



Bulldog News

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Character Theme:

HONESTY

is being truthful in
what you say and do

Edited by Mr. Lenart

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

Third Grade: Ms. Leon

The love for education is in the air this February! We have been working hard with fractions and multiplication. No broken hearts here, but they know one would be two halves! They have learned to use manipulatives as much as possible because as we know, resources are essential for learning! We are using fraction tiles, base ten blocks, counters and much more. In ELA, the students are exploring different genres and themes. We wrapped up our Movie Study and analyzed "Despicable Me" to describe the main elements and how it can relate to texts. Our students have begun to analyze Informational Text as a part of the next Writing Unit. Look out for their report in the next few weeks! In science, we are learning about Life Cycles and Traits. They are very curious how they are just like their parents! Finally, in social studies they are discovering the characteristics of place in regards to Location. I am so proud of their hard work and dedication. As always, thank you for your support!

Third Grade: Mrs. Yoon

This month our class had a blast with an interdisciplinary unit of studies about Lunar New Year. In writing, we wrote, "How to Eat with Chopsticks," after eating fried dumplings which were lovingly prepared by one of our parents. What fun that was! In math, we learned about Chinese tangrams and identified the shapes in them. Then, they created various animal puzzles by flipping, sliding, and rotating them. In social studies, some of our students brought in beautiful traditional outfits and artifacts from Vietnam, China, and Korea that are often worn on Lunar New Year's Day. Thanks to those parents who made these activities possible! We love every opportunity to learn from one another and appreciate the diversity among us.





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Fourth Grade: Ms. Fenton

Happy February! Fourth Grade students are continuing to dive into the world of nonfiction. After exploring the text structures that nonfiction authors use, fourth graders became text detectives by investigating the text features included in their books. Now, students are using what they have learned to explore the author's point of view. We will be taking on the challenge of reading paired texts to accomplish this goal! In writing, students continue to explore nonfiction works through the practice of memoir writing. Each student has chosen a special memory to share. They are working on including strong details and descriptive language. As always, we continue to improve our writing skills through the study of grammar and phonics. Please encourage your child to read daily for 15-20 minutes and check the Google Classroom for homework assignments.

We appreciate your support!



Fourth Grade: Ms. Mastellone

I cannot believe how quickly the year is going. Your fourth grade mathematicians are tackling fractions with hands-on activities using models and number lines to grasp addition and subtraction concepts effectively. In science, we're exploring Earth's natural hazards like volcanoes, earthquakes, and hurricanes, discussing their impacts on people and environments. Meanwhile, in social studies, your children are delving into the diverse regions of the United States, learning about their unique geography, cultures, and landmarks.



Fourth Grade: Ms. Zambrano

To start February, the fourth graders designed and constructed their very own landforms. Some took on coastal cliffs, while other made mountains and plateaus. They used, clay, construction paper, rocks, and cardboard to form their creations which they then presented to the class. While developing their models, they learned how Earth's plates can cause these landforms to natural arise! In social studies the students have been working hard to locate regions of New Jersey and the United States. They discovered that we are located in the Piedmont region of New Jersey, and the Northeast region of the U.S! These lessons allowed the 4th graders to learn how each area has its own unique physical geography, climate, vegetation, and natural resources.



Small Group Instruction: Ms. Alberque

As the students learn various grammar and spelling rules, they collaborate on assignments to discuss the concepts and support each other's learning. This process enhances their learning experience and boosts their confidence. Please check your child's planner for their homework and remind your child to read every day. In fourth grade math, we are multiplying and dividing multi-digit numbers. In third grade math, we are focusing on fractions. Savvas interactive videos are posted in Google Classroom for the Math lessons to help your child understand the concepts.

Small Group Instruction: Mrs. Conversano and Mrs. Marin

In math, fourth grade students have been using area models and partial products to multiply by breaking up multiplication equations into smaller equations and then adding them together. Reminder: Nightly homework is 20 minutes IXL skills practice. Students have started working on Figurative Language and they are doing a great job learning different figures of speech that they will use to enhance their writing. They completed a Super Bowl themed project on similes and metaphors and will engage in other fun activities throughout the month to reinforce their understanding of various figures of speech. We are also working on identifying persuasive techniques used in text as well as digital media. We had a great time exploring persuasive techniques used in Super Bowl commercials and we will be using some of the techniques we learned to write some persuasive essays. Remember to read every night and check our Google Classroom for IXL practice.