## **Dates to Remember**

Monday	February 22	Hybrid Instructional Model beigns