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FAY GALLOWAY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL



JANUARY 2024

IMPORTANT DATES ✓

January 1

Happy New Year's-
No School

January 2

Classes Resume

January 15

Martin Luther King
Jr. Day-No School

January 22

Staff Development
Day-No School

January 29-

February 2

Book Fair



PRINCIPALLY SPEAKING...



Dear Galloway Families,

Happy New Year! I hope this message finds you well and still filled with the warmth of the holiday season. As we step into January, it marks not only the beginning of a new year but also the start of exciting opportunities and growth for our school community.

I extend a warm welcome back to all our students, teachers, and staff. It's wonderful to see the halls filled with energy and enthusiasm once again.

January is a perfect time to encourage our students to set personal and academic goals for the upcoming months. We believe that every goal achieved is a step toward lifelong success.

Stay tuned for exciting events and activities planned for the month, including our parent attendance workshop and the book fair.

We value the involvement of our parents and guardians in the education process. If you have any ideas, suggestions, or would like to volunteer, please don't hesitate to reach out to me.

Let's make 2024 a year of growth, collaboration, and achievement. Thank you for your continued support, and together, we will create a positive and enriching learning environment for our students.

Wishing you a fantastic start to the new year!



Warm regards,

Dr. Griffin



Principal

FROM THE OFFICE

YEARBOOK

PRESALE

JANUARY 2 - MARCH 8



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POSTIVE PANTHERS

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Louhey Bates-K
Legend Binder-K
Kinley Buckles-2
Brody Buckles-4
Zariah Butler-3
Leila Chapman-2
Leihana Corrales-2
Aubrey Davis-3
Mathew Delgado-1
Peter Drury-1
Cain Enriques-1
Kaleah Holmes-5
Braylon Hunt-5
Dontrey Lathan-5
Czarina Mababa-5
Lanyla Maloon-5
Brielle Morales-1
Lucy Nielson-K
Juliet Portillo-1
Mariah Raugust-2
Moises Rodriguez-4
Augustina Sanz-Boulder-3
Tayler Scott-4
Gwendolyn Sherman-3
Isaac Ulibarri-4
Falon Wibiral-4

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



KINDERGARTEN

In reading, kindergarten students will be continuing to work on letter sounds and sight words. To support students with this at home, make sure to practice the sight word lists that are coming home. Also, read a book nightly and have your student retell the story in their own words. In math, kindergarten students are going to start working on addition within 10. At home, please practice adding items up to 5 in different combinations to help with math fluency. This month Kindergarten will focus on Social Studies and Health standards, such as citizenship, keeping ourselves healthy, and fighting germs. Thank you for supporting your Kindergartener with their learning at home!

FIRST GRADE

In first grade, students will be working on skip counting by 10s to 120 in math. The tricky part about skip counting by 10s is that you can start on any number! Our focus won't just be on the basic 10,20,30,40, etc., but rather on 55,65,75,85, or 21,31,41,51, and so on. Practice skip counting by 10s at home with your child! Use a 100's chart or hands-on material like dry noodles to create groups of 10. In reading, students will be focusing on topic and central ideas in stories. This revolves around what the story is about (topic) and what the MOST important idea/detail is (central idea)! Within the topic and central idea, students will also work on making predictions and connections. These are "smart guesses," that connect directly to our prior knowledge of the topic, or what the pictures and words are telling/showing us. Practice this at home by reading a story with your child. Ask your student probing questions about what the story is about!



SECOND GRADE

Happy New Year and welcome back. We are very excited to be back with our school families! In math, students are learning how to tell time and count money. Please practice at home by giving your child real learning opportunities with those tools. In reading, students are exploring how to become good leaders with the help of stories they are reading. As you are reading nonfiction books with your child, draw attention to how the author uses the text features throughout the text and discuss all the information that can be drawn from the pictures, diagrams, maps, and captions. In writing, students are learning and practicing informative and explanatory text. The report cards have been posted on Infinite Campus. As you review grades, think of positive ways you can work toward reaching a new goal. As a reminder, the students are working to make their learning goals in Edmentum Exact Path. You can easily check their units and minutes by having your child log on to the account via Clever. Thank you for your support in helping your child. It really does take a village! So, come one and all every day, be prepared and ready to learn, and let's kick off the new year right!

THIRD GRADE

Happy New Year! Students have learned so much in the past several months, but there is so much more to come! The focus of students reading lessons throughout January will be on informational text. A genre focus on nonfiction provides students with opportunities to identify the author's purpose, central idea, and text structure to better understand unfamiliar texts. Please continue to read for 30 minutes and discuss reading every night. In math, students will be using strategies and properties to add and subtract 3-digit numbers with and without regrouping. In mid-January, the main focus will be understanding fractions as numbers and identifying equivalent fractions. Please continue working on multiplication fact fluency at home to ensure those skills stay strong. Students are also working on SBAC testing preparation. Fay Galloway students will be testing in the spring for both ELA and math. Please know that we are here to help your child in any way we can.

FOURTH GRADE

This month, in math, students will be finishing up factors and multiples and begin the move into fractions. In literacy, students are starting with the art of poetry and will then begin to learn about some marvels of nature. Please continue to have your child read for at least 20 minutes nightly. Be sure your child reads a variety of texts including both fiction and non-fiction pieces. Please be sure to ask your child comprehension questions as they read so you can help them better understand what they have read. Updates will be posted regularly in Class Dojo.

Thank you for all your support.



FIFTH GRADE

This month, fifth grade students are starting off the new year strong! Students will be participating in the STARBASE Program and will be engaging in a lot of hands-on STEM activities. In history, students will be moving from the American Revolution to the US Constitution and the formation of our government. Math is all about adding and subtracting fractions. In reading, students will continue working on literary elements such as theme, characters, and plot in fictional biographies as they relate to the arts. In writing, students will begin the new year with personal narratives. Please make sure your child is doing their enVision math homework each night, as well as their spelling and Read and Respond Journal for reading. This will help them stay on track in class. As always, Edmentum ExactPath via Clever is a great way to accelerate their learning.

MRS. FORBES & MRS. THOMPSON

We can not believe that the school year is halfway over already. Pre-K enjoyed learning about family traditions and how they celebrate the holidays. In January, students will be learning about Winter and will be focusing on writing shapes, letters, and numbers.

MRS. HOLMAN'S CLASS

This month students will be starting a new Computer Science curriculum. Students had some coding practice in December that taught them how exact the codes need to be to move an object. In reading, students continue to build their vocabulary and are working on digraphs and tri-graphs. In math, students are learning various strategies to add multi-digit numbers using place value and various multiplication strategies. Continue working on sight words and at least 15 minutes of reading a night to strengthen and grow your students abilities.

MRS. CARR'S CLASS

Happy New Year! We are excited to bring in the New Year with many new learning adventures. This month in SLD Intermediate students are starting their studies about winter animals, hibernation, and adaptation. In math, students are continuing their work with multiplication facts and digging deeper into word problems. In writing, students are continuing to learn how to write proper sentences and paragraphs, and digging deeper into the writing process. Thank you for always supporting our classroom.

MS. WILLIAMS' CLASS

This month's reading module focuses on the statement, "I can do it." This statement is reinforced by modeling positive self-talk, creating a list of positive self-talk statements, and discussing the benefits of positive self-talk. Students are learning the letters Q, R, S, and T and sight words: quiet, run, said, and that. In math, students are working on adding and subtracting numbers within 10. In writing, students are focusing on prewriting, drafting, revising, editing, and publishing. In science, students are learning about the properties of certain materials and discovering that these properties can be observed, measured and predicted. In social studies, students are learning about the reasons for making rules within schools and describing the roles and responsibilities of leaders in families. Please feel free to contact me on Class Dojo if you have any questions or concerns. Thank you for your continued support. Have a Happy New Year!



MR. WILL'S CLASS

Happy New Year! This month, STAR students will be learning how to write a persuasive letter using inspiration from stories in reading on friendship. Students will be continuing to focus on fossils and rock layers in science as they learn how to read layers from millions of years ago!

Let's start the new quarter and new year on a high note!

MR. & MRS. VARGAS

This month students in the resource classroom are working towards their goals in reading, writing, math, and social/emotional skills. In reading, students are learning the foundational skills including phonemic awareness, phonics, and word recognition for fluency and accuracy in order to support comprehension. In math, students are still mastering the multiplication facts and solving addition and subtraction with and without regrouping. In writing, students are working on the writing process and developing complete sentences. For social/emotional skills, students are learning the ways to self-regulate emotions through modeling, video clips, social stories, social skill games, and conversation cards or discussion cards. To reinforce the goals, parents are encouraged to have some DEAR time at home (Drop Everything and Read) using familiar books or any social story books. Students will continue to have practice drills in multiplication, addition, and subtraction.

LIBRARY NEWS FROM MRS. CARNEY

Happy New Year! During the first semester, students learned about library organization and how to care for books. This next semester, the focus will be on inquiry research and story elements.

Save the date! Our next Book Fair will run from January 29 through February 2. Flyers with more information will be coming home soon.

Please have your child practice responsibility by returning library books on time. Also, please keep your child reading at home and continue signing off on their Apple Core bookmarks. The more they read, the better they will become. Remember that reading with someone or listening to someone read can be just as valuable as the students reading themselves. The suggested daily reading minutes are as follows:

- Kindergarten, 1st, 2nd, and 3rd grades - 15 minutes,
- 4th and 5th grades - 30 mins.



FROM OUR COUNSELOR

Happy Holidays, Galloway families! I hope you are all staying healthy and smiling through this holiday season.

In the coming weeks, there are some very exciting opportunities for our fifth-grade students as they prepare to transition into middle school. Magnet middle schools in the valley are accepting applications for rising 6th graders. These Magnet schools offer specialized programs and vary depending on the school's area of study. Magnet Schools offer programs for the Arts, International Baccalaureate, STEM, and Leadership/Communication. More information can be found on the CCSD Magnet School Webpage: https://magnet.ccsd.net/apps/pages/index.jsp?uREC_ID=500396&type=d&pREC_ID=962311.

The application deadline is January 9, 2024, at 3pm.



EVERY DAY MATTERS

An Interactive Workshop
for CCSD Families



Join us for a fun, game-based workshop to explore the strong link between consistent attendance and student achievement. Learn about the resources available at your school, community, and district to support your child's academic success.

Who: Parents and Families
When: Thursday, January 18, 2024
Time: 9:30 a.m.
Where: Galloway Elementary School
Address: 701 Skyline Rd
Henderson, NV 89002

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