



Bulldog News

@ Grant Elementary School

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

THIRD GRADE NEWS: Mrs. Yoon and Ms. Fenton

We are excited that the weather is getting warmer, and life is slowly getting back to normal. March has been an exciting month as we are celebrating both Read Across America and Women's History Month. We got to read some of Dr. Seuss's books and do fun activities including watching *The Lorax* movie. We are also spending this month reading books by many authors who can teach us about diversity and cultures that are different from our own. We have had wonderful opportunities to invite guest readers to read to our students. In writing, we are preparing to write a biography about a famous woman in celebration of Women's History Month. In math, students had a great time learning to interpret and create graphs. Currently, we are learning to round numbers and estimate sums and differences. In social studies, we are wrapping up our unit on Geography by studying the various regions across the country and world. In science, students worked on a fun STEM unit about weather in which they designed hurricane-resistant houses, and some students even built them! Please continue to be safe and take care of yourself!



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FOURTH GRADE NEWS: Ms. Mastellone

Our fourth grade mathematicians are hard at work solving multiplication problems with fractions. They first used unit fractions and repeated addition to find the multiples of fractions. Next, they created multiplication equations to find the product of whole numbers and unit fractions. Now they are able to multiply a fraction by a whole number, get an improper fraction, and change the improper fraction into a mixed number. Everyone is using their multiplication and division facts to solve these multi-step numerical and word problems. When the children are in science class, they are chemists. They are studying matter and its properties. First everyone focused on the physical properties of matter, including, measuring mass, volume, and density. Then, everyone studied mixtures and solutions and discovered how to separate them. Next, they physically changed matter by bending, cutting, folding, or coloring it. Last, the scientists learned that matter can change chemically, so we observed some chemical reactions that formed new substances.

FOURTH GRADE NEWS:

March has been designated as Women's History Month. To celebrate the lives of some very courageous, remarkable women the fourth grade students are researching women who have made a significant difference in the world. After completing their research, the students will "teach" the other students about the accomplishments of these women, including obstacles overcome, and how those accomplishments impacted our lives. Ask your child about the woman they researched, they'd probably love to share their knowledge and accomplishment with you as well! In ELA, we began reading Sarah, Plain and Tall, a historical fiction novel by Patricia MacLachlan. This book tells the story of a family living on a farm in the Plains of Kansas and a woman, Sarah, from the coast of Maine. Students are creating a minibook within their journals about the events and geography described in this wonderful book. Using the Writing Process is a skill that enhances writing throughout one's academic life and beyond, and our fourth graders are learning this very important process. They have recently completed writing their Opinion Speech which deals with the use of coal as a major source of power. Students read articles on the topic, then formed an opinion as to whether or not coal should continue to be used to produce energy. The students' written opinion speeches were to include reasons for their opinion as well as proof and facts to support or back up their opinion. The students spent the past month learning about pre-writing, drafting, editing, proofreading, and publishing--the Writing Process.



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Dates to Remember

Monday	March 22	Cohorts A and B will be attending 5 days