



Bulldog News

@ Grant Elementary School

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

MUSIC NEWS: Ms. Mir

After wonderful holiday performances in December, Grant School students are ready to ring in the New Year with new challenges and new songs. Students in the lower grades will be working on reading and writing rhythms and pitches, and our third graders are very excited knowing that they will be taking home recorders to play by the end of the month.

Students in the upper grades will be working on their music reading skills by playing and singing new songs and activities together. Band members are reminded to continue practicing their instruments at home in order to be prepared for their weekly lessons. It might be cold outside, but warmer weather—and our Spring Concert—is just around the corner!

ART NEWS: Mrs. Conversano

Happy New Year! Art students are starting the New Year by building their drawing skills, stretching their creativity, and learning about other artists. Kindergarten students are drawing using shapes and lines to create a Happy New Year 2023 illustration. First and second graders are finishing their African elephant kinetic drawings and will be learning more about the elements of art in the next couple of weeks. Third and fourth graders are finishing their zentangle landscapes. Their next project will be based on the art of Piet Mondrian. Fifth and sixth graders are finishing their zentangle Sun & Moon illustrations. Next, they will compare and contrast modern artist Georgia O'Keeffe's close-up paintings of flowers with contemporary artist Dennis Wojtkiewicz's close-up paintings of fruit.



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January's Theme:

PERSEVERANCE

is pushing yourself
to work through challenges
and obstacles

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G & T NEWS: Mrs. Morris

Kindergarten classes had an absolute blast practicing patterns and building a super duper long paper chain! Building on the previous year's lesson, grade one students made 3 types of paper chains, using tissue paper, wrapping paper, and construction paper. The students predicted which would be the strongest. We then tested our hypothesis using hanging weights to see which material proved the strongest! Grade two students heard The Gingerbread Man is Loose at Christmas, by Laura Murray. In this story, the Gingerbread man faces a problem, his feet are crumbling off in the snow! Students brainstormed solutions and designed ideas to help the Gingerbread man get around in the snow! Up next, students will build models of their creations! The third grade classes have wrapped up their Morse Code unit and successfully completed the STEM project, "Grandma's Secret Code." The fourth grade G&T students are creating their own original comic strips. These comics depict the short story of a real life hero. In this unit, students discuss and focus on what makes a person heroic. The fifth graders continue their forensic science unit, "Who Stole the Chocolate," completing weekly labs to find out who the culprit is. Students in grade 6 are completing a STEAM project called, "Trap a mythical creature." Students will use works of art and literacy to study the characteristics of a selected mythical creature and build a model of a trap.

WORLD LANGUAGES NEWS: Ms. Molina

I hope everyone enjoyed the holidays and time off from school. Kindergarten students learned how to say their birthday in Spanish. They learned that unlike in English, in Spanish it must be said backwards with the date first and then the month in order for it to be said correctly. They also continued to learn about the different holidays associated with each month. First grade students have been learning to count to 40 in Spanish both in and out of sequence. When practicing, they did wonderfully counting and exercising at the same time in Spanish! Second grade students have been reading short stories in Spanish on Hispanic families to practice their comprehension. Third grade students have been having fun learning about Miguel de Cervantes' Don Quixote, and flamenco dancing in Spain. Lastly, all students learned a little bit about Christmas in Spanish-speaking countries and worked on a holiday project. ¡Feliz Año Nuevo! - Happy New Year!

Ms. Raimo's ELA students are writing "How To" pieces. The topic is making hot chocolate. Some like it with warm milk and others with hot water. Add some mini marshmallows and it's delicious either way. The math students are learning division along with multiplication, and others are adding triple numbers up to 20.

Mrs. Conversano's fifth graders are wrapping up their unit on two-digit multiplication and will be working on multiplication of decimals. Students are expected to do homework nightly. The weekly homework assignments are posted on Google Classroom under the Classwork tab. Students are also expected to write the daily assignments in their planners. The assignments are also listed on Genesis.

Dr. Steele's ELA classes are writing Informational essays. Students are allowed to pick a topic of their choice and share their knowledge with the rest of the class. Parents, be on the lookout for emails to keep you informed of how your child is doing.. As of right now, I am excited to see that I will be sending a lot of positive emails soon!

December Students of the Month

The following students have received the recognition of Student of the Month in October. Congratulations to David (K-RM), Emmanuel (Ms. Marin), Arishia (1K), Liam (1W), Ruby (2D), Mia (2S), Jhoan (3L), Isabella (3Y), Brenden (Ms. Sosa), Judy (4th Grade), Zayna (5th Grade), Manny (6th Grade).

Dates to Remember

Thursday	January 12th	Delayed opening 10:00 am arrival for students
Monday	January 16th	No School
Wednesday & Thursday	January 17th & 18th	Parent Teacher Conferences