

# Seventh Avenue Elementary School

## Board Report

### May, 2018

#### Mrs. Theresa McBride's Kindergarten Class

Kindergartners have been hard at work showing their readiness for first grade. They have been working on comprehension skills for Reading. No longer are they only concentrating on just decoding, they are now working on trying to understand the meaning of the words they are written through predictions, connections, questioning and retells. In writing, the students are connections their writing to their personal lives. They are including elements such as characters, setting and action. In Math, students have extended their knowledge of geometric shapes from 2D to 3D. They are also working on sorting objects and graphing them according to shape, color and/or size. Finally, we have started our walking tours in our community. Students attended the fire station and the library. Coming up we have our walking tours to the post office, police station and Ralph's.

#### Mrs. Kate Fitzgibbon's First Grade Class

First grade is excited to be putting all they have learned this year in guided reading to practice in their readers theater performance of Mouse Soup. They are using all the expression and fluency they have learned as they act out this wonderful story. In writing, they are completing a research based informational piece about an animal of their choice. In math, the first graders are learning all about 2-dimensional shapes in geometry. The class is loving our social studies unit on communities and community helpers

#### Mrs. Danielle Connell's Second Grade Class

Mrs. Connell's second grade class at Seventh Avenue Elementary School is learning about fractured fairy tales in Literacy! The children learned that a fractured fairy tale is a story that uses fairy tales and changes the characters, setting, point of view, or plot. They also explored characters in stories. They learned about character's internal and external traits, as well as identify challenges, problems, solutions, and responses. The second graders listen to various fractured fairy tales and compared them to their original tale. (cont'd)

### Mrs. Danielle Connell's Second Grade Class (cont'd)

These young detectives examined the story elements and decided whether the characters, plot, setting, or point of view had a fun twist! They will also create their own fractured fairy tale in writing. The students will even get to participate in a Reader's Theater that are fractured fairy tales!! In science the students learned all about the Earth's bodies of water and the water cycle. In social studies, the class is learning about how our world is made up of different kinds of people. In Math, the second graders are learning about 2D and 3D shapes and fractions.

### Mrs. Amanda Applebaum's Third Grade Class (C. McCullough/LTS)

The 3rd grade class worked hard on fractions in May. We learned that fractions are parts of a whole and compared fractions using several different strategies: same denominator, same numerator, fraction bars and number lines. After finalizing the unit on fractions, we are moving on to time. We will review how to tell time to the nearest minute and elapsed time. As Readers, we practiced how to use non-fiction and fiction texts to learn about the rain forest. We compared and contrasted the different layers and extended our thinking by talking about why the physical features of each layer are important to all living things located in that layer. Furthermore, the students are now participating in literature book clubs. Each student is given a role to complete as a book club member and showing the importance of citing work and being able to support your understanding with textual evidence. As writers, the 3rd graders participated in our persuasive writing unit. Students have learned to take a position, determine the audience and use reasons that would entice their audience members to change their minds. The students completed their learning of the National Government and are now embarking on Matter and Energy.

### Mrs. Rebecca Wrentzel's Fourth Grade Class

We can not believe that the end of the school year is near! We are wrapping up our reading unit on nonfiction text structures. We are working hard on our end of the year project. This includes, writing an informational essay on a specific person, creating a poster, and putting our work on display through our Living Museum. The students are learning a lot about themselves as we explore the different systems of the human body in Science. We are looking forward to summer break and becoming fifth graders in September!

### Mr. Joseph McAndrew's Fifth Grade Class

Seventh Avenue Fifth Graders were very busy during the last full month of school! When they weren't taking the PARCC assessment, they were busy learning about calculating volume in math. In social studies, they learned about events that led up to the Revolutionary War and how colonists won the war. In science, they learned about ecosystems and how living and nonliving things create well-balanced arrangements. In writing, they worked on identifying credible sources of information online and collected information that was pertinent to their informational essay topic. Lastly, in reading, they finished reading their Newberry Award Winning books and started reading biographies about Benjamin Franklin, Thomas Jefferson, and George Washington. With all of this going on, they also found time to visit Red Bank Battlefield in Gloucester County for a fun-filled field trip!

### Ms. Emily Simperts' Sixth Grade Class

The sixth graders had two wonderful experiences outside of the classroom this month! They visited the Junior High and were excited to meet their 7th grade teachers, walk the halls and check out their future lockers. Camp Ockanickon was a blast as the sixth graders participated in team building activities as well as had fun rock climbing, canoeing, learning archery skills, navigating through the rope courses and more.

### Mrs. Amy Sussman's ~ Literacy Support

First grade began practicing for a readers theater play, Stone Soup. Sixth Grade began a author study on Carl Hiaasen. The students were split into groups and assigned to read either, Hoot, Scat, or Flush. Second grade began chapter books during guided reading time. They have been doing great and enjoying them. Fifth grade began an American Revolution themed reading unit!

### Ms. Erin Posch ~ Math Support

This month in math, First and Second grade students learned how to represent data through tally charts, picture graphs, and bar graphs. They are currently exploring two-dimensional and three-dimensional shapes. Third and Fourth grade have been exploring perimeter and area. Fifth grade has been classifying two-dimensional figures, and they have also been relating volume to multiplication and to addition. During their statistics and probability unit, Sixth grade has been learning more about dot plots, histograms, and box plots, and they have learned how to analyze these representations of data.

### Ms. Erin Posch ~ ACE

The ACE students at Seventh Avenue are putting the finishing touches on their final presentations. They are helping one another with brainstorming, proofreading, and public speaking. We are looking forward to the June presentations!

### 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 May 23, 2018.

An Evacuation Drill (non-fire) was held on May 30, 2018.

An ASG Security Test was conducted on May 23, 2018.