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FAY GALLOWAY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL



IMPORTANT DATES ✓

February 5-13
Friendship Grams

February 6
Dine Out Night
Chipotle

February 7
Spring Pictures

February 14
Happy Valentine's Day

February 15
SOT Meeting

February 19
Presidents' Day-No
School

**February 26-
March 1**
Reading Week



PRINCIPALLY SPEAKING...



Greetings Galloway Families.

Happy February! I hope this newsletter finds you happy, healthy, and ready to embrace the joy and excitement that this month brings. As we navigate through the chilly winter season, our Galloway Elementary School community continues to shine brightly with the warmth of shared experiences, achievements, and the spirit of learning.

Our dedicated teachers, staff, and students have been working hard to create a positive and engaging learning environment, and I am continually inspired by the enthusiasm and creativity that fill our school halls. As we embark on the second month of the year, let's celebrate the successes of our students, nurture a strong sense of community, and support one another in our educational journey.

I want to express my sincere gratitude to our dedicated teachers, staff, and parents for their ongoing support. Together, we make a difference in the lives of our students.

Thank you for being an integral part of our Galloway family. If you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to reach out to the school office.

Wishing you a wonderful February filled with joy, success, and memorable moments.

Dr. Griffin

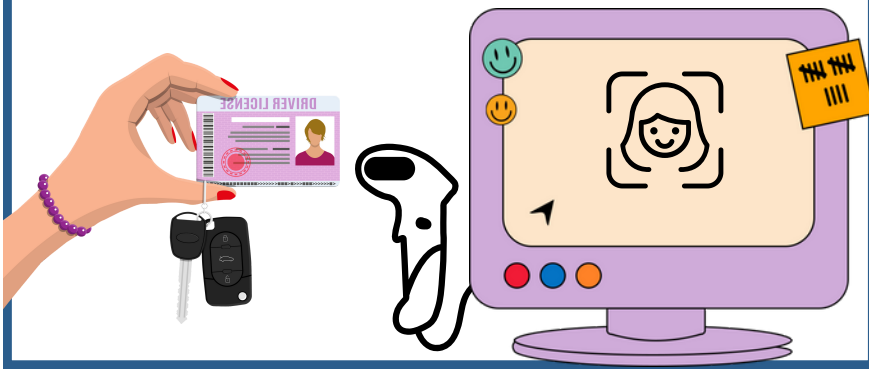


Principal

FROM THE OFFICE

Just a reminder: when picking up a student, visiting, or volunteering during school hours you will need to check in on the computer in the front office with a valid driver's license.

Please note, only people on the student's pickup list will be permitted to take the student home. This is required before picking up a student or entering the school.



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Have Questions? Visit our school website.

We do our best to keep you up to date and informed through our website.

Need your child's teacher's email address? Want to know what the school is serving for lunch? Need a prearranged absent form?

These answers and more can be found on our school website. Visit our school website for more information.



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POSTIVE PANTHERS

Antoinette Ischer-5
Arianna Culpepper-5
Austin Moering-4
Ava Bell-5
Berkley Trummell-5
Camila Rivas-2
Carter Charles-4
Chloe Curtis-1
Daxton Robert-K
Deagen Hahn-2
Erik Almorejo Campos-3
Everardo Carranza-3
Faith Reginaldo-3
Frankie Martinez-K
Gavin Snowden-4
Ivan Martinez-3
Jayden Johnson-3
Kaleb Cruz-1
Kaysen Roth-2
Madison Snowden-2
Maveric Nosker-3
Maverick Hartcom-K
Mylah Hall-4
Santiago Cruz-K
Stella Ford-2
Wesley Yacobian-1
Zaylee Cross-1



KINDERGARTEN

This month, Kindergarten students are continuing to learn their letter sounds and sight words. They are practicing decoding skills to become independent readers! To support your student at home, please continue to practice the sight word lists being sent home. Additionally, read nightly with your student and have them tell you the characters, setting and plot from each book. In math, students are working on addition within 10. They have even started to learn subtraction! At home, please practice adding and subtracting items to 5 in different combinations to help with math fluency. Kindergarten students also started their last science unit on sunlight and weather. They have been learning about the different types of weather to become weather scientists. Thank you for your continued support of your students' learning at home!



FIRST GRADE

This month, first grade students are understanding the essential questions of, "How do things in nature change?" This essential question in reading also ties into first grade science lessons as well. In writing, students are working on making a poem about things they enjoy. In math, students are diving into, understanding place value and soon moving into comparing two-digit numbers. At home, please continue to read for at least 15 minutes with your child. For math, practice with your child counting to 120 and adding and subtracting numbers to 20. Thank you for the continued support and guidance in your child's education.

SECOND GRADE

This past month in second grade, students have been continuing to build and strengthen their reading, writing, and listening skills as we finish up the Module 5 Leadership topic. In Module 6, students will switch gears and move into learning about the weather and how it may change from season to season. At home, try to incorporate questions into your daily conversation such as, "What has the temperature been like lately?" Some activities to try that students would love are pretending to be a weather person and give a forecast from the book you are reading or something as simple as raising a hand when you hear/read about weather in a book. In writing, students have moved on from personal narratives to informational writing. They are practicing taking notes on topics that they can teach their readers about. Please continue to have your child fix any grammar mistakes you notice in their nightly homework. In science, students will start learning about properties of material. Lastly, in math students have wrapped up learning about time and money and are now going to be working with numbers within 1,000. It is more important now than ever to practice their math fluency when time permits. Thank you for your continued support, it is truly appreciated.

THIRD GRADE

This month in third grade, students are adding more to their growing math, reading, and writing skills. In math, students are building on their knowledge of addition, subtraction, multiplication, and division in order to solve two-step word problems. Please continue to work with your child on three-digit addition and subtraction problems, as well as on their multiplication/division facts. This will ensure students are equipped for future math concepts. In addition, students will begin to broaden their understanding of fractions by naming the equal parts of a whole, naming the unit fraction of a whole, and representing fractions on a number line. You can help support your child's understanding of fractions by showing them how fractions can be used in everyday life. Cooking together might be a great way to do this! In writing, students are writing opinion pieces that are supported with reasons. The team is happy to see the growth students have made since the beginning of the school year and look forward to seeing how much more they will grow in the months to come. Thank you for your continued support!



FOURTH GRADE

This month, fourth grade students have been working on a variety of important reading skills such as asking and answering questions, text structure, and theme. Our overall topic is called, "Marvels of Nature" Students have been able to read a variety of interesting stories focusing on aspects of nature and the world. In math, students just finished working on finding equivalent fractions and comparing fractions. Students are beginning to work on adding and subtracting fractions with like denominators. In science, students are just finishing the Vision and Light topic. Students will soon begin learning about Earth's features. Recently, students were introduced to computer science. This is where students can work on their Chromebooks and practice their coding skills. Student learning can be supported at home through the weekly homework packets that are assigned. You can stay connected to your child's teacher through Class Dojo, where updates will be posted.

FIFTH GRADE



This month fifth grade students are completing their study of adding and subtracting fractions with unlike denominators. Next in math, students will learn all about multiplying fractions. In science, students began attending Starbase, which focuses on hands-on science, technology, engineering, and math lessons. In social studies, students are learning about events that led to the Revolutionary War and soon will be learning about the formation of the U.S. Government. In reading, students are learning about literary elements, point of view, visualization, and theme. Stories that students are reading are themed around art (music, dance, and performance). You can best support your child by reviewing what was learned in school as well as checking Infinite Campus to stay up to date with recent test scores so students can decide if makeups are needed.

MRS. FORBES & MRS. THOMPSON

Preschool students have been busy learning about winter, informational texts, and how to be problem-solvers. Students are looking forward to learning about friendship and dental health. Our team hopes you can join us for our next family engagement day on Friday, February 16, 2024. Our classes love spending time with your family in the community. Also, if you are interested in being a guest reader for Nevada Reading Week and reading in our classroom, please let us know.

MRS. HOLMAN'S CLASS

This month students will be learning about Famous Americans and how important they were in changing and growing our country. In reading, students continue to grow in learning new vocabulary and becoming stronger and fluent readers. In math, students are learning new strategies to add bigger numbers and figuring out which strategy works best for them. It is important to read with your student for at least 15 minutes per night to continue to build their confidence and strengthen their skills.



MRS. CARR'S CLASS

In Ms.Carr's class this month, students are nurturing their love of learning with double-digit addition and subtraction in math with and without regrouping. Students are also learning all about place value and rounding. In reading and writing, students are learning all about what it takes to become a good writer and how to write a proper informational paragraph. Reading to your student every night is the best way to help your student develop a love for reading. Thanks so much for your support of your student's success in the classroom.

MS. WILLIAMS' CLASS

This month in Primary Autism, the reading module focuses on "What makes the USA special?" The book shows the different landscapes, natural features, and varied geography of the United States. Students are learning the letters U, W, and Y and sight words: up, was, and you. In math, students are still mastering adding and subtracting numbers within 10. In writing, students are focusing on poetry. Our class is discussing the genre characteristics and identifying the meaning of a poem. In science, students are learning to identify sources of energy used every day. In social studies, students are learning about personal, home, and school responsibilities. Please feel free to contact me on Class Dojo if you have any questions or concerns. Thank you for your continued support.

MR. WILL'S CLASS

Happy Valentine's Day! This month, students in the STAR class will be reading about famous inventors and the effort they put into their creations. Students will also be focusing on constructing arguments in writing around what they think should change in school. Their published copies will be read to our lovely administration! In math, students are continuing to practice math facts through 12. In science, students are working on understanding the process of natural selection and their new topic of computer science has them learning the basics of creating programs!

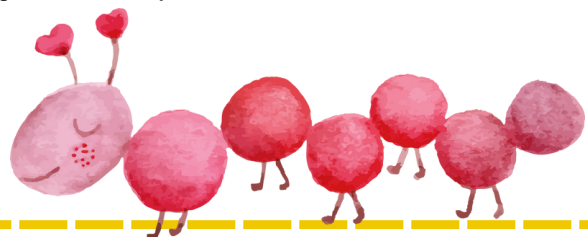
Please feel free to reach out via ClassDojo with any questions or concerns.

MR. & MRS. VARGAS

Happy Valentine's Day! This month, students in the resource classroom are working towards mastering their reading, writing, and math goals. In writing, students are learning how to utilize a graphic organizer when presented with a topic or prompt. Students are also learning appropriate capitalizations, punctuations, and grammar usage. In math, students continue to work on multiplication facts and solving addition and subtraction problems. Primary grades are mastering numbers 1 to 100 and fact families. In reading, some students are focused on phonics and decoding, while others are answering comprehension questions about the main idea and supporting details, as well as comparing and contrasting. At home, parents can continue with reading logs and reinforce comprehension by asking questions about the story.

ART NEWS FROM MRS. HEFFNER

Coming in February, student art work, from grades K-5 will be displayed throughout the hallways of Galloway Elementary school as a sort of art gallery. The theme is "nature." Students worked on these works of art in the fall and winter, and they will be on display through the spring. First grade students created paintings of flowers with watercolors. Second grade students painted the jungle with tempera paints. Third grade students created an aspen tree picture using tape and watercolors. Fourth grade students made a sunset silhouette using black construction paper and watercolor paints. Fifth grade students created a tree collage using construction paper. And COMING SOON, Kindergarten students will paint a desert picture using tempera paints. If you happen to be walking down the hallways of our school, see if you can spot some of the beautiful pictures the students created in art class!



FROM OUR COUNSELOR

Hello Galloway Families,

2024 is off to a fast-paced start from the return of the winter holidays. Our focus will be on character-development for the remainder of the school year. In second grade, students will be working on some team building and cooperation lessons. Third grade lessons are continuing with a focus on conflict resolution and positive, peaceful problem-solving. The fifth grader students are eagerly preparing for their middle school transition as well.

There will be a Mannion Middle School field trip for our rising fifth graders on February 27, 2024. All of our rising fifth graders are invited to attend this field trip, whether Mannion Middle School will be their school of attendance next year or at another middle school. This trip will give students a vital glimpse into the daily activities and procedures in a middle school, and students will be exposed to the exciting opportunities of electives they may want to pursue next year. There will also be a parent meeting at Mannion Middle School on the same date at 6:00 pm.

As always, weekend food resources are available to our students on a request-basis; do not hesitate to reach out if you have any questions about these opportunities. Have a wonderful month, Galloway!

Lots of love,

- Mrs. Lynch

