



Bulldog News

@ Grant Elementary School

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Character Theme:

COURAGE

is choosing what is helpful, right, and kind - even when it's hard or scary

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

Pre-K: Dr. Steele

March has been busy! During Read Across America week, Miss Emelia read to our class. We tried to trap a leprechaun on St. Patrick's Day, but didn't have much luck. We hunted for Easter eggs containing letters of the alphabet and later used the eggs in an art project!



Kindergarten: Mrs. Romba & Ms. Martinez

We learned that March comes in like a lion and goes out like a lamb so we decorated our bulletin board with the Pre-K! Our class is excited about our non-fiction writing, they are writing about animals that their groups are named after. We are beginning to add in math and learning about our senses in science. The Kindergarteners adopted Peeps over the long weekend and had to take care of them. Grant School enjoyed an assembly about recycling sponsored by the Ridgefield Park DPW. We had special readers for Read Across America, many thanks to Dr. V., Barbara Beeman from the Ridgefield Park Women's Club, Officer J, Elian from Mrs. Dinkjian's class, and Mrs. Gerard's sixth grade class.



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1st Grade: Mrs. Walker & Ms. Bodnar

Students enjoyed two fun assemblies this month with the Harlem Wizards and the Illusion Maker. In reading, we are finishing our unit on folktales and starting to read books that feature poetic language. In writing, students are creating books about how to do some of their favorite activities. In math, we have been learning about adding and subtracting 10 to two-digit numbers. In science, we are finishing up learning about weather and the water cycle and will begin learning about living things. In social studies, we are continuing our discussion of geography and including the geography of our communities. In both math and reading, students are enjoying working in centers doing fun activities in small groups. Please remember to continue to read with your child or make sure they are reading each night. Please be aware that students are still going outside for recess on warmer, sunnier days, so they need to have a winter jacket at school.

1st Grade: Mrs. Kelly

March has brought us beautiful, warm, and sunny days recently. I know the kids are excited about the changes spring brings; new life outside, changes in after school activities, more outdoor recess, and a new trimester. I appreciate the continued efforts and support in making sure that students are prepared each day during this busy season. I see how directly your encouragement, support, and time invested also impact your student. Our class has been celebrating Read Across America all month long, fostering a love of reading with special readers and DEAR time. Students should be continuing to practice reading at home, using their strategies to tackle unfamiliar words, mastering sight words, looking for different parts of speech, and enjoying different genres of books. Writing is part of our daily routine at school and can be at home as well by making lists, writing letters, or having a word hunt. In math, we completed Topic 10, Use Models and Strategies to add Tens. We are continuing to add numbers in different ways (for example using a number line or models). This topic can be challenging, especially for those struggling with counting. At home, students can continue to practice their basic facts (addition and subtraction), along with the strategies they are learning. In social studies, students are learning about history. In science, we are learning about weather and seasons. At home, keep checking planners and Google Classroom daily; please make sure students are doing them and turning them in. Watch for announcements about upcoming activities or events. If you have specific concerns about your student, please reach out directly to me, I am here to help!



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2nd Grade: Mrs. Spina

Read Across America Day is traditionally celebrated on March 2, however we have been celebrating reading all month long! Research shows that students who will make the most progress are the ones who are engaged in all daily lessons and consistently complete homework. Reading daily is key. Reading improves concentration and memory, builds vocabulary and strengthens writing abilities. Reading enhances knowledge. It increases imagination and creativity. Reading together can help kids and parents relax and reduce stress. In class, we make reading fun while practicing many comprehension skills such as retelling a story with main idea and details in sequence, drawing conclusions, and analyzing characters. The students enjoyed Spirit Week to start the month. To end the month, made a March Madness bracket for our favorite character. Ask your child who won. We had so much fun with this! Happy Reading!

2nd Grade: Mrs. Dinkjian

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. Your second grader is learning about telling time on analog clocks as well as digital clocks. The students have been given a great website to use while at home. Please ask them to show it to you. You can play a game by asking them to create the time right down to the minute without using the minute hand! Knowledge is power, and they're becoming such powerful second graders. The students love using the manipulatives for this—and the teachers loving having them available for use by the students—manipulatives make everything so much more fun! Please make certain that your child is reading every night and writing about their reading. It's really the only way to become better at it, and it opens up a world of possibilities to them. Reading is travel and adventure in their minds. It will take them places they haven't actually been and give them experiences they haven't had in reality. Reading is FUN-damental!

