



# Bulldog News

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Character Theme:

**RESPECT**

is seeing value  
in all people and things  
& treating them with care

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

## 5th Grade ELA: Ms. Fenton

5th grade readers and writers have been working hard to learn the routines of the ELA classroom. In writing, we are kicking off the year with a focus on authoring narratives with complex characters. In grammar, we are exploring the parts of speech and other important grammar skills, such as correcting comma splices. In reading, we are exploring books with our first themes of the year, "Empathy" and "Conflict Resolution". We are also challenging ourselves to work with each other by participating in our first Book Clubs of the year! Keep reading!

## 5th & 6th Grade Science: Mr. Lenart

In the fifth and sixth grade science classes, we're on an exciting journey to explore the world of matter. We're breaking down complex topics into simple explanations to make science fun and understandable for everyone. Matter is everything around us; like solids, liquids and gases. It is made up of tiny things called atoms and molecules. We're learning to measure matter by using virtual balances and graduated cylinders. We've discussed how we use matter in our daily lives and why different materials are used for different purposes. We've discussed both chemical and physical properties of matter and how they can change when reactants become involved.

## 6th Grade ELA/SS: Mrs. Gerard

The students have been very busy in ELA and Social Studies during the month of September. In reading, we completed our first genre unit of study for Fiction by reading independently a fantasy novel. The students discovered the characteristics of the Fantasy genre, and were able to cite examples of the characteristics using their own novels. To end the unit of study, the students chose a picture from the read aloud, "The Mysteries of Harris Burdick," and crafted their own narrative leads for several of the pictures.

In Social Studies the students have been learning about each of the 13 Colonies in preparation for the study of the American Revolution.



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**5th & 6th Grade Math: Mr. Morris**

Mr. Morris' 5th and 6th grade students are off to a fast start this school year. The 6th grade students are currently working on numerical expressions which builds off of 5th grade skill of order of operations with the 6th grade addition of exponents to each equation. Students need to be able to not only solve for exponents but also be able to use the expanded method to explain what exponents mean by displaying all exponents as separate equations. The skills will be used throughout the school year and will lead to learning algebra later in the school year. The 5th grade students have been adding and subtracting mixed numbers. The 5th grade classes are focusing on renaming subtracting fractions which is very similar to the borrowing method when subtracting whole numbers and decimal numbers.

**Small Group Instruction: Mrs. Conversano & Ms. Raimo**

Mrs. Conversano's 5th grade math students have been mastering skills in finding the volume of a solid. Essential questions in this unit are: What is the meaning of volume of a solid? How can the volume of a rectangular prism be found? In class, students have been building rectangular prisms using unit cubes, then determining the total volume by counting the cubes. Students have been using multiplication to solve the formula for volume: length x width x height = volume, or, base x height = volume. Nightly homework is 20 minutes IXL skills practice in the Diagnostic Arena or Section UU: Volume.

Ms. Raimo's 6th grade math class has started the year reviewing multiplication, addition and subtracting decimals. The focus of the Interactive Read Alouds have been "Building Positive Relationships". We learned that working together toward a common goal helps to build healthy and strong relationships in school.

**Dates to Remember**

**10/26  
Thursday**

**Grant Glow Party for Pre-K to 3rd grade  
(4th-6th stay tuned for your Grant glow event this winter)**