

Seventh Avenue Elementary School

Board Report

December, 2017

Mrs. Theresa McBride's Kindergarten Class

The Kindergarten's at Seventh Avenue have been working hard on improving their reading skills. They have gone through the alphabet and learned the primary sounds for each letter. They have also learned how to write their uppercase letters and have now moved on to learning how to write their lowercase letters. As writers, they are transferring their reading skills and segmenting and blending their sounds to write out unknown words. Additionally, the students are incorporating uppercase letters to start their sentences and punctuation to end their sentences. In Math, the students are using their knowledge of numbers 0 - 10 to compose and decompose numbers. They use counters or block towers to model their thinking and are progressing towards writing addition math sentences using the symbols plus and equal to.

Mrs. Kate Fitzgibbon's First Grade Class

First grade has been working hard in reading groups to apply different phonics skills they've learned. They are doing a wonderful job finding r controlled vowels and digraphs in new words. In writing the class continues to plan small moment stories and have done a great job deciding whether a story idea is a watermelon or seed idea. In math, the class has been exploring subtraction and its relationship to addition. The first graders are enjoying learning about the sun, moon, and earth in science.

Mrs. Tammy Mulroy's Second Grade Class

This month 2nd Grade is learning that good readers use many different comprehension strategies to help gain deeper meaning from a story. In writing the students have learned to model their own narrative writing from published authors by studying a mentor text. The students have been practicing how to revise their own writing to include powerful language to convey a feeling and the type of story they want to tell. The students have been very excited about science exploring types of matter and preparing for our house design challenge for the Three Little Pigs.

Mrs. Amanda Applebaum's Third Grade Class

In math, we are continuing to work on multiplication. We are learning new strategies for each factor to help us with our math fluency! In reading, we focused on non-fiction texts and identifying different text features. We are also asking and answering questions before, during, and after reading a text. In an integrated Writing and Social Studies unit, we have been working on "Holidays Around the World" Poetry. We learned about various holidays and we wrote different types of poems about each holiday.

Mrs. Rebecca Wrentzel's Fourth Grade Class

It is hard to believe that we are only a few days away from our winter break. December has been an exciting month in fourth grade. We have been working through a challenging division unit in Math, diving into nonfiction text in Reading, and beginning to learn about the regions of the United States in Social Studies. The character trait of the month for December is kindness. With that, we have been focusing on pointing out the good in each other. We are looking forward to spending time with our friends and families over the break.

Mr. Joseph McAndrew's Fifth Grade Class

Seventh Avenue fifth graders had a very busy December. In reading, they completed their autobiographies by Roald Dahl, Jerry Spinelli, and Ralph Fletch. While reading these books they worked on making and answering inferential questions. In math, they mastered the ability to multiply numbers with decimals. Science had them exploring space. They learned about nearby planets and why we see different stars at varying points in the year. Lastly, in writing, they closed out a unit on narrative essays. The final narrative essay focused on their favorite holiday memory and was shared with their classmates.

Ms. Emily Simper's Sixth Grade Class

The sixth graders have completed one of their favorite projects of trimester 1, the Fakbook Project! They finished their Friendship Unit books and all picked one character from their book to complete the project on. The students created sequential feeds that aligned with the events that occurred in the book from their character's perspective. They also created "photo albums" of events that occurred within the book which they loved!

Ms. Erin Posch ~ Math Support

This month in math, the students of 7th Avenue have been working hard on mastering number operations. 1st grade has been working on subtraction strategies, 2nd grade has been working on strategies for adding two-digit numbers, and 3rd grade has been working on multiplication strategies. 4th grade has been multiplying and dividing whole numbers, and 5th grade has been multiplying and dividing decimal numbers. 6th grade has been making connections between decimals, fractions, and percents, and they have been discussing real-life scenarios that involve all three.

Mrs. Amy Sussman ~ Literacy Support

December is a month of holiday joy! In the lower grades we read books on the different holidays - Christmas, Hanukkah and Kwanzaa. Fifth graders finished the biography unit. The sixth graders completed a "Fakebook" project to finish up the first novel unit!

Ms. Erin Posch ~ ACE

The ACE students at 7th Avenue have started the research phase of their inquiry projects. After winter break, we will be taking a field trip to the Haddon Heights Public Library in order to learn more about how to use the library's resources.

Discipline Summary Report

No students were disciplined this month at our school.

Drill Summary Report

A Fire Drill was conducted on December 12, 2017

A Lockdown w/ Fire Alarm Set Off was conducted on December 13, 2017.