

**Board of Education Report
ATLANTIC AVENUE SCHOOL
April 2017**

**Preschool
Mrs. Goodfriend**

**Kindergarten
Mrs. Doyle**

April really flew by! We had a great time finishing our unit on the life cycle of plants with our parent visitation day activities. We planted sunflower seeds, made a chia pet caterpillar, completed a life cycle activity and sang some songs about the life cycle. We have begun writing our unit on opinion writing. The students are learning how to include reasons in their writing. We finished our unit on 2 dimensional shapes and are mid-way through our 3 dimensional shapes unit.

**Grade 1
Mrs. Grace**

April was an exciting time in first grade. The students began learning about states of matter in science. They also began researching for a non-fiction convention writing piece. In math, the students measured classroom objects with non-standard units of measure. They also learned how to tell time to the hour and half hour. Finally, the children had a blast participating in spirit week. They worked together to complete various spirit week tasks, like the door decorating contest and the dance contest.

**Grade 2
Mrs. Ellis**

This month, second graders had really been measuring up- in inches and centimeters that is. Using standard and nonstandard units of measurement, these young mathematicians explored the world around them to determine the length of objects. Spirit week was so much fun and gave the children a fun way to express themselves through the Atlantic Avenue Rocks theme. Our class chose to incorporate the #HeightsRocks program into our hallway door display and wrote inspirational and motivating messages on our "rocks" for all to see.

Grade 3

Mrs. Cordner

Mrs. Cordner's third grade class has been identifying point of view in their Reading groups. In Writing, the students are composing persuasive pieces. The third grade mathematicians have been solving time and measurement problems. Extra practice is provided through the online game of Prodigy. Our scientists have been learning about light and colored light. Next month the students will take the PARCC. We have been practicing each week by completing the online practice tests. This year sure is going fast!

Grade 4

Mrs. Ruffalo

In April, 4th Grade completed a literature study on Poetry, Plays, and Prose. The students investigated and found examples of each genre. They compared and contrasted the content and structure of each genre in a 4 paragraph essay providing evidence to support and justify their responses.

Grade 5

Mrs. Baals

Fifth grader mathematicians completed a on patterns and graphing this month! Students applied what they learned in previous units about multiplying and adding fractions to find the average of line plots. They also worked with coordinate grids and spent time graphing, analyzing, and identifying patterns in math. Students also enjoyed reflecting on their learning and creating "Are You Smarter Than a 5th Grader?" game questions for their parent visitation. They looked back at the different subjects and units they studied this year and wrote questions for the game for each subject area. They had a great time competing against their parents and it was a close game!!

Grade 6

Mrs. Costello

The sixth grade readers and writers are busy researching biographical figures to write biographical essays and present to an audience of peers. The archaeologists have completed a study of Ancient Greece and will present on a subject of Greek culture to their classmates. The students are excited to kick off spirit week as the leaders of the school through their selected theme of "Trolls" to teach the school community the importance of showing their "true colors" and finding happiness inside themselves. We wish everyone a happy, healthy Spring Break!

Reach One

Mrs. Gallimore

Reach 1 has been working on expressive and receptive language, prepositional words, requesting and following directions using spring theme activities. Using picture identification boards: -spring animals and Easter items--students worked on communication skills by either labeling or pointing to the items when prompted. Students also worked together taking turns giving the directions for the activity--what to find and what color to color it. Students also worked on building their vocabulary and sequencing skills reading the book, "There Was an Old Lady Who Swallowed a Chick" by Lucille Colandro. At the end of the lesson, students worked on following directions, requesting items, and learning basic concepts by making a cute chick craft that complemented the book. Lastly, students worked on prepositional words "in", "under", "above" using the book, "Where is the Easter Egg?"

Reach Two

Mrs. Grasso

REACH 2 has been working on appropriate restaurant behaviors in preparation for our upcoming community outing to Chic-fil-a for breakfast. We've also been working on reading a social story about appropriate behaviors to be displayed during the holiday season. We've also participated in egg hunts, timely recipes and egg dying to help increase language and independence and promote generalization across settings. Thank you!

Literacy Specialist

Math Specialist

During the month of April, the first graders learned how to measure length using nonstandard measuring tools, and tell time to the hour and half hour. The second graders continued their study of length in metric units, specifically focused on the methods and tools that can be used to estimate and measure length in metric units. The third graders discovered how to tell time to the minute and worked with elapsed time. They also used measurement to describe the size of something, specifically focusing on measuring to the nearest quarter-inch, and estimating and measuring liquid volume and mass. In fourth grade, the students recorded decimal notation for fractions, and compared decimal fractions. Lastly, the fifth graders began their geometry and volume investigation, which is focused on classifying polygons based on characteristics, and finding the volume of a rectangular prism.

New students this month 0

Number of students who have left this month 0

Number of students referred to Child Study Team 0

Number of students suspended 0

Fire Drill/ Panic button - 4/3

Security Drill -4/6