



Bulldog News

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Character Theme:

EMPATHY

is understanding and connecting
to other people's feelings

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

5th Grade ELA: Ms. Fenton

Believe it or not, we have officially wrapped up Trimester 1! Please log onto Genesis to check your child's report card grades. In reading, fifth graders have been diving into the popular novel, Coraline. This classic fantasy tale provides students wonderful opportunities to explore new vocabulary, figurative language, and character development. Students are looking forward to watching the film version in order to write a Compare/Contrast essay. In writing, fifth graders have just completed a unit on the Bill of Rights, in conjunction with Ms. Z's social studies class. Students submitted an essay on the topic to the Elk's annual competition. Students are also exploring the genre of biography, reading and writing about many famous people. Next, students will begin choosing memories from their own life to turn into a memoir! Students continue to study language by exploring etymology, grammar, and the writer's craft. Please continue to study for our Friday daily language quizzes and read every night!

5th & 6th Grade Science: Ms. Zambrano

The fifth graders just wrapped up learning all about *Earth's 4 Spheres* and their interactions with each other. They created models of Earth, presentations on a sphere of their liking, and even built terrariums to represent all 4 spheres interacting that we will care for as the year progresses. In sixth grade the students just began learning about *Energy, Force, and Motion*. They began the unit researching the relationship between motion and force, and followed up by modeling force using a can filled with rocks, a string, and pulley. As we dive into the second trimester, the students are excited to conduct experiments demonstrating potential & kinetic energy and energy transformations.

6th Grade ELA/SS: Mrs. Gerard

The students have been very busy, and time has wings for sure! In reading, the students just wrapped up working in Book Clubs with a *Graphic Novel* unit. Their fishbowl discussions were amazing! In writing, the students have been crafting their "SNAP" essays, and continue to write by responding to their independent reading. In social studies, the students researched information from their textbooks to create a timeline about the growing colonial resentment against Britain. 6M started the timeline and 6G added to it during their class periods to complete this collaborative activity.



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5th & 6th Grade Math: Mr. Morris

Mr. Morris' fifth grade students are currently working on dividing fractions by whole numbers and whole numbers divided by fractions using area models and pictures to help find the answer. The students learned how to solve fraction division equations by finding the reciprocal of the second fraction or whole number and then multiplying to solve the problem. The student would then solve the same equations using the area models to check their answers. The 6th grade classes are currently working on ratios and finding unit rates. Unit Rates require students to find the value of one. Unit Rate equations help students solve real world problems such as being able to figure out how to identify the better deal or price when comparing two or more similar items.

Small Group Instruction: Mrs. Conversano, Mrs. Alberque & Ms. Raimo

Mrs. Conversano's fifth grade math students have been learning about place value using decimals. Essential questions in this unit are: How are whole numbers and decimals written, compared, and ordered? In class, we are using place value charts. Nightly homework is 20 minutes IXL skills practice in Level G, Section W: Place Value.

Ms. Raimo's sixth grade ELA students designed, "Unique Winter Sweaters," and wrote essays about why they chose their specific styles. Everyone's personality is displayed in their original designs. They added bling, stayed with classic winter theme, or incorporated the holidays. In math, sixth grade students are learning to simplify algebraic expressions by applying the properties of operations to combine like terms. For example, the terms $2x$ and $4y$ are not like terms because they do not have the same variable (x & y). Whereas $2y$ and y have the same variable (y) which makes them like terms that can be combined.

Ms. Alberque's fifth Grade ELA students have been learning about morphology, which is the study of words and how they are formed, and morphemes, which are the smallest unit of meaning in a word. So, as we learn the meanings of prefixes, suffixes, base words, and roots, this knowledge will help the students break down the words into morphemes, read and understand words.

Season's Greetings