



Bel Air School

Classroom News

Food Drive 2018

On behalf of the Bel Air Staff, we would like to say thank you for all that you did to make our holiday food drive a tremendous success. Because of your efforts, we were able to collect over 2,000 food items! Good Neighbor representatives received our food donations with great appreciation. Together we made a difference.

Thank you!
Food Drive Committee

Mrs. Garders 1st Grade

It has been very busy in the First Grade Jungle! We have spent a lot of time learning our new math curriculum, reading fluently, and learning how to complete an outline for our weekly writing. The first graders are getting very good at their writing and they LOVE to write! It's very exciting!

During the month of October we were able to complete the lifecycle of a pumpkin, field trip to Poppy's Pumpkin Patch, learn about the life cycle of an apple, fire safety and ways to be drug free. The month of November brought learning about veterans and Thanksgiving. During the month of December, first graders will be traveling around the world to learn about how other countries celebrate the holidays.

One of the highlights in first grade is being the "Star Monkey of the Week". During their special week, students receive special "star" treasures and share their star student poster. Parents are encouraged to come in during this time to share with their child. It's a great week and everyone loves to learn about our friends.

Have a GREAT holiday season!

Mrs. Garder

News From Mrs. Johnson's Second Graders

We have been busy in Mrs. Johnson's classroom. Here are some of the highlights of what we have been learning:

Wonders Reading: We have learned many types of genre and many grammar skills. The stories and themes are really cool and fun to talk about in our collaborative conversations.

Math: Our new series Envisions is certainly challenging! We have learned a variety of skills to help with our addition and subtraction. We can do open number lines, break apart, compensation, and algorithms.

Science: Our class enjoys the Interactive Scholastic News. The games at the end of each lesson are fun! We had an awesome time on our field trip to Edgerton Explorit Center in Aurora. There were tons of activities to explore in the "Zone" and we listened to two presentations on Bubbles and Arctic Blast! We have also studied marsupials, apples, and states of matter.

Writing: We have been using our outlines to guide us with our writing. We use stars and "pink it ups" to help us remember the topic, main ideas, details and conclusion.

Soc. Studies : At the beginning of the year we studied communities. We learned what city and suburbs were. We studied four Native American tribes. It is interesting to learn how they used the land to live. We learned about the cliff homes the Anasazi tribe lived in, the deerskin canoes used by the Mohawk tribe, we designed buffalo hides for the Sioux tribe and made totem poles for the Makah tribe.

Spelling: We have a spelling pattern each week. **Spellingcity.com** is a great website to use to practice our words. We take our test on Fridays.

Activities: There are so many to list such as guessing jar, class books, Superhero of the Week, booklets, and hanging art projects for our ceiling.

Christmas is Coming!! Christmas is coming!! Here are our wishes:

Alex: Xbox One X Jax: Playground for a backyard

Aubrie: Doll as tall as me Keagen: Pet Snake

Austyn: Each day a different season Korbin: Electric Skateboard

Blake: Turtle Car Kyle: WWE Stone Cold Hat

Brayden: Harry Potter Lego Set Liberty: Hoverboard

Brayton: Nintendo Switch Lorelei: JoJo Siwa Doll

Carleigh: Jewelry Maker Lucy: Baby Kitten

Carson: Virtual Reality Headset Macey: 8 puppies

Don'Ivan: Chiweenie Puppy Malerie: Yorkie Puppy

Ella: Polaroid Camera Mason: Talk to Me Elf

Gavin: Tennis Racket Maverick: 1,000 Christmas Wishes

Georgia: Polaroid Camera Quinn: Pink Pony

Jackson: 10 French Bulldogs Trae: Dalmatian Dog

Jack: Infinite Wishes Wyatt: A lot of Husky Puppies

Mrs. Johnson: for all to find peace, love & joy this Christmas!

HAPPY HOLIDAYS TO EVERYONE FROM MRS. JOHNSON'S ROOM

Happy Holidays to all of you from Mrs. Dodson's Third Grade Class

It was an exciting day of learning for third graders when the Kiwanis Club gave a dictionary to every child in third grade. Mr. Ron Skiff shared with the students that "Kiwanis is a global organization of volunteers dedicated to changing the world one child and one community at a time." The Kiwanis are involved in variety of projects that involve community service, fundraising, and assisting children locally and worldwide. The students learned that 3rd Grade Dictionary Project, Headstart Program, and Scholarships for Youth are a few of many projects in our community in which they are currently assisting.

The Kiwanis visit initiated a conversation of how we can serve others and show our appreciation to the people who help us grow. Third graders wrote down their ideas in the form of a coupon of how they could show their gratitude to their parents by giving them a coupon which they will complete by December 31st.

Here is what they came up with:

Jack: not fight with Wil and Andi.

Carter: carry in groceries in for you!

NeVaeh: dust and vacuum the car.

Drew: clean my room.

Audrey: empty the dishwasher and put the dishes away.

Zaden: setting and clearing the table.

Linda: wash and fold the laundry.

Eli: dust the living room.

Allie: clean the storage room.

Braxton: dust the fans and make my bed.

Jocelyn: scoop snow for my dad in December.

Kennedy: put away toys and vacuum the living room floor.

Ryanna: help sweep and mop the living room and kitchen floor.

Colin: clean the play room and make sugar buns.

Alexis: I will promise to not fight with my sister.

Lyllienne: cleaning the litter box for the cat.

Jada: pick up Elli's toys and fold laundry.

Cael: help dust the house for you.

Adelynn: make all the beds for the month of December.

Aadi: clean the basement and carry in the groceries.

Caleb: wash dishes, unload the dish washer and pick up toys.

Sophia: getting up in the morning without my Mom telling me to.

Blaine: make grilled cheese sandwiches for lunch every day.

Enjoy the coupons, parents!

In math the students learn using hands-on manipulative, group activities, mental math to develop a solid foundation in the language and basic concepts of mathematics.

In social studies we learned about land environments. Right now we are learning about Native Americans and the different ways they lived using the resources around them.

Parents, thank you for your support and for all you do to encourage your child's success at school.

Happy Holidays!

Mrs. Dodson

Mr. Mora's 3rd Grade

Everyday in our classroom is filled with learning experiences and teachable moments. In reading we have covered almost three units!! We have read, legends, folktales, historical fiction, realistic fiction, and expository texts. Students have learned about how learning can help us grow, what it takes to solve a problem, and we are currently learning about why are individual qualities important.

We are continuously striving to be kind and help each other grow socially and academically. We read the first part of Wonder, told from Auggie's point of view. Now, we are reading the story from Via's point of view, Auggie's sister. Wonder has helped us have class discussions about point of view and empathy.

In math we have covered six topics. The main standards we have discussed are about multiplication and division. Students are continuing to practice their multiplication facts. They have also made connections between multiplication and division. Currently, we are working on finding the area of shapes.

We have had great discussions during social studies. The main topics we have learned about are the environment and how people who live in different environments adapt to to their surroundings.