



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.

Third Grade: Ms. Leon

I am beyond thrilled to welcome our new 3rd grade class! The past few weeks have been full of learning and experimenting. For reading, we've explored different themes such as "Connecting Across Generations" and "The Importance of Kindness". Our students are building their writing skills to share what they have learned and are being very intentional about organizing their thoughts. For math, we have been working on multiplication and division by using multiple strategies and manipulatives to be hands on. This helps our students learn in a fun and engaging way. We have also been scientists and historians exploring force and motion, and learning how to be a responsible and active member of our community. I am so proud of our professional learners! Take a look at our weekly newsletter for more information :)





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Third Grade: Ms. Yoon

It is with great excitement that I welcome our new third grade students! They have made a wonderful transition into the new school year by getting to know the new routines, curriculums, teachers, and even some new friends. I am delighted to see the team spirit, positivity and motivation they bring in each day. In English Language Arts, students are doing a fantastic job learning grade-level phonics through the Soliday program to become even stronger readers, and they have started writing personal narratives. In addition, they have been establishing good practices for independent reading. In Math, they worked on the concepts of multiplication and division using various strategies and manipulatives. It is important for our students to practice their math facts on a regular basis for the next few weeks. In Science, we have been exploring motion and forces. We now find examples of motion and forces in our lives everyday! In Social Studies, we have read about the functions and the types of government. Through the studies of the government types around the world, students realized how grateful they are for the democracy in our country. All in all, I can't be more proud of the progress our students are making each day. Please encourage them to keep up their great work!



Fourth Grade: Ms. Fenton

Fourth 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. In grammar, we are exploring the parts of speech, starting off with nouns. In reading, we are exploring books with our first themes of the year, "Friendship" and "Figuring Out Who You Are". We are also challenging ourselves to become strong independent readers who share their reading, starting by writing a Book Talk. Keep reading!



Fourth Grade: Ms. Mastellone

The first few weeks of school have been an exciting journey for fourth graders at Grant School as they dive headfirst into a world of learning that spans math, social studies, and science. With curiosity, these young students have tackled concepts ranging from place value to government and from energy to the dynamics of moving objects. In math, place value became the focus as they navigated through the complex world of arithmetic. We've been using colorful manipulatives to represent numbers and understand the significance of each digit's place in a number.



Through interactive lessons and engaging discussions, the children have been learning about the three branches of government, the importance of voting, and the rights and responsibilities of citizens in social studies. In the science lab, everyone has been on a thrilling journey to uncover the mysteries of energy, speed, and the dynamics of moving objects.

Small Group Instruction: Ms. Alberque

Ms. Alberque's 3rd & 4th Grade ELA classes have been reviewing the types of syllables to improve their decoding strategies for reading. In writing, the students are learning how to "dress up a sentence" as we begin writing their narratives. Please remind your child to read every day and record their progress on their reading chart.

Ms. Alberque's 3rd & 4th Grade Math- 3rd grade Math students are learning to use repeated addition to show the relationship between multiplication and addition. The 4th grade Math students are using place value charts to write and understand numbers through one million.

Small Group Instruction: Mrs. Conversano

Mrs. Conversano's 4th grade math students have been mastering skills in understanding Place Value. Essential questions in this unit are: How are greater numbers written? How can whole numbers be compared? How are place values related? In class, students have been practicing writing numbers through one million in expanded form and writing number names through one million using place value charts and place value cards. Nightly homework is 20 minutes IXL skills practice in the Diagnostic Arena or Section A: Place Value.

Small Group Instruction: Ms. Raimo

Ms. Raimo's 4th grade ELA classes are beginning to write their narratives with the help of graphic organizers. The 4th graders are also finding that they have more responsibility in classroom management skills. They are learning that 'organization' is key as they switch classes for many subjects. Upward and onward!!!

