



Bulldog News

@ Grant Elementary School

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

KINDERGARTEN NEWS: Mrs. Romba and Ms. Martinez

March certainly went out like a lamb! We are so excited that Spring is here and we are looking forward to April showers bringing May flowers. We are working on our reading stamina, we are almost at ten minutes of quiet, independent reading. The children enjoy centers, where they get to work independently on skills we are learning, while Ms. Martinez and I work in small guided reading groups. The children are working on fluency and sounding out words. Please encourage your child to use inventive spelling when they are writing, they need to write what they hear, this helps them to read it by themselves. In math, we are adding and subtracting and learning about living and nonliving things in science. We hope that you were lucky enough to win something in the PTA Bulldog bar raffle. Please take care of your Peep that we adopted for the break. Please continue to read with your child and ask them to retell the story and discuss the characters and settings. PTA is having a pocketbook bingo May 5. We hope you will all be there.

SECOND GRADE ONEWS: Mrs. Dinkjian and Mrs. Spina

Second graders have been exploring our planet. In social studies, students are learning about the physical and human characteristics of geography. We can name and identify seven continents and five oceans. This unit blends nicely with our Earth Science lessons, where students explore how water shapes the Earth's surface. Students construct and use models of mountains to demonstrate that water flows downhill, and in the process, transforms huge rocks into the tiny grains of sand we find at the beach. Students also construct and use model hills to determine the causes of erosion, and to design solutions to problems caused by erosion. This cross-curricular approach helps students make connections in their learning. Please continue to read and practice math facts daily.



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April's Theme:

COURAGE

is choosing what is
helpful, right, and kind
- even when it's hard or scary

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FIRST GRADE NEWS: Mrs. Kelly & Ms. Walker

March has brought us beautiful, warm, sunny days recently. We know the kids are excited about the changes spring brings; new life outside, changes in after school activities, and more outdoor recess. We appreciate the continued efforts and support in making sure that students are prepared each day during this busy season. We see how directly your encouragement, support, and time invested also impact your student. We are having fun celebrating Read Across America all month long. We have had so much fun with different activities to foster a love of reading, from special readers to DEAR time to Book Buddies to theme dress up days. Students should be continuing to practice reading at home, using their strategies to tackle unfamiliar words, mastering sight words, looking for different parts of speech, and enjoying different genres of books. Writing is part of our daily routine at school and can be at home as well by making lists, writing letters, or having a word hunt. In math, we completed Topic 10: Use Models and Strategies to add Tens. We are continuing to add numbers in different ways (for example using a number line or models). This topic can be challenging, especially for those struggling with counting. At home, students can continue to practice their basic facts (addition and subtraction), along with the strategies they are learning. In Studies Weekly, we have completed the theme of geography. We are now learning more about people. We are discussing culture, needs and wants, resources, and economics. In science, we are learning about measurement, seasons, plants, birds, and many other things in the world around us. Homework and afternoon assignments continue to be released in Google Classroom daily; please make sure students are doing them, turning them in, and attaching their work. Watch for announcements about upcoming activities or events. 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

Friday	April 7th	No School: Good Friday
Monday-Friday	April 10th- April 14th	No School: Spring Break
Monday	April 17th	Return from Spring Break