



Bulldog News

@ Grant Elementary School

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

Pre-K: Dr. Steele

We have had a busy January, even with the delayed openings, early dismissals and school closing! We celebrated the Great Kindness Challenge dressed as rock stars and super heroes. We have also been working hard in class learning our letters, shapes, and numbers!

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Character Theme:

HONESTY

is being truthful in
what you say and do





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Kindergarten: Mrs. Romba & Ms. Martinez

We are doing such a great job at reading and writing. Journal writing and opinion writing are keeping us busy. Comparing numbers and learning about our senses will be our new topics in February. February has many things for us to learn about such as: Groundhog Day, President’s Day, 100th Day of School, Valentine’s Day, Dental Health Month and Black History Month. We enjoyed participating in the Kindness Challenge and checking off items on our kindness list. Being rockstars and part of a team were lots of fun.

1st Grade: Mrs. Kelly

Can you believe we are almost at the 100th day of school? January was filled with inclement weather, conferences, the week of Kindness, and National Day of Play. February is bringing some fun celebrations as we prepare for Valentine’s Day and the 100th Day. An important part of learning is having fun allowing us to embrace these special times. We appreciate your continued efforts in making sure they have appropriate support at home, and to encourage students to be their best; the difference it makes for our students shows! In math, we finished Topic 7- Extending the Counting Sequence and are beginning Topic 8- Understand Place Value. We have learned to count to 120 and beyond, not only by 1s but also 5s and 10s. We can count on by 10s and 1s. We are understanding the meaning of the place a digit is within a numeral. We work regularly on our basic addition and subtraction facts to 20, building fluency. In ELA, we have been working on writing multiple sentences. This requires continued practice of many skills- coming up with an idea, use of sight words, sounding out words, using our spelling words, and handwriting. Please continue to practice this at home by telling and writing stories. We are loving our daily read aloud stories and have had fun with the themes. Nonfiction Animals and Humor have been recent favorites. In our Social Studies series, we are exploring the 5 themes of geography. In Science we are learning about the sky and Earth. Homework is released in Google Classroom daily, along with a little bit of information about what we are learning. Students should be finding ways to practice reading, writing, and facts outside of school. Please work on independence in preparing to go outside (putting on and zipping coats, hats, and gloves/mittens) to help ensure a smooth dismissal process in this colder weather. Please reach out with your questions or concerns, I am here to help.





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1st Grade: Mrs. Walker & Ms. Bodnar

Happy New Year! In language arts, we have started to read nonfiction books and students are continuing to work on phonics skills and writing in their notebooks often. In science, we are looking at patterns in the sky and in social studies, we are learning about patriotic symbols. In math, we are learning how to put data from surveys into tally charts and picture graphs. It is now January and we are tracking every student's reading on a daily basis. Students must either log into RazKids daily or fill out a paper reading log. There is usually 1-2 pages of math homework each night. Please check your students backpacks and folders daily to make sure they are completing their homework.

2nd Grade: Mrs. Spina

Second graders are learning three purposes for reading and writing- to persuade, to inform, and to entertain. We have been enjoying some entertaining themes in our language arts program, specifically humorous characters and trickster tales. Students analyzed the characters in the stories by looking for clues in the author's words and in the illustrator's drawings. We can give good book talks. Ask your children about Tacky, Miss Nelson, and Edwin. You will surely be entertained! In math, we continue to add and subtract two 2-digit numbers by building with place-value blocks and drawing models. We can apply this skill to solve multi-step word problems. Please practice facts nightly by using the personalized student study guide glued in planners. We began Earth science and are exploring our planet. We can identify landforms and bodies of water. Our Social Studies unit in Civics will conclude next week. After that, we will work on Geography which overlaps nicely with our Earth Science lessons and investigations.

2nd Grade: Mrs. Dinkjian

Our class members have created personal SMART goals for the new year. Having a goal helps us stay focused and persevere, which is the school's theme for January as part of our Character Strong program. Please ask your child what they chose as a personal goal for 2024. Each day your child should have their planner and blue folder at home with them. Please check both to see what they are required to complete for homework. Additionally, throughout the school year your child has been assigned IXL to reinforce skills taught in class. Assigned work has a golden star to it's left. Once your child complete the assignment, their grade will be visible at the end of the individual assignment. We're all shooting for the stars—we're shooting for 100 because we can be stellar students. The second graders are becoming aware of the importance of learning their basic math facts because they are the foundation of all other math. Please work with your child everyday on skip counting by twos, fives, and tens. They should be able to do this backwards as well. Addition and subtraction fact families should be as familiar to the students as their own names—knowing them without much thought. The second graders wrote and decorated Valentines for Veterans to celebrate both, our veterans and Valentine's Day. The letters will be delivered to the veterans next week.