



John Gregg Elementary Newsletter

February 2012

Message from the Principal:

Congratulations! The names of the students who are on the Honor Roll are listed on the following page. Keep up the good work!

The students are making "Valentine's for Veterans" under the direction of Mrs. Swartz, our school librarian. Our students in fifth grade are making cards for Nicholas Crawford's dad who is stationed in Afghanistan. We did this in previous years and had wonderful feedback from our men and women serving our country.

The students in 3rd through 6th grade will take their Ohio Achievement Test in April. The students have been working hard and I am confident that they will do well on this test. Please continue to read each evening and discuss what you are reading. Also, practice your math facts and review frequently.

The all school Birthday Ice Cream Party was held in January to celebrate all of our students' birthdays. The students received ice cream treats and a pencil and eraser with topper from United Dairy. The PTO provided all of this and the students and staff enjoyed the treats. Thanks for all of your hard work.

Valentine's Day parties are scheduled for Thursday, February 9th for Preschool and Friday, February 10th for K-6th grades. We appreciate the homeroom mothers who organize and provide treats for the students during our parties. Thank You!

Students will celebrate the 100th day of school on Friday, February 3rd. We may be off by one or two days due to the snow days. The students in the primary grades will do activities and make crafts with 100 as the theme.

As always, if you have any questions or concerns, please call, send a note, or stop in and see me. We have an open-door policy here and I welcome your visits.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Fatima Smuck

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Honor Roll 2nd Nine Weeks – Congratulations! We are proud to announce the following
4th Grade-6th Grade Honor Roll:

4th Grade

Brodzinski, Austin
Grimes, Allison
Long, Summer
McElroy, Kennadie
Stine, Jennie
Vincenzo, Jadden

Croskey, Sidney
Hackathorn, Troy
Mayle Alex
Merideth, Jocelyn
Striker, Karen
Wiley, Emily

Fogle, Cally
Hanchin, Logan
McBane, Alec
Schmitt, Jacqueline
Valentine, Holly

5th Grade

Allan, Devin
Breon, Lindsey
Crawford, Nicholas
Eckenrode, Piper
Fray, Chloe
Gump, Conrad
Kinney, Andrew
Loy, Faith
McClain, Kierra
Reed, Cassandra
Simpson, Noah
Smith, Hanna
Wiley, Garrett
Wood, Kayla

Bonar, Damon
Briganti, Kaleb
Drake, Myles
Ferralli, Lauren
Gallagher, Cody
Hazelip, Ryan
Kmatz, Logan
Lyke, Kyle
Pasiuk, Layna
Rugg, Hannah
Sinicropi, Anthony
Stout, Damon
Williamson, Caroline

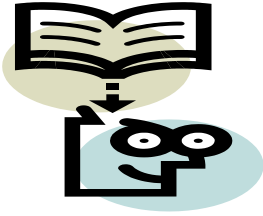
Boyd, Brandon
Cain, Nathan
Eakle, Haelyi'
Fray, Chase
Gribbin, Harlie
Inman, Abigail
Law, Kylie
Maple, Kaiya
Purks, Julia
Scott, Brennan
Smith, Cooper
Torres, Jenna
Willison, Kyle

6th Grade

Baker, Mackenzie
Cresap, Dalton
Glenn, Samantha
Inman, Mercedes
Koman, Donovan
Meadows, Brianna
Morrison, McKenzie
Springer, Samantha
Wagner, Melissa

Bennett, Michael
Ferrell, Emily
Griffith, Ryan
Keller, Molly
Long, Kiersten
Mencer, Alyssa
Sanders, Danielle
Stewart, Christopher
Wilson, Jacob

Conley, Sandra
Glenn, August
Huff, Kayla
Kinney, Olivia
McConnell, Tommi
Moran, Kaylee
Smith, Emily
Striker, John



News from our Classrooms

Early Childhood (Preschool)-Mrs. Evans,

Preschool students have been working hard at recognizing the letters and their sounds. Each day we review our sounds with the motions and identify the letter that makes that sound.

We have also been working on recognizing and tracing our names. Students remaining in preschool will continue to trace their names, while the students moving onto Kindergarten will be challenged to write their names on their own.

We are enjoying the winter season by making crafts and discussing things we can do in the winter. Some of the crafts we are making are handprint snowmen, animal tracks in the snow, and making snowmen out of cotton balls.

Kindergarten-Mrs. Bake, Mrs. Hendrix, Mrs. Robson,

Kindergarten has been studying the Giant Panda from China based on the book Little Panda by Joanne Ryder.

We read and discussed the book last week. We discovered bamboo is the main diet of Panda's and although their numbers are growing, they remain on the endangered list of wild animals.

To add to the excitement of studying Pandas, we watched them daily on our Smartboard. We logged onto the Panda Cam at the Sandiego Zoo. It was such fun to watch them eat and play.

The most amazing thing of all is that our Kindergarten class has become honorary adoptive parents for a Panda at the zoo and we have a certificate of adoption for our Giant Panda as well as a picture. We thank Zachary and Rebecka Evans and their family for making this possible. We Love Giant Pandas!

First Grade- Mrs. Pasiuk, Mrs. Sinicropi,

First grade students have been working hard to learn all of their sight words so that they can become better readers. Students are reading and taking tests on several Reading Counts books each day. The first grade teachers appreciate the parents who are helping their child practice the skills that are being taught throughout the week.

First grade is also working on understanding how to add and subtract numbers higher than 10. Our new math series is challenging us to think more in-depth about numbers.

Our goal, in first grade, is to become better independent learners in both reading and math. We are on our way!

Second Grade- Mrs. Connelly, Mrs. Cottis,

Second graders are really stepping it up in the New Year! They have just completed their middle of the year fluency evaluations and performed very well. Remember to read a little each night. It is not only fun, but also improves reading skills.

We are currently working on fact and opinion statements and comparing and contrasting. Please reinforce these skills at home as you read and discuss weekly selections.

We have been busy learning about plant and animal life cycles and writing reports. Students have also started writing in cursive. They are doing very well and it is becoming their favorite activity.

We are looking forward to our Valentine's Day parties in February. Our parents have been doing a great job. We truly appreciate all of your hard work and time spent to make our parties special.

Third Grade - Mrs. Byers, Mrs. Robson

Third graders have moved from multiplication to division of numbers. This means that if the times tables 0-10 are not memorized, division will be a difficult skill to master. The new Envision Math series promotes processes and critical thinking as a basis for math knowledge. In every lesson students are asked to explain why things are done, rather than just giving a number answer.

Reading tests are now taken online in class. You can login to www.pearsonsuccessnet.com to check their progress. Remember reading to and with your child is the best way to promote comprehension!

Fourth Grade – Reading- Mrs. Sinicropi, Math-Mrs. Baker,

The students are working very hard to prepare for the OAT.

In reading they are working on skills such as main idea, compare and contrast, drawing conclusions and the genre of the story. The students are also getting ready to start on their life-sized character projects. They always look forward to these projects as much as everyone enjoys looking at them in the hall. A lot of students are achieving success with reading counts. Mrs. Sinicropi is very excited to see such a great competition going on with Reading Counts Points as well as all the A's the past 9 weeks in Reading Counts.

We are continuing to encourage students to complete homework, read books, and practice their math skills. We appreciate all of the encouragement and help from our parents as this certainly helps with student success. The students recently completed the Math Pro-Ohio test and are beginning to work with fractions. They also completed soap carving projects for Social Studies. Students were recently rewarded with a nine week party if they completed their homework and had good behavior for the second nine weeks.

Fifth Grade Math-Mrs. Filbert

Fifth grade Math students have had fraction fever. We've learned to simplify, make equivalent fractions, compare, order, estimate, and add and subtract like and unlike fractions.

Next, our fever gets higher as we begin relating fractions, decimals and percents!

Sixth Grade Science-Mrs. Jones

The sixth grade science classes have been participating in the gridSMART program from AEP Ohio. Students have been learning about energy conservation and are taking their knowledge home to help their parents save money on their electricity bills. The students are taking home CFL's (compact fluorescent light bulbs), night lights, weather stripping and door sweeps to make their homes more energy efficient. Please ask any sixth grader about their hands-on activities they have been conducting in class.

Sixth Grade Language Arts

An enrichment unit, Winter Haiku, was recently completed by sixth graders. The unit was taught during students' RTI period.

What is haiku? Students learned that haiku originated in Japan and is a verse/poem written in three lines. The haiku does not rhyme. Instead, the haiku sets a mood or portrays a feeling or scenery. The entire haiku is composed of only seventeen syllables. The first line contains five syllables, the second line has seven syllables, and the final line has five syllables.

Hot Chocolate

Warm chocolate goodness
With a lot of marshmallows
Topped with some whipped cream!
Gracie Conley-Grade 6, Mrs. Smith

Snowflake

Beautiful snowflakes
Graceful and white in the air
They fall to the ground
Donovan Koman-Grade 6, Mrs. Barker

Snowman

Round spheres made of snow
Coal eyes and a carrot nose
Black hat, frosty face
Courtne Bube-Grade 6, Mrs. Jones





Upcoming Events

Friday, February 3, 2011	Market Day Orders Due
Monday, February 6, 2012	PTO Meeting-9:15
Wednesday, February 8, 2012	Market Day Internet Orders Due
Thursday, February 9, 2012	Valentines Party-Preschool
Friday, February 10, 2012	Valentine's Party-Kindergarten-Sixth
Monday, February 20, 2012	No School-President's Day
Tuesday, February 14, 2012	Market Day Pick-up --3:30
Friday, February 24, 2012	Interim Reports Distributed
Friday, March 2, 2012	Dr. Seuss Birthday Celebration

Please remember to call the office between 8:30-9:30 a.m., when your child is absent (this also includes our preschool students). This procedure is necessary to comply with Ohio's Missing Child Law