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FAY GALLOWAY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL



IMPORTANT DATES



December 4

Color Me Mine 4:00pm-6:30pm

December 8

Winter Pajama Dance

December 8-15

Happy Hanukkah

December 12

SOT Meeting

December 13

The Glee & Sign Language Winter Performance

December 11-15

Holiday Store

December 15

End of First Semester

December 18-January 1

Winter Break-No School

December 25

Merry Christmas

December 26-January 1

Happy Kwanzaa

January 1

Happy New Year



PRINCIPALLY SPEAKING...



Dear Galloway Community,

As we step into the festive month of December, I extend warm greetings to all our students, parents, and staff. It's a time of reflection, celebration, and gratitude, and I want to take a moment to express my appreciation for the incredible efforts and achievements within our school community.

I'd like to acknowledge and celebrate the accomplishments of our students. Our students continue to excel and make us proud. Congratulations to all the students for their hard work and dedication throughout this first semester.

We have completed winter MAP Growth testing and our students are showing growth in both reading and math. You will be receiving information about your student's progress from his/her teacher.

The Turkey Trot was a huge success. The funds raised will play a vital role in enhancing the educational experiences of our students and providing valuable resources for our school. Your involvement not only contributes to the success of our school but also reinforces the spirit of collaboration and unity that makes Galloway Elementary School such a special place. Thank you for being an essential part of our vibrant and supportive community.

Reflecting on the year gone by, I want to express my sincere gratitude to our dedicated teachers and staff, supportive families, and, of course, our incredible students. Your collective efforts have made Galloway Elementary School a thriving and positive learning environment.

On behalf of the entire Galloway Elementary School team, I wish you a joyful holiday season filled with love, laughter, and relaxation. May the coming year bring new opportunities and continued success for our school community. Thank you for your ongoing support.



Dr. Griffin



Principal

FROM THE OFFICE

SPECIAL OCCASIONS (Holidays, Birthdays, etc.)

All food for special occasions must be commercially prepared and individually wrapped in order to minimize risk of food borne illnesses and to avoid known food allergies. Healthy treats are encouraged. We ask that no balloons are delivered to school as they are a distraction from the education setting.



WWW.GALLOWAYES.ORG

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.



TO CONTACT THE OFFICE

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POSTIVE PANTHERS

Dante Aven-4
Samantha Ayala Orellana-3
Brayden Bogden-3
Lili Briski-5
Emily Castillo-4
Isaac Chavez-Ledezma-2
Holland Christensen-1
Izac Peyton Christensen-4
Omari Connelly Barnes-2
Zachary Diem-4
Adrian Enriquez-K
Sultan Francis-1
Lavender Guzman-1
Adeline Hawkins-K
Adrianna Henderson-2
Deavion Hughes-K
Lillian Kreger-3
Griffin Larsen-5
Kataleya Mendoza-3
Jade Montgomery-1
Justine Prince-3
Markley Salcido-2
TJ Scott-5
James Shirley Tecumseh-4
Hailey Short-5
Katie Solis Pichardo-2
Frida Solis Pichardo-2
Corie Woodfill-4



KINDERGARTEN

This month Kindergarten students are learning great things in reading, math, and science! In reading, students are exploring the question, How Can I Be My Healthiest Me? They are also learning how to conduct research writing, including generating questions and finding sources. Students are continuing to learn their letter sounds and to decode CVC words. They now know 36 sight words! In Math, students are learning how to put data into categories and count and compare those categories they made. In science, students have become master engineers and built pinball machines! They have now wrapped up learning about pushes and pulls and will begin to learn about sunlight and weather after the winter break. Please continue to practice sight words at home with your student. Thank you for your continued support and we hope everyone has a wonderful holiday season!

FIRST GRADE

This month first grade students in math are focusing on learning to interpret and organize data. The students are going to look at different graphs and learn what the graphs mean. In reading and science, students will be learning about light and dark and what causes them. The students are reading fiction and nonfiction texts, so please, while reading with your students have them tell you the difference. Make sure your student is getting at least 15 minutes a day of reading at home.

SECOND GRADE

As second grade approaches the end of the calendar year, the students have a lot of learning and fun in store. In math, students are working on solving problems involving addition and subtraction to 1,000 using various strategies. In reading, students are working on learning what lessons characters can learn in a story and understanding the story structure which is the beginning, middle, and end of a story. In science, the students have finished wrapping up the plant and animal investigation unit. Students have an understanding of seed dispersal and how new plants grow. They also learned what plants and animals need to survive in different habitats. In writing, the students are working on narrative writing and taking part in the writing process. All writing pieces will have complete paragraphs with a title, opening sentence, transitions, detailed sentences, and a conclusion. Please practice sight words nightly and encourage your child to read, read, read. We want to thank all our parents for the way they are supporting their children. We hope our families have a wonderful holiday season and an amazing beginning to the new year.



THIRD GRADE

This month third grade students are learning many important concepts in reading, math, and writing. In reading, students are learning to identify and use text and graphic features in informational texts, such as bold text, charts, and diagrams to better understand the text. They are also learning to ask and answer questions about realistic fiction stories before, during, and after they read so they can make predictions, clarify things that might seem unclear, and think more deeply about the text. Students will also identify the theme or “lesson” of a story which will help them make connections and transfer knowledge and apply it in their own lives. 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, and please be sure to ask your child comprehension questions as they read so you can help them better understand what they have read. In math, students are learning to represent and interpret data on various graphs. Students will also solve word problems (“how many more” and “how many less”) using information found in the graphs. Please be sure to continue to practice memorizing the multiplication facts at home to build your child’s fluency skills as they will help your child accurately solve math problems in third grade and the years to come. In writing, students are continuing to work on their persuasive writing pieces to convince their audience to think, feel, or behave a certain way based on the reasons they provide. As always, thank you for your continued support.

FOURTH GRADE

A few more weeks and we will be closing the first semester of the 2023-2024 school year. For the previous months fourth grade students worked on the different strategies for multiplication and division, as well solving problems involving multi-digit numbers. In the coming months, students will be working on solving more word problems that will include the four operations (multi-step word problems). In science students are currently learning about animals such as adaptations and animal senses. In reading, students are focusing on the different reading skills such as making inferences, text structure and summarizing. Updates will regularly be posted in Class Dojo.

Thank you for all your support.
4th Grade Team



FIFTH GRADE

This month, fifth grade students are winding down this semester with excellence! Students just finished learning about the French and Indian war and are headed into the American Revolution. In science, students are learning about outer space. Math is all about division, and in reading students are using main idea, author’s purpose, summaries, and point of view as they learn about caring for our planet. Parents, please make sure your child is doing their enVision math homework each night, as well as spelling and Read and Respond Journal for reading. This will help them stay on track in class. As always, ExactPath via Clever is a great way to accelerate their learning.

MRS. FORBES & MRS. THOMPSON

This month Preschool students are learning about family, counting, and retelling stories. Starting next month, we will be sending Family Projects home for you to complete with your student. You can also help your child at home by practicing writing their name. Thank you to all the families who came to our family engagement day and participated in the Turkey Trot.

MRS. HOLMAN'S CLASS

For the month of December in Mrs. Holman's class, students will be focusing on how holidays are celebrated around the world. That will include many countries and cultures. Students are also working hard to prepare for MAP testing and increasing our sight word knowledge. The winter months are also a great time to learn about animals who hibernate and migrate.



MRS. CARR'S CLASS

This month in Mrs. Carr's class students are learning all about Christmas around the world and all of the traditions and different cultures. Students are also diving deeper into the reading and math curriculum and starting to use regrouping and learning all about the proper way to write a sentence/paragraph. Students are going to be reading all about winter animals and learning about adaptation and hibernation. Thanks to the families who support our class. Happy Holidays!

MS. WILLIAMS' CLASS

This month in Primary Autism students are reading, "How can I be my healthiest me?" Students are learning the letters Q and R, and sight words: quiet and run. In Math, students are working on adding and subtracting numbers within 5. In writing, students are learning research writing by generating and recording ideas. In science, students are using the five senses to learn how to observe the size, shape, texture and color of Christmas tree leaves. In social studies, students are learning how different cultures spend their holidays. 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

This month in Mr. Will's class students are learning about teamwork and how to write persuasive letters. Students are expanding on Zones of Regulation, identifying how their emotions and reactions affect the emotions of others. Students are also learning about fossils and how they form, with examples of fossil and sediment formations from here in Nevada! Thank you for your continued support. Have a fantastic holiday season!

MR. & MRS. VARGAS

Resource classrooms are currently emphasizing social-emotional learning by integrating essential reading foundational skills, comprehension, fluency, and writing practices for expressing opinions and creating narrative and descriptive pieces. In these sessions, students explore stories that specifically highlight social-emotional learning, helping students articulate their emotions effectively and communicate their feelings to others. Additionally, students are acquiring valuable self-regulation strategies and techniques. This also includes teaching students how to advocate for themselves when it comes to emotions or their academics. In the resource classroom, the focus extends beyond foundational skills, students are also working on the development of social-emotional abilities.

ART NEWS FROM MRS. HEFFNER

Happy Holidays everyone!

This fall all students from grades K-5 have created a special picture that will be displayed in the hallways starting the month of January. Kindergarten students will paint a picture of the desert in January and third grader students will paint a winter aspen tree picture in December using tape for tree trunks to show space, which is an element of art. First grade students painted spring flowers. Second grader students painted the jungle. Fourth grade students made a landscape silhouette, and fifth grade students made a tree collage. The theme is "nature".



FROM OUR COUNSELOR

Happy Holidays, Galloway Families!

While the holiday season may come with many challenges, one of the greatest gifts it can give us is time together. As you enjoy this time with your families at home, I encourage you all to connect with one another and cultivate an “attitude of gratitude” in your homes. Research has shown that increasing your gratitude can help boost resilience as well as improve your health overall! Some fun activities to focus on thankfulness at home include: a gratitude scavenger hunt, a “thankful turkey” craft or art project, a scrapbook or photo collection of reasons you are thankful, or even a table talk about what you and your family members are thankful for this year. I know the holidays can become overwhelming at times with all the to-do tasks, and hope each and every one of you finds time to slow down this season and reflect on all the reasons you (and all of us here at Galloway) are so very, very thankful for the good in our lives.

Sending lots of love this, and every, season,

Mrs. Lynch



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HOLIDAYS

