

Office of the Principal
Glenview Avenue School
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Kindergarten - Miss Schuster:

We just completed our second author study on Mo Williams. The children loved learning about this famous author and reading many of his books such as the Elephant and Piggy series and the Pigeon books. We are now moving to non-fiction books to help celebrate Earth Day and a unit on plants and butterflies.

We have been working on 2D and 3D shapes in math. The kids have really enjoyed comparing and manipulating the shapes.

The students are looking forward to observing our class caterpillars as they transform into butterflies. We will be writing in our butterfly journals daily.

We can't wait to keep growing as readers and writers!

Grade 1 - Mrs. Lutz:

First grade is SO AWESOME! We are learning to split shapes equally...the beginning steps of fractions. Can you believe it? Also, in writing, we are writing informational pieces on all different topics. It's so fun! We have grown so much as readers this year, another reason why first grade is so fun. We can also identify the main idea and the detail sentences that support it. We are soooo excited to begin the ABC Countdown in a couple of weeks. Bring on the warmer weather! Summer, here we come!

Grade 1 - Mrs. White:

April has been a fun month in first grade. The students integrated social studies and reading groups to learn about many different cultures around the world. They compared and contrasted children's lives from various countries to the life they live here in the United States. They worked in small groups to create presentations to teach the rest of the class about the world. In math, the first graders learned all about data! They learned to read and create bar graphs, tally charts, and picture graphs. In writing, the first graders worked to create their own non-

fiction "All About" book of the animal of their choice. We are so proud of how hard they are working! They are almost ready for second grade!

Grade 2 Mrs. Agnew and Mrs. Harding:

Glenview second graders participated in the PTG Science Fair. They did an experiment that investigated the three states of matter. The children read about solids, liquids and gasses. Then they created a substance, slime that represented the different states of matter. They wrote a lab report that followed the scientific method and noted many different observations. This was all on display and the children were very proud of their work...and had slime to take home to play with!

Grade 3-Mrs. Schoettler:

Mrs. Schoettler's class has been working on information writing. We are writing books about topics in which each of us is an expert. Someone is writing about soccer, someone is writing about drawing, others are writing about painting, football, gardening, and more! In addition we wrote informational paragraphs about holiday topics like "How to Build a Snowman", "How to Plan a Holiday Party" and "Holiday Traditions". We are learning a lot of techniques to make our informational writing more interesting like adding text features, using transition words, and elaborating with statistics, an anecdote, or a quote from another expert!

Grade 3-Mrs. Aceto:

Do you Haiku? Well, Mrs. Aceto's fabulous third graders do! The students are discovering their inner poet, and enjoying their haiku creations. Since traditional Japanese Haikus were written to celebrate the beauty of nature, our poems have helped us focus on the budding trees, blooming flowers, and other natural joys that spring has brought us.

Grade 4- Ms.Lindley:

4th grade spent a lot of April practicing all the ELA and math skills they have learned this year. In ELA, we are applying multiple strategies to short texts including poetry and drama. We are using text evidence and strategies such as highlighting context clues and keywords to help us with multiple choice questions. In math, we have finished fractions and decimals! They have been tough, but we are masters. The last two topics we have left are measurement and data and geometry, which we are starting to preview now! We are beginning electricity and magnetism in science and we are very excited to experiment!

Grade 4 - Ms. Lunsford:

During the month of April, the students completed Unit 9 and most of Unit 10 in Go Math program. These units focused on fractions, decimals, angles, lines, and classifying quadrilaterals. The students also reviewed all the skills from the year in preparation for PARCC In reading, the students continue their work in the Daily 5, reading groups, and whole class lessons. During whole class lessons, the students compared and contrasted poetry, plays and proses. In writing, the class completed an informational essay using research on a historical event. In social studies, the students finished Google presentations on the regions of the US. They also made Google Forms to quiz their classmates.

Grade 5- Mrs.Boyd:

Our fifth grade class is working to finish out the year on a strong note! The students have completed their book clubs with a focus on point of view and how it affects the way a story is told. In math, the students excelled in a chapter on analyzing patterns and relationships. They have just moved on to a chapter on geometry and volume, and are grasping these concepts well. In writing, the class just finished a six-word memoir. They were challenged to find a creative way to tell about themselves within the six word framework. In science, our focus is on the moon. The students have been keeping a moon calendar throughout the month to observe the moon's phases.

Grade 6-Mrs. Lord:

After exploring various social justice issues, centered on the topic of the use of child labor and the rights of workers, students are drawing on background knowledge to explore teen activists' responses to social and environmental issues. It is exciting to see not only the students' enthusiasm, but also to hear some of the incredible levels of thinking expressed through class discussions as we begin our researched - based informational writing.

Special Ed- Ms. DeRibas:

Determining a main idea and building reading fluency has been the focus of our reading instruction. The boys and girls are learning to analyze text and pull out the important details that the author wants them to learn. The children have also been practicing how to use evidence from a text to answer questions.

Opinion writing continues to be the focus of our instruction. The children recently created and presented their own picture books about their favorite places to visit. The boys and girls are currently learning about adjectives so that they can add more creativity and details to their writing.

Mrs. Metz:

Mrs. Metz has been busy giving end of the year assessments (DIBELS, DRA, and QRI). LLI and Guided Reading groups are beginning to wrap up and we will switch our focus to skills groups. I am continuing to conduct reading conferences in Miss Lunsford's 4th grade class and in 3rd grade I will lead the writing unit on Adapted Fairy Tales.

Mr. Whitescarver- Vocal Music:

Students in 5th and 6th grade are exploring the Science of Sound with experiments and projects.

3rd and 4th grade students are sight reading the treble clef and performing rounds and partner songs.

1st and 2nd grade are developing their singing (head) voices and performing short solos.

Mrs. Parejo- PE:

Students in all grades have been participating in dance and yoga units. Students in grades 1 and 2 have been enjoying Star Wars and Harry Potter themed yoga classes. Students in the upper grades have been participating in yoga and dances such as *Cotton-Eyed Joe*, *Hey Baby*, *Turbo Hustle* and *Shake It Off*.

Mrs. Michnowski- Art:

Students in Art are continuing their work in our Sculpture units! We are continuing to study artists, Alexander Calder, Henri Moore, Dale Chihuly, Wayne Thiebaud, and Claes Oldenburg. First Grade will be making Flamingos. Second Grade will be making Owls. Third Grade will be making Turtles. Fourth Grade will be making "glass" bowls. Fifth Grade will be making cupcakes and doughnuts. Sixth Grade will be making Masks. We are also continuing to prepare for our Student Art Show on May 31st from 6-8 at Glenview.

Mrs. Sarchese, Spanish:

Kindergarten classes are learning family members in Spanish. The first grade classes are learning sports and pastimes and saying what they like to do. The third grade classes are working on a weather presentation.

Glenview Nurses:

Finishing routine screenings.

New Students this Month:

Suspensions: 0

Fire Drill 4/6/2017

Lockout 4/12/2017

Sam Sassano, Principal

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