

Seventh Avenue Elementary School

Board Report

February, 2018

Mrs. Theresa McBride's Kindergarten Class

Kindergartners have been very busy building upon their previous math number sense of 1 - 10 to understand 11 - 19. Students have learned to use manipulatives to demonstrate that 10 ones is the same as a group of ten. In addition, numbers 11 through 19 are constructed by using 10 ones and some more ones or 1 group of ten and some ones. In Reading, the students have extended their tool box to include different reading strategies. These reading strategies afford the reader a multitude of different strategies to determine unknown words. Kindergartners also learned that new words can be constructed using word parts by changing the beginning consonant. As writers, they continue to extend their writing by including key details to bring their stories to life. Their narratives now require them to tell the characters, setting and action. In addition, they can make their stories come to life by adding details.

Mrs. Kate Fitzgibbon's First Grade Class

First grade is learning all about Non Fiction text right now. They are really enjoying learning about the different text features of this genre. In Math, they are wrapping up their unit on place value and are about to begin learning about double addition and subtraction. In Writing, the class is publishing their how to pieces and will begin opinion writing soon. The class is loving learning about the solar system in science.

Mrs. Tammy Mulroy's Second Grade Class

This month in Science the students explored *Earth Long Ago*. The class discovered that paleontologists examine fossils to infer what life and animals were like long ago. The students were able to explore real life fossils, amber, and petrified wood! In Social Studies we explored local and national government. This month in Reader's Workshop the class examined informational biography texts about famous Black Americans and the United States Presidents. The students learned about the nonfiction text features: title, header, bold print, label, captions, diagrams, maps, index, and glossaries. (Cont'd)

Mrs. Tammy Mulroy's Second Grade Class (Cont'd)

In Math the class learned how to use place value to add and subtract 3-digit numbers and also explore additional ways to add and subtract 3-digit numbers. In Writing the students chose a famous person and began gathering facts and information to write a report. Lastly the class explored homophones, adding suffixes to words ending in "y" and how to form abbreviations in Phonics.

Mrs. Amanda Applebaum's Third Grade Class

This month in Math, third grade has been working hard on division. We understand the relationship between multiplication and division, and now know many strategies to help us divide. In ELA, we are Reading biographies! We read all about Ruby Bridges, Dr. Martin Luther King, as well as many other influential people in history. We are also working on our own biography projects that we will present to the class at the end of the month. In Writing, we are sharing our informational writing projects. We have also revisited narrative writing. In Science, we are finishing our unit on the solar system where we learned all about the planets, stars, and terms such as rotation, revolution, orbit, and axis. In Social Studies, we are beginning to learn about U.S. government.

Mrs. Rebecca Wrentzel's Fourth Grade Class

February has been filled with a lot of exciting events! In Reading, we are enjoying our author study on Andrew Clements. We are looking forward to completing our very own "No Talking" challenge just like in the book. We have been using visualization strategies in order to help us put ourselves in the characters shoes. The fourth graders have been working on writing essays that let the reader know that their ideas are important. In Math, we are moving forward with fractions. Our scientists are preparing their investigations for the upcoming Science Fair and finishing our unit on adaptations. We are looking forward to spring weather and the exciting events that are coming up!

Mr. Joseph McAndrew's Fifth Grade Class

Seventh Avenue fifth graders have been busy at work exploring their love of space both in Reading and Science. In Social Studies, they investigate early colonization of North America by countries like Spain, France, and England. In Math, they worked hard to understand adding and subtracting fractions and mixed numbers. Lastly, in Writing they drafted narratives after weeks of lessons and practice. It was a very busy month!

Ms. Emily Simper's Sixth Grade Class

The Sixth Graders just started their Biographical Research Essays. They took a field trip to the Haddon Heights Public Library to find books on their person of interest. The students decided who they wanted to research and are using multiple sources to gather their information. The students are using the information to create a five paragraph biographical essay. We will be having a class publishing party at the end of the month to celebrate their hard work!

Miss Erin Posch ~ Math Support

This month in Math, the 1st grade students of Seventh Avenue have been exploring place value and strategies for comparing numbers. Second grade has applied what they have learned about addition and subtraction in order to add and subtract three-digit numbers. In Third grade, students have continued to practice division while applying multiplication and division to real-life scenarios. The Fourth grade students have been practicing fraction addition, and the Fifth grade students have been practicing fraction multiplication. The Sixth grade students are continuing to study Algebra. They have learned how to solve an equation for the value of one variable, and they are currently learning about the connection between independent and dependent variables. I am so proud of the students' perseverance in Math!

Miss Erin Posch ~ ACE

The ACE students at Seventh Avenue are continuing to research their inquiry project topics. The students have started organizing their information and developing plans for what they would like to explore next in their research.

Mrs. Amy Sussman ~ Literacy Support

We finished up the *Winter Reading Incentive* this month! In addition to the ticket to six flags, Mr. Ormsby offered to get any class with 100% participation Mr. Softee! We are anxiously waiting to see who gets this on Feb 28! In third grade we focused our guided reading books on famous African Americans for black history month! We learned a lot about Martin Luther King, Ruby Bridges, and Wilma Rudolph.

Discipline Summary Report

There were no disciplinary actions taken at Seventh Avenue Elementary School this month.

Drill Summary Report

A Fire Drill was conducted on February 21, 2018.

A Lockout Drill was held on February 21, 2018.

An ASG/ADT Security Test was conducted on February 22, 2018.