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FAY GALLOWAY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL - January 2023

PRINCIPALLY SPEAKING

Dear Galloway Family,

I can't believe we have already started our second semester of the school year! It has been exciting to see our new after school programs flourish. Our chess club has been very engaging and the students are not only playing chess but also learning how to be kind while competing. They are sharing and learning chess strategies as well. Thanks to Mr. Vargas and Mrs. Vargas for running our chess club! The glee club is filled with students who LOVE to sing. It has been a pleasure watching them practice singing. Thanks to Ms. Kari, Ms. D and Mrs. Holman for leading our glee club! The cheer club is full of energy! It is a joy to watch them cheer. Thanks so much to Mrs. Mason and Ms. Nicole for leading our cheer club. We have lots of students and staff who stay after school to work with our students. I am grateful for them all and even more for the opportunity we have been able to give our students.

If you missed the Galloway Grading Reform Parent Meeting, you may refer to pages 11 - 13 in the [Family Handbook](#) for details on our grading practices/policies. This information and more was covered during the meeting. The handbook can be found on our school website in both the student and the parent sections. If you need help locating it, please feel free to call the school.

As Valentine's Day is approaching, please be reminded the only class treats allowed must be store bought and individually wrapped.

Upcoming Dates to Remember

- Friday, January 20th, ***Progress Reports are accessible in Infinite Campus***
- Monday, January 23rd, No School for students due to CCSD Staff Development Day

Thanks so much for all you do to support our school community.

Respectfully,

Mrs. Smith, Principal

FROM THE OFFICE

When your child is sick, you can either write a note and send it with your child the next returning date to give to the teacher or you may submit an absent note from our school's website instead of sending the note with your child if you prefer.

Submit Student
Absent Note

PTA

Galloway PTA is ready for the new year with lots of fun and exciting events coming up! We have our Science Experiment Event on Tuesday January 31st from 5-7pm in the Galloway multi-purpose room. Our February PTA meeting will be Tuesday February 7th, and we will be selling Friendship-Grams for \$1 from February 6th through the 9th and delivered on the 10th. Please email us at gallowaypta@gmail.com to volunteer or with questions and we hope to see you there!

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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. This and more can be found on our school website. Visit our school website

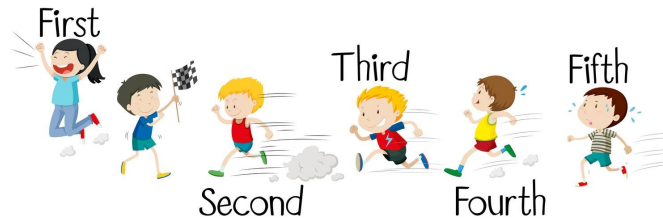
LIBRARY NEWS FROM MRS. CARNEY

Happy New Year! Our next Book Fair will run from January 30th thru February 3rd. You can shop before and after school. Your child can also bring money to shop on their library day. Check out the new [ewallet](#) payment option attached to the book fair flyers. It is a convenient, cashless way for your child to shop on their own. Thank you for your support! Please continue to have your child practice good book care by keeping books in a safe place and returning them on time. Also, please keep your child reading at home and signing off on their Apple Core bookmarks. The more they read, the better reader they will become. Remember that reading with someone or listening to someone read can be just as valuable as the students reading to themselves. The suggested daily reading minutes are as follows: Kinder and 1st grade = 15 minutes., 2nd and 3rd grade = 20 minutes., 4th and 5th grade = 30 minutes. One more thing...Reading Week will be from February 27th to March 3rd. Be on the lookout for more information. If you are interested in being a guest reader, or know someone in the community that could come in and read, please contact me or your child's teacher.



P E

This month in Physical Education class students are briefly going over recess and classroom rules. Then we will be incorporating math into a relay game and end the month with hockey. Safety comes first with hockey so students can be safe while playing. Please encourage your kids to be active and play for at least 30 minutes a day.



MUSIC

Students in grades 3-5 have been reviewing what we know so far with 'ukulele for these past two weeks. We are currently adding more chords to our knowledge base so we can begin to play a wide variety of songs. Students in grades K-2 have been continuing to develop their singing and listening skills through various music activities and games. We are currently focusing on Dalcroze Eurhythmics activities to develop our spatial awareness and ear detection. The Dalcroze activity we are currently doing involves students listening to an instrument (piano or xylophone) to give them cues as to how they need to move in the given classroom space (walking, tiptoeing, or skipping).



Art

For art in January, students in Kindergarten are learning how to draw toys, a self-portrait, their favorite games, and then they will make hats that they can wear home. First grade is drawing and painting abstract style by studying Joan Miro paintings. Second graders get to make clay cups which when they are finished, they can drink out of them! Third grade is learning to draw and paint animals. Fourth grade is studying the art of animation and working on their own flipbook. And finally, fifth graders are studying how to draw the human face realistically.



KINDERGARTEN

It is hard to believe that we are more than halfway through our kindergarten experience! In reading, we are working hard to decode CVC words, learning how to retell stories with lots of details, breaking words apart to identify beginning, middle and end sounds, and practicing our sight words daily! In math, we are learning all about addition and getting ready to tackle subtraction. We can join two parts together to make a whole and write a number sentence to match our picture. We are learning how to problem solve and be math thinkers! In writing, we are learning how to express an opinion and use the word “because” to provide a reason. We are writing complete sentences and drawing pictures that match our words. This month we are learning about the seasons and expressing our opinion about why we like each season and which season we like the best. In science, we are learning about pushes and pulls. We are investigating why things move in different ways and will be building a pinball machine in class to test out our theories! If you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to reach out to your child's teacher.



FIRST GRADE

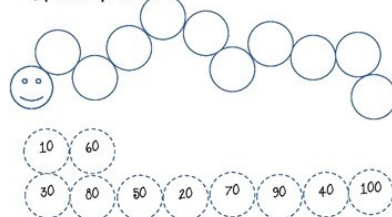
We hope everybody had a wonderful winter break. The students have been really focused since they have returned. In Reach for Reading, we have been working hard on learning spelling and reading words with long vowel sounds. Our Unit 4 Big Question is how do animals change as they grow? We have been reading books and articles that focus on this question which has reinforced what we learned in science. In Envision math, we have been learning how to count by 10s to 120. We have also been working on when to count by 1s or 10s, and we have been using a number chart to 120. As a reminder, please make sure your child is getting at least 15 minutes of reading in a night. You can also make it a game with them by asking them to read labels on the food packages when you go to the grocery store or signs around the neighborhood.

| Spelling Words | |
|----------------|----------|
| 1. her | 6. first |
| 2. fur | 7. quit |
| 3. turn | 8. when |
| 4. bird | 9. name |
| 5. girl | 10. work |

Name _____

Cut and paste in order.

Skip count by 10's



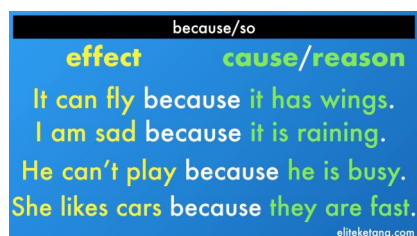
SECOND GRADE

Welcome back families! We are happily starting our year with setting personal academic goals. In health, we are learning about the five food groups and how to make healthy choices. In science, the next unit we will be covering is properties of matter. In Unit 5 in Reach for Reading our big question is “Why is nature always changing?”. In order to answer it, we are reading, writing, and talking about cycles in nature. In math, our students are learning to tell time and solve word problems using money. In writing, we continue to write informative papers that include a topic sentence, several facts and details, and a concluding statement. We look forward to sharing their writing. You can help your child tremendously by reviewing their sight word list each night. We also encourage your child to work on Lexia each evening if they are struggling with reading. Many of our students need to put in extra effort at home in order to catch up. Dream-Box is available for our students that are struggling in math or would like to strengthen their skills. We are hopeful that you will also encourage your child to complete their nightly homework. Please continue to check folders and agendas each night. Thank you for the continued support, we can not do it without you! You are appreciated!



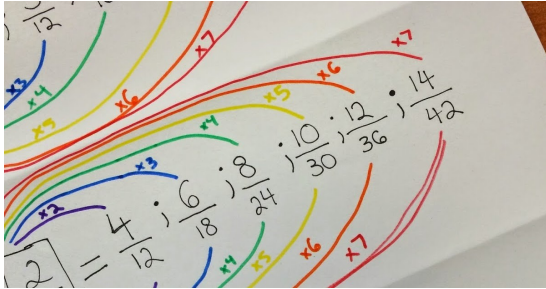
THIRD GRADE

We have already learned so much in the past several months, but there is so much more to come. The focus of our reading lessons throughout January will be on non-fiction reading. In our study of nonfiction text, your child will be learning about text features, supporting details, text structures, and words in context. We will also continue to work on identifying cause and effect, making predictions, and summarizing. As we are learning new reading skills, your child should be practicing at home through independent reading for at least 20 minutes per night and completing their homework nightly. Please continue to read every day with your child at home. Every bit of reading makes a big difference! In math we will be wrapping up using strategies and properties to add and subtract 3 digit numbers with and without regrouping. In mid-January our 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. We are also working on SBAC testing preparation. We will be testing in the first half of April for both ELA and math. As the upcoming months will be challenging with new material and state testing, please know that we are here to help your child in any way we can. Thank you for your continued support!



FOURTH GRADE

Welcome to the second semester! January marks the beginning of the 2nd semester. As we move forward, we encourage our 4th grade students to consistently read at least 20 - 30 minutes everyday. This will help them develop their reading stamina in preparation for the upcoming state assessment. Our learning targets for math are fractions where we add and subtract fractions with like denominators as well as mixed numbers. In reading we are working on making inferences, the author's purpose and plot. Also, on the 31st of January, we will be doing our monthly Class Dojo celebrations for those students who achieve 80% and above for positive behavior. We are grateful for your children and your support!



FIFTH GRADE

What an exciting time for 5th graders! This month students started the Starbase program. Students get a chance to visit the Starbase Henderson facility and participate in hands on S.T.E.M. activities (science, technology, engineering, math). Ask your child about the experience he/she is having. In writing, students have been working on crafting informational essays. They learned how to organize their writing and add details that support their nonfiction topics. Students continue to practice writing strong hooks and proper conclusion sentences. In math, students are on topic 8 of the Envisions math program which focuses on multiplying fractions and mixed numbers. We will be completing the topic 8 summative assessment soon, so it is essential that they complete their independent math work and seek help and clarification when needed.



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SPECIALTY PROGRAMS

We can't believe the year is halfway over! We had an amazing time at the Shark Reef on our last Family Engagement Day. Thank you to all the families who came out for it. We are looking forward to our next one and hope you can join us. This month in Mrs. Thompson and Mrs. Forbes' classes we are learning about winter and animals that hibernate.

Happy New Year dear parents! Hoping you all had a wonderful winter break! Class is back and that means we've been working and learning more in class. In Ms. Calo's class we have been working on adding numbers and learning about 11 to 15. In reading, we are still working with our letters and phonics. We have just finished learning about the letters N, O, and P. We are also learning more about transportation, body parts and 3D shapes. We are having fun doing calming activities too and the kids are doing great in following the rules when we walk in line! We are looking forward to learning more skills!

Mrs. Mason's class has made awesome progress towards our reading goals with the help of our Read Well curriculum and routines! We just completed our unit on Healthy/Not Healthy foods and learned about what it takes to take care of our bodies correctly. In math we are continuing to build our number recognition skills as well as increasing our automaticity with our addition and subtraction facts with some of our groups. Some of our students are making great progress towards their writing goals and have made the transition from tracing our names to copying them. Others have been learning to self-monitor their sentences using 5-star writing! This includes: 1) checking for a starting capital, 2) having finger spaces between our words, 3) having correct punctuation, 4) sounding out unknown words to spell, and 5) making sure we are using our best handwriting. We are looking forward to our upcoming unit which includes learning about community helpers.

In Ms. Carr and Ms. Gabby's class we are busy learning all about how to write proper sentences and paragraphs. We are also starting our winter unit that talks all about winter animals and adaptations. We celebrated the new year with writing all about our goals that we want to accomplish as a class. We are continuing our units in Reach for Reading and Envisions Math. We have made huge growth!

We are so excited to be back in class after the Winter Break. In Mrs. Holman's class our 5th graders are able to participate in the Starbase program as they partner with Mr. Medrano's 5th grade students. They started working with the Department of Defense to do some hands-on STEM activities over the next few weeks. As a whole class we will be studying winter animals and their habitats, eating preferences, and all about hibernation. We are also learning about Martin Luther King, Jr. and his contributions to society. We look forward to continuing a great school year in 2023 with lots of fun and learning!

Happy New Year! In Mrs. Vargas' Primary Resource classroom, students are working on increasing knowledge on phonics and word recognition, answering comprehension questions that target skills on main idea and supporting details, and author's purpose. In math, kinder and 1st grade students are focusing on adding 10s to the given number, and counting to 100. Students are introduced to different instructional materials and tools in order to retain learned lessons. There is also constant re-teaching for review and mastery of skills.

In Mr. Vargas' Intermediate Resource class, we are focusing on writing skills related to opinion, descriptive/narrative, and informative writing. Students use graphic organizers and some use speech to text apps from their iPad. We are consistently working on decoding words and fluency practice to support comprehension in reading and math. Students are enjoying our interactive games and lessons and are encouraged to work cooperatively to reinforce social emotional skills.