

November 2019

The Hillcrest Herald

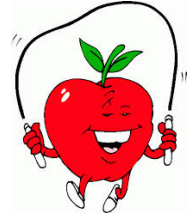
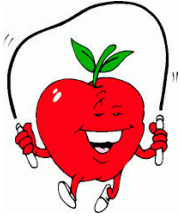


Hillcrest Elementary School

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| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| | | | | | 1 (Day C) | 2 |
| 3 | 4 (Day D) | 5 | 6 (Day A) | 7 (Day B) | 8 (Day C) | 9 |
| | | District In-Service Day No School for Students | 12:30pm Early Dismissal (Grades 1 through 5) 8:50am-10:20am AM Kindergarten 11:00am-12:30pm PM Kindergarten November Birthday Celebration | | 7:00pm-9:00pm HAS Dance | |
| 10 | 11 (Day D) | 12 (Day A) | 13 (Day B) | 14 (Day C) | 15 (Day D) | 16 |
| | Parent Visitation Day for American Education Week | | Education Support Professionals Appreciation Day Elementary Progress Report #1 sent home (Grades 1-5) | 6:00pm HSA Meeting | Picture Re-Take Day | |
| 17 | 18 (Day A) | 19 (Day B) | 20 (Day C) | 21 (Day D) | 22 (Day A) | 23 |
| | Book Fair | Book Fair | Book Fair | Book Fair 5:00pm-7:00pm Family Night at the Book Fair | Book Fair | |
| 24 | 25 (Day B) | 26 (Day C) | 27 (Day D) | 28 | 29 | 30 |
| | 12:30pm Early Dismissal (Grades 1-5) No School for Kindergarten Students Evening Parent- Teacher Conferences | 12:30pm Early Dismissal (Grades 1-5) No School for Kindergarten Students Afternoon Parent- Teacher Conferences | 12:05pm Early Dismissal (Grades 1-5) No School for Kindergarten Students Kindergarten Parent-Teacher Conferences | Thanksgiving Holiday No School for Students or Staff  | Thanksgiving Holiday No School for Students or Staff | |

Physical Education Updates



The 1st and 2nd grades have been working on the following skills in PE class:

- Spatial awareness
- Eye hand coordination
- Listening skills
- Focus, attention span, concentration and perseverance
- Problem solving
- Decision making
- Cooperation

The 1st and 2nd grades have been playing the following movement activities in PE class:

- ✓ Jumping Rope
- ✓ Kick Ball

The 3rd, 4th and 5th grades have been working on the following skills in PE class:

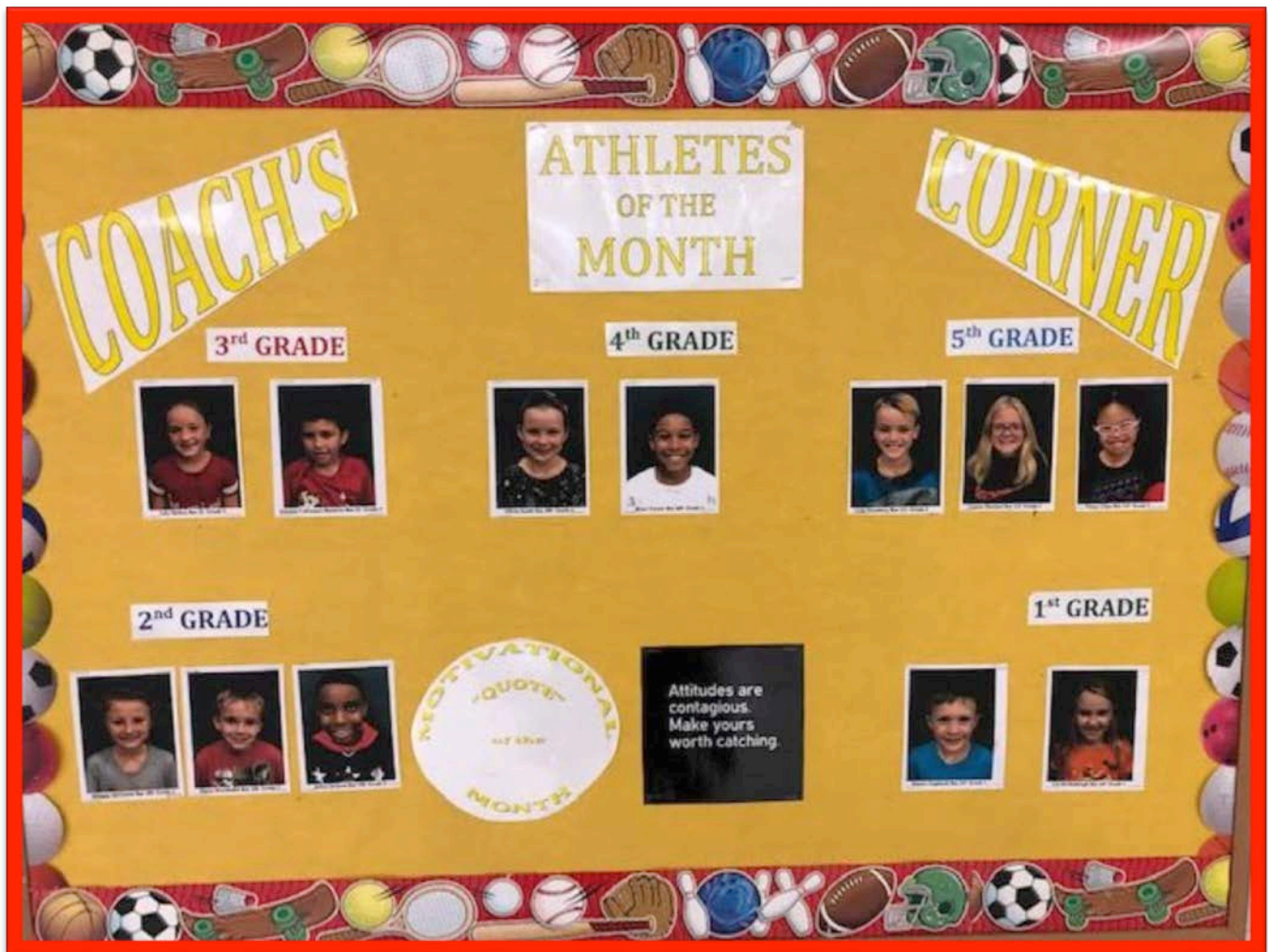
- Spatial awareness
- Listening skills
- Problem solving
- Decision making
- Cooperation
- Focus, attention span, concentration and perseverance
- Risk Taking

The 3rd, 4th and 5th grades have been playing the following movement activities in PE class:

- ✓ Jumping Rope
- ✓ Matt Ball

(PLEASE HAVE YOUR CHILD WEAR SNEAKERS ON THE DAY HE/SHE HAS PHYS. ED. Remember that we are on a 4 day schedule and your child might have PE 2 times in one week)

Athletes of the Month



1st Grade: Hunter Gagliardi Rm #107 & Lia McCullough Rm#107

2nd Grade: Melanie McGinnis Rm #100, Shane MacMullet Rm #100 & Julius Jackson Rm#106

3rd Grade: Lily Melton Rm #22 & Jonatan Cahueque-Ramirez Rm #22

4th Grade: Olivia Smith Rm #209 & Ryan Turner Rm #209

5th Grade: Cole Oxenberg Rm #213, Carina Mariani Rm #213 & Vinny Chen Rm #219

Motivational Quote





MORNING FITNESS

FRIDAYS 8:00-8:30

HILLCREST GYM

November 1st to February 7th



Morning Fitness is open to any 4th or 5th grader that is interested in fitness. Also, anyone in 4th or 5th grade that might be interested in being on the Hillcrest 2020 Fitness Team should attend.

Workouts consist of:

Sit-ups

Push-ups

Pull-ups

Standing Broad Jump

600 Yard Run



PUSH UPS



Wear sneakers and come ready to work out!

Numbers, Letters and Kindergarteners

October was a busy and fun month in Kindergarten! We celebrated Red Ribbon Week, the Fall Festival parade and party and even got to bring in our stuffed animals for a day!

We have been busy working on comparing numbers 1 through 5 and also modeling, counting, and writing numbers 0 through 6. Our next chapter will be focusing on representing and comparing numbers up to 10.

We read some great books with our *Into Reading* series this month and have been blending, rhyming and learning all about letter sounds.

We are really looking forward to November and celebrating all that we are thankful for!





Fall Festival Fun



Fall has arrived in First grade! We had a good time celebrating Halloween despite the rain!!







[A Visit to Sugartown Strawberry Farm](#)



Second graders had the opportunity to explore a rural farm community in Malvern, PA when we visited Sugartown Strawberry Farm on October 23rd. Farmer Bob took us on a hayride through the pumpkin patches and students got the opportunity to pick fresh pumpkins right off the vines. They played in a hay maze and had a great time as we learned about this lovely working family owned farm just outside of our suburban community. Students had a lesson about harvesting honey using the hives they keep on the farm. It was a great opportunity for students to discover what other communities are like.

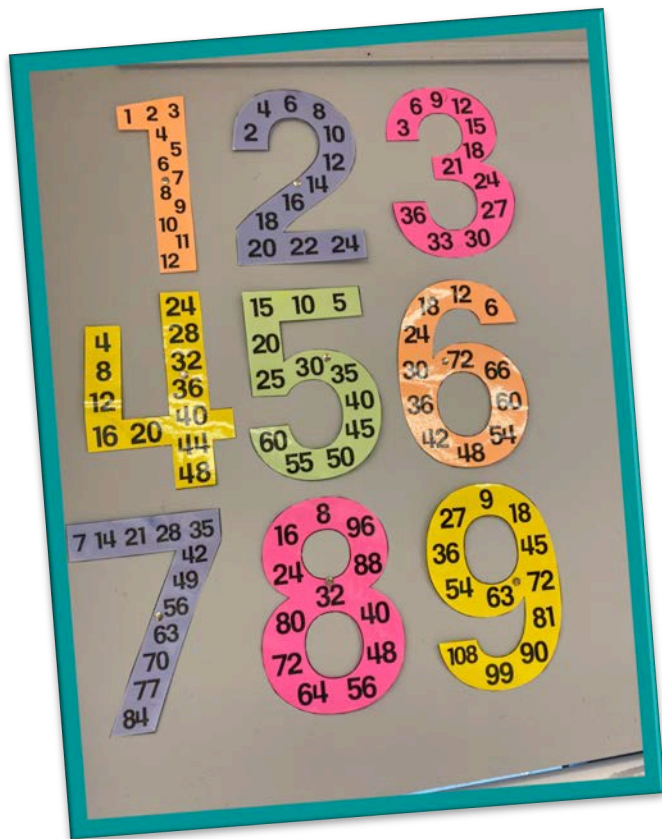


Second Graders in the Community

The second grade Life Skills Support students were able to get out in the community three times in October! They visited the grocery store and practiced the steps that you take to purchase items and greet people in the store. The class received many compliments and the students were model citizens during the entire trip. They also took two trips to Sugartown Farm. The first trip was with their second grade classroom partners and the second trip was with their Life Skills Support partner classes. They did a lot of preparation in the classroom learning about things that come from farms, how they can use resources from farms and learning about the life cycle of a pumpkin, since they were able to pick pumpkins. The students loved experiencing the rural community, which they learned about in social studies.

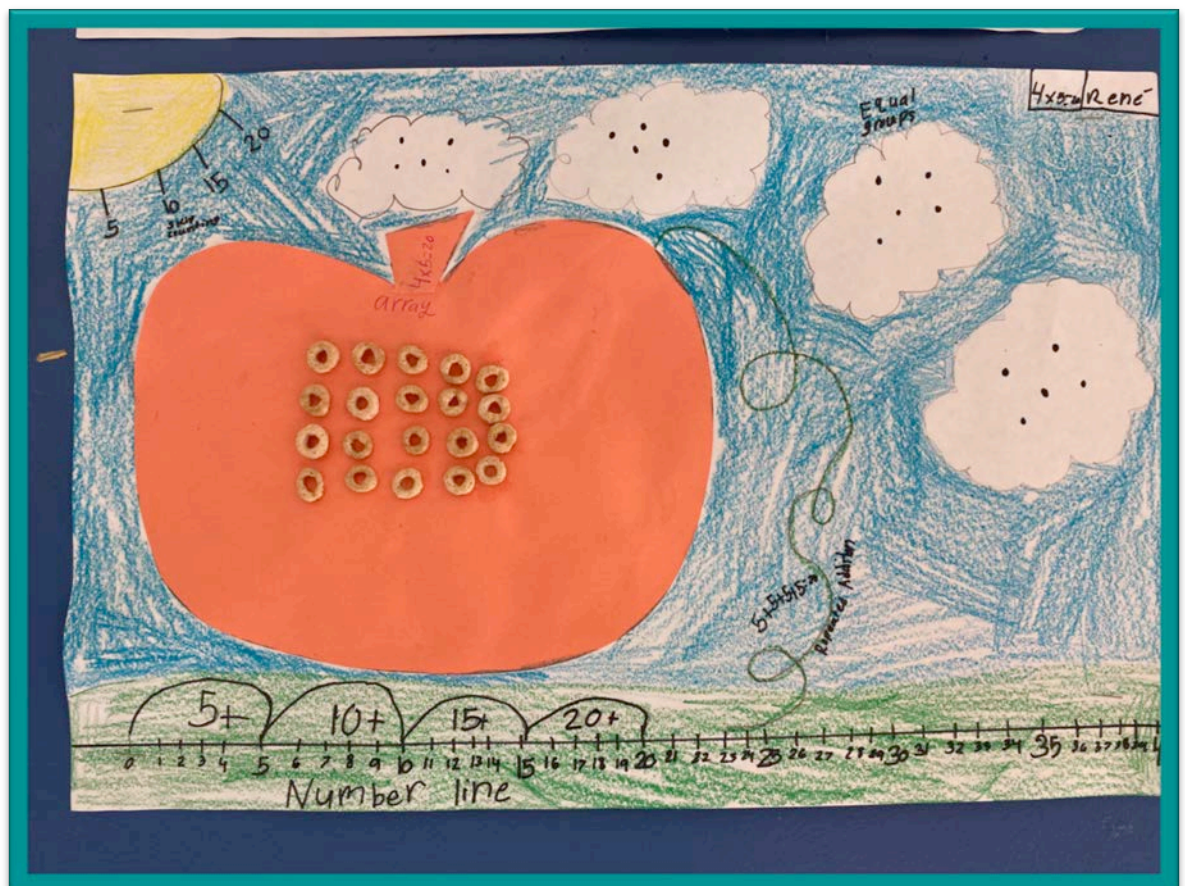
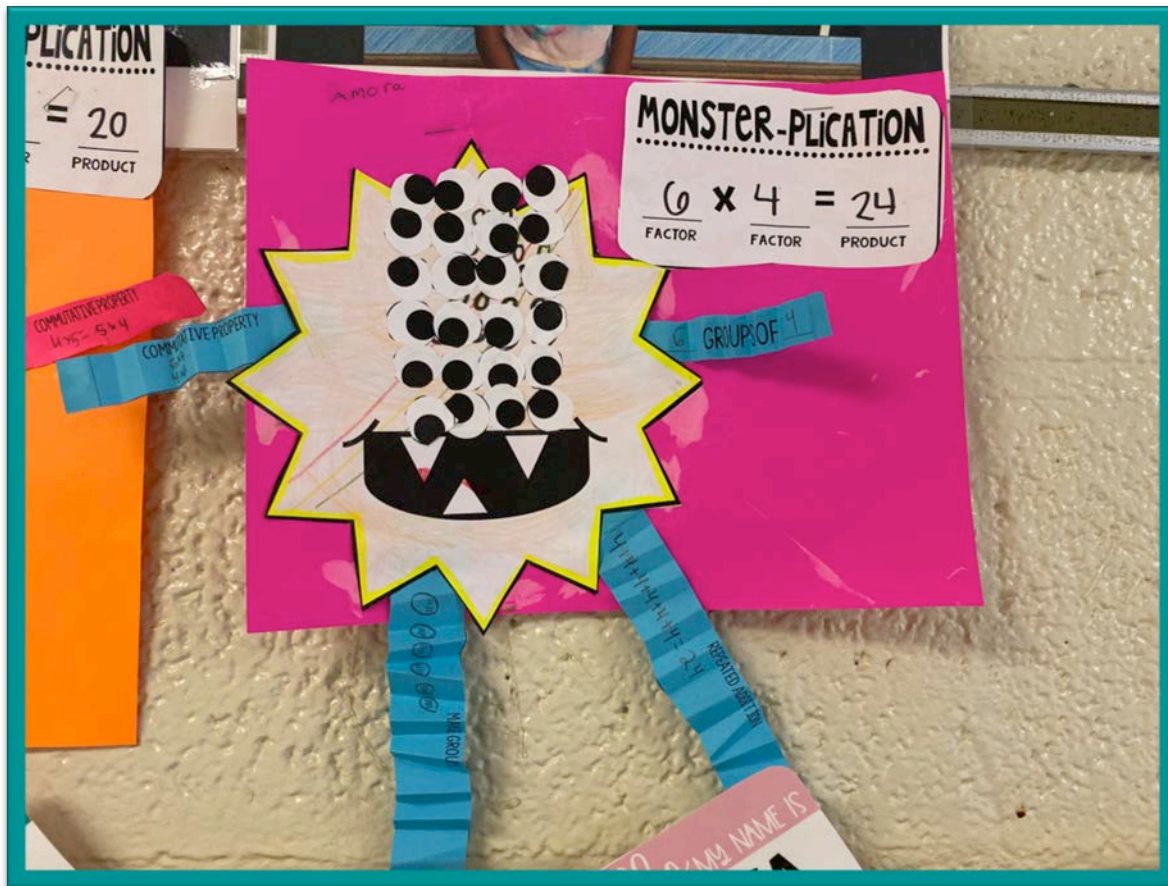


$$2 \times 2 = 4$$



Third gradars have been hard at work learning multiplication! We've learned multiple strategies such as drawing equal groups, using repeated addition, drawing arrays and skip counting to help us solve. We are starting class challenges and games to master all of our facts from 0-10. Make sure to quiz any third gradars when you see them!

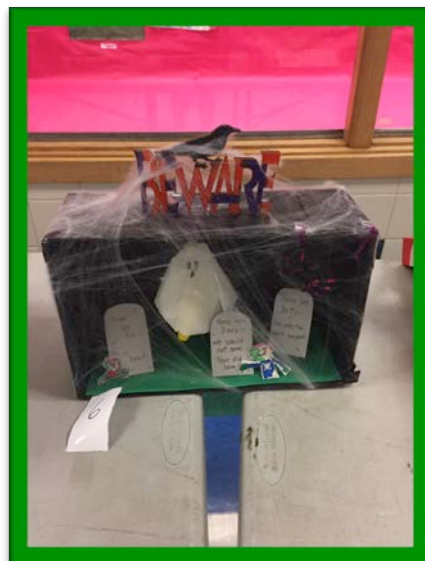




4th Grade Top Banana



The fourth-grade students had the opportunity to show their creativity by creating a costume and diorama for a banana! The students came up with great ideas and had fun doing this project. Projects were displayed in the lobby on October 31st, and adults in the building voted on four categories for each homeroom: Best in Show, Most Creative, Scariest and Funniest. The votes were then tallied, and winners received a certificate and trophy. All participants received a Top Banana homework pass. All of Hillcrest's students and faculty enjoyed looking at the wonderful creations!



Student Council Elections

Hillcrest's 5th grade held their own elections this past November. Candidates were required to create a poster, request supportive signatures from students and teachers, and prepare speeches. Then the 5th grade class voted for our class President, Vice President, Treasurer, and Secretary. The entire 5th grade received a lesson on the importance of voting which correlates later this year with our Social Studies unit. Overall, the students and candidates received an excellent experience selecting candidates to represent their 5th grade class.

