



Bulldog News

@ Grant Elementary School

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

Pre-K: Dr. Steele

Some of our November highlights include our Thanksgiving Feast, Spanish class with Prof. Molina and trips to the park. Now that the weather is getting colder, please make sure your child is bundled up. We try to go outside every day!

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Character Theme:

EMPATHY

is understanding and connecting to other people's feelings





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Kindergarten: Mrs. Romba & Ms. Martinez

Kindergarten and Pre-K did a wonderful job disguising our turkeys! We would like to thank Ms. Maschang for organizing our wonderful feat. Science has taught us about motion-push and pull and in social studies we have learned about communities. We have been very busy writing and counting to our 100th day of school celebration. Please keep up the good job with homework. Be sure to read every night and practice sight words. We will beginning our Gingerbread Man unit soon, so be on the look out!



1st Grade: Mrs. Walker & Ms. Bodnar

The children enjoyed a wonderful Thanksgiving Feast on Wednesday before the break. The students really seemed to enjoy creating their turkey feather with their families. They each were so proud of their work. We hope you enjoyed working with your child to create a unique feather for our turkey. In language arts the children are mastering phonics skills and building their vocabulary. They are also practicing their writing skills. In math we are reinforcing skill and strategies for addition and subtraction. They are understanding the relationships among three related numbers. In science they are learning about the importance of light pertaining to communication. In social studies we studied about the history of Thanksgiving along with topics about our government and important documents.





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November was the month of GRATITUDE. We have taken time to think of what we appreciate in the world around us, learning practices to show gratitude beyond Thanksgiving. In math, we continue to learn strategies for addition and subtraction, using our facts to 20. This has included an understanding of how three numbers are related in a fact family, allowing us to use our addition facts to aid in subtracting. In ELA, we have been enjoying hearing stories as we explore the themes of author studies, counting in books, fiction and nonfiction. Students are continuing to build both phonics and fluency skills. In science, we were wrapping up our unit of sound. In social studies we are learning about government services, being good citizens, and the documents that helped to form our country. We also learned more about the history of Thanksgiving.



Second Grade: Mrs. Dinkjian

Each Monday morning, the students in 2-D write a narrative journal entry about one event of the weekend. They are practicing remembering, retelling, writing, and proofreading. As they journal, they should be applying all the grammar and writing lessons they've learned thus far. To improve our writing skills, we are editing our writing to include details and descriptive words thus making our writing much more interesting. It enables the reader to make a clear picture in their head of what the scene is about, how it looked, and how the writer felt. While you spend time with your child over the weekend, it would be great if you make sure your child notices how to spell the names of the people who were with you, the names of the places visited, as well as the location—perhaps even show them where it is on a map. These are wonderful, family-fun opportunities for your child to learn. At the end of the school year, the students will bring their Weekend Journal home to share with the family. It'll be fun to read and "revisit" all the places and things you did together! In our math classes, we are continuing to learn about different ways to arrive at correct answers. We've used ten frames, counters, closed number lines, open number lines, 100s charts, and compensation. Knowing these skills will help your child perform mathematical operations. Please keep in mind that by now your child should be able to skip count forward and backward by twos, fives, and tens, including counting by tens when not beginning with a ten. For example, 13, 23, 33, 43, 53, and so on.



Second Grade: Mrs. Spina

2S students have so much to be grateful for. This month, we enjoyed talking, drawing, and writing about what we are thankful for. We celebrated with a Thanksgiving feast including K-3 friends. We learned that gratitude is choosing to appreciate the people and things in our life. The kids are especially grateful for school and learning! We are wrapping up our physical science unit. Our scientists learned that matter is anything that takes up space. It can be solid, liquid or gas. We describe matter by its properties and attributes including size, shape, texture, flexibility or hardness. Matter can be changed by heating or cooling. We had fun exploring matter. Our next unit will be Earth science. We are looking forward to a school assembly by the Grand Falloons - "Professor W's Earth Science Circus: "Our Earth, What a Gas!" Hope everyone had a great Thanksgiving!