

Seventh Avenue Elementary School

Board Report

January, 2018

Mrs. Theresa McBride's Kindergarten Class

Kindergartners at Seventh Avenue are growing every day. They are becoming fluent readers at their level. In order to assist them, they have been practicing many strategies. Some of their reading strategies include Eagle Eye, Lips the Fish, Stretchy Snake and Chunky Monkey. In addition to those tools, they are using word families to help them create and sound out unknown words. In writing, students are now including details. To do so, they have a couple of questions to ask themselves ("Who?" asked the kangaroo. "Where?" asked the bear, and "What?" asked the mutt). They are also making their characters come to life by having them talk -- using dialogue. As mathematicians, they have been challenging themselves to use what they know from addition to understand subtraction. They are learning that instead of making a part bigger, they are taking away from the whole.

Mrs. Kate Fitzgibbon's First Grade Class

First grade is so excited to just have started their nonfiction unit in reading. They are enjoying learning about why readers read informational text and the many text features that a nonfiction text includes. In writing, the class has been working so hard at stretching out small moments and are practicing using their 5 senses to add details. They also have begun an author study on Jonathan London and will begin applying some great writing strategies in their own stories. In math, first graders are doing a wonderful job learning about place value and are becoming experts on tens and ones.

Mrs. Tammy Mulroy's Second Grade Class

This month in Reader's Workshop the class learned and explored nonfiction text features such as title, header, special print, label, captions, diagrams, maps, index, and glossaries. In Math the class learned how to use place value to subtract 2-digit numbers and explored different ways to subtract 2-digit numbers. In Phonics, we learned about consonant digraphs (th, ch, sh, and wh) using form comparisons by adding er or est to base words and identifying homophones.

Mrs. Amanda Applebaum's Third Grade Class

In Math, the students completed Topics 6 and 7. These units focused on multiplication and division. In science, the class continued reading about the Solar System and Space. The class formed six flight crews and each crew "traveled" to a different planet. They brought their findings back to Earth and wrote a five paragraph informational report about the planet. Reading groups continued this month. The students answered questions about the reading using the R.A.C.E strategy. The reading groups incorporated themes from the Science and Social Studies standards. In Writing, third graders published an opinion piece on a topic of their choice.

Mrs. Rebecca Wrentzel's Fourth Grade Class

The New Year is off to a great start! In reading, our focus has been on nonfiction text. We are able to explain the main idea and summarize what we read. In writing, we are working on writing a persuasive essay. In Math, we have started our unit that focuses on fractions. We are working on mastering simplifying and finding equivalent fractions using common denominators. This past week, wrote letters to family and close family friends to get sponsors for our service project. We are excited to welcome Rise Against Hunger in April!

Mr. Joseph McAndrew's Fifth Grade Class

Fifth Graders at Seventh Avenue were hard at work this past month. Coming off their winter break, they focused themselves on learning how to multiply and divide by decimals. In Reading, they worked on a questioning unit and completed reading their autobiography follow-up books (Maniac Magee, Charlie and the Chocolate Factory, and Fig Pudding). As for Writing, they continued to hone their narrative writing skills and in Science they conducted experiments that created a multitude of reactions!

Ms. Emily Simper's Sixth Grade Class

This month, the sixth graders finished their final argumentative writing pieces. We had a publishing party in the classroom to listen and reflect on each of their writing pieces. Students were required to make a claim about a character and support their claim with evidence and quotes. Each student did an exceptional job with their pieces.

Mrs. Amy Sussman ~ Literacy Support

This month kicks off our Winter reading incentive! If a student reads 6 hours he/she can get a ticket to six flags to use this summer! Stop by and see our bulletin board of readers racing to their tickets! My goal is have 100% participation this year! All students have through February to finish the six hours!

Ms. Erin Posch ~ Math Support

This month in math, the 1st and 2nd grade students of 7th Avenue have been continuing to work on subtraction strategies. As they learn more about division, the 3rd grade students have been discussing the connection between multiplication and division. 4th grade has continued to identify both factors and multiples of numbers as they write equivalent fractions. 5th grade has been using what they learned about equivalent fractions to help them add and subtract fractions. 6th has started reading, writing, and evaluating algebraic expressions.

Ms. Erin Posch ~ ACE

The ACE students at 7th Avenue took a field trip to the Haddon Heights Public Library earlier this month. The students found many books and resources for their inquiry projects. We have been discussing the Cornell Method of notetaking and different ways of learning and retaining information.

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 January 22, 2018.

A Lockout Drill was held on January 23, 2018.

An ASG Security Test was conducted on January 22, 2018.