

Gratitude Corner

Thank you all for taking time out of your schedule to conference with me and your child regarding their progress and to help them set goals for the rest of the year. Attendance was close to perfect and the conferences went very smoothly though all too quickly! I hope you all felt you had time to address the needs of your children and feel like you have some ideas/tools to help meet those needs. If you do not, please don't hesitate to contact me and we can set up another time to discuss any issues you need to address. As I mentioned to most of you, I have spent some time over break **trying** to create a "helpful links" page on my website. I emphasize trying because after five hours and three separate attempts, only a few of the links actually appear on the page. Once I logged out most of them disappeared. I have given up temporarily to attend to other tasks but will look

into it further once my frustration subsides. 😊

Also, a big thank you to those of you who were able to come and watch one or both of our plays last month. The kids were REALLY excited to perform them for you! I was impressed and delighted with the shows and wish only that we could have heard some of the students better. Marji and Sue were the driving force in making this a possibility and a success so be sure to thank them if you see them!

And a HUGE thank you to my amazing students who are willing to take risks, do their best, and shine their light on the world. You all bring immense joy and beauty to my life and I am thankful for each moment I have with you!

Ranger Awards

We had our second Ranger Awards Ceremony of the year on March 26th. Students were awarded for all manner of positive traits and skills including but not limited to: being kind, respectful, responsible, engaged, enthusiastic, perseverant, reading and writing skills and stamina, excelling at math facts, musical skills and talent, being a positive role model, setting goals and meeting them, and positive risk-taking. Peace for Kids awards were also awarded to students by other students for such character traits as showing caring, respect, responsibility and service.



Jokes to make you laugh (or groan)...

What did the 500 pound Canary say as he walked down the street? "Here, Kitty, Kitty, Kitty."

Why do you have to be careful when it rains cats and dogs? To make sure you don't step in a poodle.

Why don't skeletons go bungee jumping? Because they don't have any guts.

What is big and gray and lost its glass slipper? Cinderelephant.

Mrs. Sanders' 1st and 2nd Grade

Classroom

ISSUE 7

APRIL 6, 2015

SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- Apr 8, 15, 22, 29 1:50 Early Release (Teacher In-service)
- Apr 21 Field Trip—Hands On Museum Olympia
- Apr 22 4:30 Work Session 6:00 Board Meeting
- May 7 6:00 Fine Arts Show

What's Been Happening

We have almost finished making our All About Animals books and Sue is busily helping us bind them. Sue and Marji helped us make a bound book last month during Read Across America week and now we want to bind every book we can! As soon as we are finished with our animal books we will begin a unit on opinion writing.

Our work with Latin and Greek root words continues though we didn't have enough time this month to come up with new "sniglets." Our word work groups will also be changing this week as most students have progressed into a new focus area. Most of the class is now working on long vowel sounds. Once each week or two a paper with about 25 words on it is sent home. This is the sort your child is currently working on. Taking 5 minutes each day to work on this will help them on their spelling test at the end of the sort as well as help them progress more quickly to the next level.

In math we learned how to tell time and discussed the difference between a.m. and p.m. We also learned how to read and create picture graphs and bar graphs and will continue working with graphs this week. Then we will begin working with numbers to 1,000, adding and subtracting two 3-digit numbers. Math

projects were really fun this time around. Kids came up with some creative and interesting ideas for their shape robots and the whole elementary has enjoyed seeing them on display. I will send them home with the kids today to make room for the graphing projects. I look forward to seeing some great graphs!

Our animal unit has been extended far beyond what I had originally planned. This is partly due to it being a complex unit, partly due to it being so much fun, and partly due to having some of the time intended for it given up for the plays. We will spend one more week on it finishing our books, doing some shared writing, making some animal art, and finally sewing a stuffed animal! If any of you would like to join us for the sewing, the plan is to work on them from 1:10—2:00 on Wednesday and Thursday. We would be happy to have the help—you don't need to be a pro at sewing, just able to thread a needle, tie a knot, and maybe untangle thread!

By next week, we should be moving on to begin a unit on plants. We will learn about the diversity of life in the plant kingdom, learn about what plants need to grow and develop, discover ways to propagate new plants from mature plants via

seeds, bulbs, roots, and stem cuttings and observe the changes as our plants grow. Our garden time will be perfectly linked with this unit.

Although it has not been finalized yet, we are planning a trip with the K-1 class to the Hands On Museum in Olympia on April 21st. We will leave at 8:30 and return in time for the buses home. If everything is in place, I should be sending permission slips out this week. Seating on the bus is limited so I will be taking the first 5 or 6 parents that let me know in person or by email/phone that they would like to join us. We have a few other field trips in the works as well. We are trying to schedule a trip to Point Defiance Zoo in May and we will be going to Camp Parsons at the end of May or beginning of June. Zach has also mentioned setting up a tour of some local gardens but we don't have any details as of yet.



"If you have good thoughts they will shine out of your face like sunbeams and you will always look lovely."

~Roald Dahl

"To be yourself in a world that is constantly trying to make you something else is the greatest accomplishment."

~Ralph Waldo Emerson

Featured Student: Lincoln



Lincoln was born on December 25, 2006 and lives with his mom, brothers, sisters and two dogs.

Favorite food: Pizza

Favorite ice cream flavors: Mint

Favorite color: Blue

Favorite school subject: Recess

Favorite music: Country

Favorite recess activity:

Wall ball

Name one thing you did over the summer: Played video games

What do you like to do for fun? Play video games

What is something that you do well? Read

What is one skill you want to improve this year? Reading

What would you like to learn about this year? Science

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What do you want to do when you grow up? A cop

What is something that you are afraid of? Nothing

If you could play any instrument, which would you pick? Drums

Are you excited for school this year? No



Jayden 4/6

April Birthdays



Abby 4/7

Featured Student: Logan



Logan was born on October 27, 2006 and lives with his mom, dad, brother, dog and cat.

Favorite food: Apples

Favorite ice cream flavor: Vanilla

Favorite color: Blue

Favorite school subject: Math

Favorite song: Living on a Dirt Road

Favorite recess activity: Tag

Name one thing you did

over the summer: Friends came over

What do you like to do for fun? Play with friends

What is something that you do well? Riding my bike

What is one skill you want to improve this year? Writing

What would you like to learn about this year? Math

What do you want to do when you grow up? Be

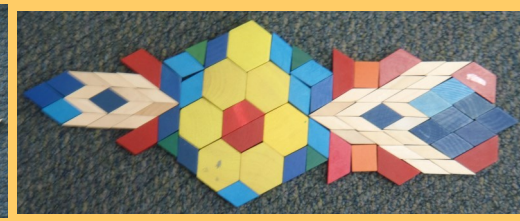
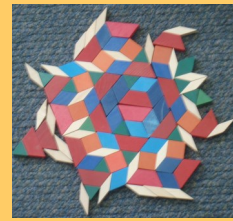
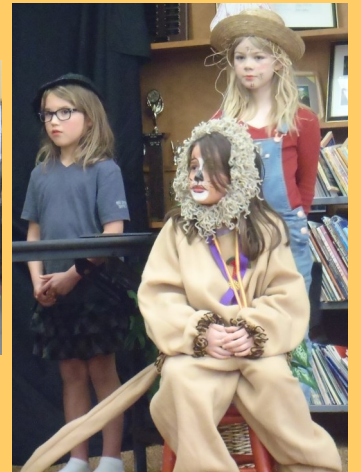
a police officer

What is something that you are afraid of? Spiders

If you could play any instrument, which would you pick? Guitar

Are you excited for school this year? No

The Things We Do



Featured Student: Nicholas

Nick was born on November 6, 2006 and lives with his mom, dad, brother, sister and Goldy the goldfish.

Favorite food: Quesadillas

Favorite ice cream flavor: Vanilla

Favorite colors: Yellow

Favorite school subject: Recess

Favorite song: Put Your Hands Up

Favorite recess activity:

Swinging

Name one thing you did over the summer: Went to my grandma's

What do you like to do for fun? Ride my bike

What is something that you do well? Exploring nature

What is one skill you want to improve this year? Football

What would you like to learn about this year? Mul-

tiplication

What do you want to do when you grow up? Be a scientist

What is something that you are afraid of? Bees

If you could play any instrument, which would you pick? Guitar

Are you excited for school this year? Yes

