

Seventh Avenue Elementary School

Board Report

February, 2017

Mrs. Stacy Murphy's Kindergarten Class

February in Kindergarten we have been getting into our "Good Writing" skills. We have been discussing what good writers do and how a reader can read our stories. The students have been working toward a 2 sentence goal with a capital letter and good punctuation. We have been reading about various animals, fiction and non-fiction stories. The students have been discussing character traits, setting of a story, and the problem and solution in a story. They have been predicting and connecting text to text. In Math we are soaring into the double digits. We have finished our single digit chapter with adding and subtracting. The students have a great foundation and number sense and we are ready for the double digits.

Mrs. Kate Fitzgibbon's First Grade Class

First grade is learning all about Non Fiction text right now. They are really enjoying learning about the different text features of this genre. In math, they are wrapping up their unit on place value and are about to begin learning about double addition and subtraction. In writing, the class is publishing their how to pieces and will begin opinion writing soon. The class is loving learning about the solar system in science.

Mrs. Theresa McBride's Second Grade Class

This month in Science the students explored *Earth Long Ago*. The class discovered that paleontologists examine fossils to infer what life and animals were like long ago. The students were able to explore real life fossils, amber, and petrified wood! In Social Studies we explored local and national government. (cont'd)

Mrs. Theresa McBride's Second Grade Class (cont'd)

This month 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 to add and subtract 3-digit numbers and also explore additional ways to add and subtract 3-digit numbers. In Writing the students chose a famous person and began gathering facts and information to write a report. Lastly the class explored homophones, adding suffixes to words ending in "y" and how to form abbreviations in Phonics.

Mrs. Amanda Applebaum's Third Grade Class

This month in Math, third grade has been working hard on division. We understand the relationship between multiplication and division, and now know many strategies to help us divide. In ELA, we are Reading biographies! We read all about Ruby Bridges, Dr. Martin Luther King, as well as many other influential people in history. We are also working on our own biography projects that we will present to the class at the end of the month. In Writing, we are sharing our informational writing projects. We have also revisited narrative writing. In Science, we are finishing our unit on the solar system where we learned all about the planets, stars, and terms such as rotation, revolution, orbit, and axis. In Social Studies, we are beginning to learn about U.S. government.

Mrs. Rebecca Wrentzel's Fourth Grade Class

February has been filled with a lot of exciting events! In Reading, we are enjoying our author study on Andrew Clements. The students have been working on making inferences by using their schema and text evidence. The fourth graders have been working on writing essays that let the reader know that their ideas are important. In Math, we are moving forward with fractions. The students have been noticing how each new concept that we learn builds on math concepts that we already know. They have been fascinated by this! In Science, we are investigating magnetism. This week, we are celebrating Dr. Seuss week. The fourth graders are excited to dress with the theme for the day. 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 have been busy at work exploring their love of space both in Reading and Science. In Social Studies, they investigate early colonization of North America by countries like Spain, France, and England. In Math, they worked hard to understand adding and subtracting fractions and mixed numbers. Lastly, in Writing they drafted narratives after weeks of lessons and practice. It was a very busy month!

Ms. Emily Simper's Sixth Grade Class

It is important to note that this month, the sixth graders have really stepped it up with their Book Talk presentations. They have been including engaging questions to open their presentations. The interaction that occurs between the presenter and the audience with this question is a great improvement. Their public speaking skills are continuing to grow from presenting to the class each month.

Mrs. Stefanie Maro ~ Math Support

This month, 7th Ave celebrated their 100th Day of School on February 14th. The students had a friendly competition in each grade with a t-shirt design contest. The students had to design a shirt with 100 objects on it. It was a great day!

Mrs. Stefanie Maro ~ ACE

The ACE students are starting to put together their presentations on their topics for their research project. The students are all working very hard in making sure that they create captivating presentations that everyone will learn a ton about! I am really proud of their hard work and dedication so far this year!

Mrs. Amy Sussman ~ Literacy Support

The third graders began their biography projects. They also started reading biographies in guided reading groups. In fifth grade we began reading our second science book. In fourth grade we started reading the Andrew Clements books! Second grade finished up a nonfiction reading unit and is beginning a study on biographies!

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 February 8, 2017.

A Lockout Drill was held on February 28, 2017.

An ASG Security Test was conducted on February 8, 2017.