

Seventh Avenue Elementary School  
Board Report  
January 2nd - February 13th, 2020

Mrs. Theresa McBride's Kindergarten Class

In Kindergarten, our students have been working hard on learning to recognize that each letter makes a sound and the combination of those sounds create a word, which has meaning. They have been working on their automaticity of sounds to become fluent readers who are using metacognition skills for comprehension. They are transferring these skills over into their writing. Students are now writing complete sentences that are phonetically sound. They are making sure that their sentence construction includes the mechanics of writing (capitalization, organization, punctuation and spelling). Using these skills, they constructed "How-to" books. Their final project was to construct a Valentine's robot and instruct their reader how-to build the robot using transition words. As mathematicians, they are increasing their number sense with numbers up to 19. They are learning that although numbers can be constructed with many different addends, a simple strategy to count is by using a group of tens and some ones. Finally, the students have been working on their problem solving and critical thinking using a variety of STEM activities.

Mrs. Kate Fitzgibbon's First Grade Class

First graders are loving learning about place value in math. They are practicing counting by ones and tens and will be learning how to represent numbers with quick pics. The class is becoming experts on making connections in reading and understanding the difference between text to self, text to text, and text to world. In writing, the students are practicing editing and revising with peers and making

### Mrs. Kate Fitzgibbon's First Grade Class (cont'd)

their writing stronger with detail. First grade is having lots of fun comparing long ago and today in the areas of transportation, school, communication, and many other topics.

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

In Science the students explored Matter and Changes in Matter. We performed various experiments to demonstrate this topic such as Oobleck, Balloon States of Matter, Polar Rescue, and we even made pancakes and ice cream. 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. In Math the class learned how to use place value regrouping and other methods to add and subtract 3-digit numbers. In Writing the students working on researching and drafting their "All About" nonfiction dinosaur booklets, RROOAARR.

### Mrs. Amanda Applebaum's Third Grade Class

This month in 3rd grade, students completed an informational writing project where they researched a topic of their choice and created a text to inform readers. They had such a fun time completing this project! In reading, students have been studying biographies. We learned about several influential people and focused on their struggles, achievements, and personality traits. In math, students completed all units on multiplication and division. We have now started fractions! In science, we are beginning a unit on weather and climate.

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

January and February have been filled with a lot of exciting things! In Reading, we are enjoying our author study on Andrew Clements. We are looking forward to reading *No Talking* and completing our very own challenge just like in the book. The fourth graders have been working on writing persuasive essays that let the reader know that their ideas are important. In Math, we are moving forward with fractions. We are becoming experts when it comes to multiplying whole numbers and mixed numbers. We are continuing our exploration of United States regions and looking closely at how our home, the Northeast, was settled. 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 were hard at work again in the month of January! In math, they closed out a unit on adding and subtracting fractions and mixed numbers. In reading, they tracked their thinking as they read "Maniac Magee", "Fig Pudding" and "Charlie and the Chocolate Factory". Writing had them analyzing opinion essays and utilizing their observations into their own essays and classroom debates. Lastly, they closed out a unit on how the Earth, Sun, and Moon interact in science and started a unit on colonization of North America in social studies.

### 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 child reads for 6 hours he/she can get a ticket to six flags to use this summer! My goal is have 100% participation this year! All students have through February to finish the six hours! The sixth graders have begun brainstorming and working with Mrs. Sussman to create a fun Read Across America Day Celebration on March 2!

### Mrs. Stephanie Maro ~ Math Support

This month in math, the 1st and 2nd grade students of Seventh 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.