

Office of the Principal  
Glenview Avenue School  
April 3, 2017

Kindergarten- Mrs. Campbell:

What better way to start the month than to celebrate Dr. Seuss. We focused on the wonderful world of rhyming through many of the Dr. Seuss classics. We ended the week with a Read Across America celebration! We were also lucky to enjoy a visit from the Philadelphia Zoo and their zoo on wheels program.

In Reading we read the book, "Sheep in a Jeep" and focused on the digraphs, ch, wh, th, and sh. Then we went into Opinion Writing based on the book, "Duck! Rabbit!". The boys and girls had a taste test and then were able to express their opinions, in writing about what they tasted. We finished the month with a non-fiction "how to" book, "From Peanuts to Peanut Butter. In this story the students worked their sequencing skills and creating their own "How to Make a Peanut Butter and Jelly Sandwich" book. Again, we finished the week, making our own peanut butter and jelly sandwich.

In Math this month students continued to work on different strategies for writing, counting and modeling numbers up to 20, 50 and 100. Students learned how to count by 10's using a 50's and a 100's chart. We also counted by 10's using cube towers and groups. Onto shapes... Warmer weather is on the horizon. Here's to hoping that April comes in like a lamb!

Kindergarten - Miss Schuster:

After a wonderful Spring Break, we came back to school refreshed and ready to attack the last few months of Kindergarten!

We just completed our second author study on Mo Willems. The children loved learning about this famous author and reading many of his books such as the Elephant and Piggie 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.

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 flying! We are learning about the sun's effect on the earth, as well as phases of the moon. We find this so interesting and have fun making moon observations each night and talking about them in school. In math, we are adding and subtracting TWO digit numbers! Can you believe it?! We are in first grade and we can model AND add and subtract two-digit numbers. We are also working on writing our opinions, supporting them with details and writing a final draft on our Chromebooks!

Grade 1-Mrs. White:

March has been a busy month in first grade. The first grade writers were introduced to their final type of writing: informational writing. They'll learn over the course of the next two months how to write many different types of informational text, such as all about pieces and how to pieces. In math, the first graders learned how to add and subtract two digit number using place value. They practiced drawing pictures, using a number grid, and using manipulatives to solve the problems. In reading, the first graders finished up their unit about nonfiction. They learned how to ask and answer questions when reading nonfiction text.

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:

Mrs. Aceto's fabulous third graders have begun narrowing our search for the recipient of this year's service learning project. We have begun our discussion of what a charity/non-profit organization is. Students have shown great interest in involving themselves with an organization that works to eradicate homelessness in the nearby cities of Camden and Philadelphia.

### Grade 4- Ms.Lindley:

We can't believe it is already time for Spring Break! We wrapped up this month with learning about theme and how to determine the author's lesson using text evidence. We finished our Andrew Clements knowledge and are now practicing combining most of our fiction analysis skills within short passages. We are learning many techniques for how to approach tricky multiple choice questions and are experiencing more and more success with these types of passages. With Read Across America Month, we spent time analyzing Dr. Seuss's works as examples of narrative poetry and took time to look for many poetic elements such as rhyme scheme, meter, repetition, and alliteration. We also wrapped up our unit on Opinion Essays and are now using our newfound skills to write persuasive essays a subject we are passionate about. In math, we finished our unit on adding and subtracting fractions with like denominators and are starting to multiply fractions against whole numbers. We have worked hard and are ready for spring!!

#### Grade 4 - Ms. Lunsford:

During the month of March, the students completed Chapter 8 and most of 9 in the Go Math program. These units focused on fractions and decimals. The students also continued to practice their multiplication math facts to help increase their speed when solving multi-step words problems. In reading, the students continue their work in the Daily 5, reading groups, and whole class lessons. During whole class lessons, the student began a unit on poetry, plays and prose. They have identified the elements and structure of each type of text. In writing, the completed a unit on persuasive writing and began working on informational essays. In social studies, the students completed and presented Google Slides that taught about the regions in the United States.

#### Grade 5- Mrs. Boyd:

The fifth grade scientists are learning about the solar system. Through their studies, they are creating lists of things they want to know more about in order to create a research project of their choosing. In math, the students are finishing up a long study of fractions - including adding/subtracting, multiplying, and dividing. In reading, the students are reading novels with a focus on point of view. They are discovering how point of view changes the way a story is told. In writing, the students are creating picture books from personal narratives.

#### Grade 5- Mrs. Baldwin:

January was a busy month adjusting back to our schedule and routines within the classroom. We started a new unit on narrative writing, composing small moment stories that will ultimately be made in to a book. These writers are doing a fantastic job implementing powerful words in their stories. Our class also started a new unit in math focusing on adding and subtracting fractions. Keep persevering, fifth graders - I know fractions can be tough!

**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 beginning their Sculpture units! We will be studying 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 Octopus-Ocean Scenes. Fourth Grade will be making "glass" bowls. Fifth Grade will be making cupcakes and doughnuts. Sixth Grade will be making Masks. We are also starting 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:**

Jump for Heart for the American Heart Assoc is in full swing in all 3 elementary schools.

**New Students this Month:**

**Suspensions: 0**

**Fire Drill 3/8/2017**

**Lockdown 3/30/2017**

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**Sam Sassano, Principal**

**Date: 4/3/2017**