

February 2021

# The Hillcrest Herald



## Upcoming Events

February 15	Presidents' Day Holiday - No School for Staff and Students
February 17	Black History Assembly for Grades K-2 at 9:00am and Grades 3-5 at 1:00pm
February 17	Random Acts of Kindness Day
February 18	Bedtime Stories with Student Council for Kindergarten Students at 7:00pm
February 20	Virtual Workshop: Strategies to Help Young Girls of Color Thrive at 10:00am
February 23	Character Counts Recognition Day
February 26	National Tell a Fairytale Day
February 27	Virtual Workshop: Parent Discussion – Searching Beyond Stereotypes at 10:00am
March 1 through 5	Read Across America Week – Fun Events are planned for each day – See page 6 for more information
March 1	World Compliment Day
March 3	Character Counts Winners' Reward Event
March 8	International Women's Day
March 11	Virtual Home & School Meeting at 6:00pm
March 12	Girl Scouts Day

## Message from Principal McEaddy

Greetings Hillcrest Royals,

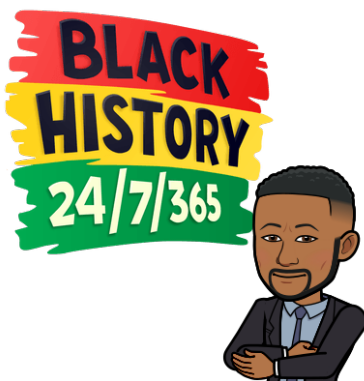
We are officially halfway through the school year! The beginning of the school year has presented its challenges, and has been a clear indicator that we have so much more work to get done. Yet, despite the challenges of growing all students academically, while ensuring everyone's safety, our teachers, students, and families, are committed to excellence and quality instruction. Sometimes, it is not how we start, it is how we finish.

As we dive into the month of February, I encourage everyone to engage in conversations about Black History. Black History is about embracing the positive attributes and adversities, that civil rights leaders, activist, inventors, thought leaders, and educators who have gone before us. Although black history is celebrated in February, black history is still American history; as a result, displaying strength, perseverance, and determination for what is morally right to support people of color should not be limited to the shortest month of the year. As an African American man, I take the challenge personally and professionally to cultivate change through diversity, respect, and collaboration. Through partnerships forged at all levels, we increase our shared value together to unify and succeed.

Additionally, please be sure to check the calendar for the month of February. We have a lot of exciting events that will inspire and empower those to be a part of the collective change that will reform our education system to reach all students regardless of their race, gender, class, and status.

Your Partner in Education,

Principal McEaddy



## Congratulations to the following students for PERFECT attendance during the month of January! Keep up the amazing work!

Acree-Bryant, Logan	Carpenter, Raegan	Edmond, Neige
Agiri, Adeleye Fateen	Carroll, Michaela	Elliott, Rylan J
Albano, Gianna	Cartmell, Chase Ryan	Ettore, Giovanni
Allotey, Adotey	Casasola Paz, Jeancarlo	Ewing, Irelyn
Alshurafa, Taha	Castillo, Zury Elisabeth	Fabian, Cristian Nahmir
Alshurafa, Zayn	Cavalli, Alaina	Fallon, Izabella
Ammon-Pascal, Emily	Cephas, Magi	Farbez, Arhaam
Andrews, Harvey James	Cerino, Amelia Flash	Feehan, Lily
Anglin, Avery	Chen, Christie	Felgendreger, Brayden
Artmont, Lillianna Rose	Chen, Louis	Ferraro, Layla Grace
Attas, Lori Renee	Cherif, Amira	Ferraro, Mason Vincent
Auguste, Daniel Rene Miguel	Christ, Charleigh	Freas, Sean Patrick
Auguste, David Juan	Christ, Rhyann	Fredrick, Justin
Ayalew, Kaleb	Chukwu, Chinedum John	Friedman, Wesley
Baker, Josiah	Chukwu, Ngozi	Frye, Chase D
Baker, Marcus Leonard JR	Chukwu, Tochukwu Victor	Fuiman, Liana
Baker, Shiloh Marie	Ciarrocchi, Dominic Lee	Gagliardi, Hunter
Baldoni, Bianca Rose	Cicchinelli, Jayden	Gagliardi, Tyler
Baldoni, Grace	Cisse, Mohamed Amadou	Gallagher, Daniel
Bandy, Christian Clay	Clark, Kristopher King	Gallagher, Jacob
Bango-Jarwood, Amber	Clarke, Ayden Liam	Gallagher, Logan
Barfield, Nyeirrah	Clouse, Emma Rose	Gentile, Anthony
Barnes, Madison	Coin, Maryann	Gerdelmann, Katelyn
Basile, Josephine Patience	Colella, Joseph	Gill, Charlotte Joyce
Baskerville, Kadin	Colella, Joshua	Gill, Kevin
Battista, Stella	Coles, Jennah Ari'	Goldblatt, Aubrey
Beaird, Aiden	Conlin, Kaitlyn Grace	Golembiewski, Carson
Belton, Mateo Arron	Cottman, Akeem Charles	Grant, Jamison David
Berkowitz, Quinn Campbell	Cottman, David Keith	Grantland, Thomas Andrew
Beverly, Brandon Kalieb	Craig, James	Graves, Jennah
Blackwell, Jayden Paris	Craig, Julia Cristina	Grear, Nedeia Eva
Blanchard, Colin Tanzio	Crawford, Claire Elizabeth	Greene, Christian Bryce
Blanck, Ryan Joseph	Crawford, Matthew Vincent	Greene, Christopher
Bokano, Darrell Joseph	Cruz, Aaron	Gregory, Declan
Bonney, Trevor Roy III	Curley V, Louis	Griffin, Samuel
Bowser, Zion	Curma, Artenisa	Guldner, Avalee Grace
Boyer, Leah	Dalo, Dominic Nicholas	Guldner, Nathaniel Freeman
Boyou, Marco G	Daniels, Amanda	Gutierrez, Chynna
Bradley, Geneva Rose	Daniels, Kaitlyn	Habib, Dina
Bradsher, Fyheem	D'Antonio, Jayleb Michael	Habib, Riad
Bray, Lila Ann	Davies, Aniyah	Hall, Liam Anthony
Bray, Lily Catherine	Davies, Avril	Hall, Zoe Ariel
Brickhouse, Ashira Elizabeth	Davis, Kareem Jamal JR	Hannigan, Andrew James
Brickhouse, Noelle	DeBourke, Wyl Michael	Hanson, Giuliana Harper
Brown, Chloe Rose	DeLoatch, Laila Mireya	Harris, Jayceon Rashad
Brown, Ethan Joseph	Diarra, Aissata	Hartman, Morgan Avery
Brown, Hazel Sophia	Diarra, Amidou	Hatton, Austin Augustus
Brown, Kamal	Diarra, Coumba Coumbise	Hatton, Noah Anthony
Brown, Watcilia Avianna	Diarra, Fanta Sira	Hawil, Khalil Nathan
Budd, Prince Thomas	Dicker, Chace Khali	Hemphill, Athena Grace
Bunton, Skylar Marie	Difilippo, Silas Anthony	Hemphill, Ryan Onyx
Cahueque Ramirez, Jonatan	Diouani, Dhahbia	Henderson, Airyana
Cahueque Ramirez, Mayrin	Dix, Aidan Micah	Henry, Alexander James
Cain, Dillon Na'jee	Dix, Alani Nyla	Herb, Evan
Calkap, Adam Ali	Dix, Antonio Lamar JR	Hicks, Aryah Penny
Calkap, Leela Myra	Doucette, Gracen B	Hicks-Jones, Journey Simone
Campbell, Fallon	Doucette, Logan	Hilbmann, Dominic Alexander
Campbell, Taya Shay	Drummond, Kamilah	Hilbmann, Jemma Marie
Carey, Peyton Marie	Easy, Alonah Marie	Hill, Amir Naim
Carlin-Hagerty, Ava	Edmond, Lakeia	Hill, April Nicole

Hill, Ashley Nicole  
Hill, Gavin Jasai  
Houn, Sovana  
Howard, Kayleigh Grace  
Hoxhaj, Livia  
Hoyle, Piper Grace  
Hoyle, Willow Mae  
Huganir, Fiona Kathlynn  
Hughes, Vivian  
Humes, Simeon Reece  
Ianovale, Violet L.  
Ipock, Timothy S  
Ipock, William C  
Iqbal, Manahil  
Jabateh, Olivia Kolea  
Jabathy, Adela Radiatu  
Jackson, Aliya  
Jackson, Julius  
Jackson, Novalee Marie  
Jalloh, Umu  
Jamgochian, Emma Alice  
Jarwood, Alaina  
Jerue, Nathaniel Paul  
Jilozian, Roman Harout  
Johnson, Arianna Paige  
Johnson, Tremaine G  
Johnston, Daniel J  
Jones, London Grace  
Jones, Tavia I.  
Kablan, Eden K  
Kapaj, Emma  
Kealey, Emma Marie  
Kealey, Fiona Ann  
Kee, Jayden  
Keen, Emily J.  
Kennedy, Bella-Blu L.  
Kennedy, Katelyn Pearl  
Kennedy, Matthew  
Khan, Azaan  
Khan, Ehan  
Kime, Willow Beth  
Klah, Celine Princess  
Kokir-Miller, Tatiana  
Kone, Chanel Malicka  
Kpunsah, Nathan  
Kulp, Shane E  
Kumar, Roseta  
Lacey, Mckayla Lynn  
Lakhdar, Iteb  
Lanctot, Alexander  
Lantz, Jeremy Pablo  
Law, Olivia  
Lee, Mia Rose  
Lee, Sunni Grace  
Leiria, Mateus Frediani  
Leitch, Steven  
Lewis, Aria  
Lewis, Chase  
Liu, Jeff  
Lookingbill, Liam John  
Love, Brianna  
Love, Edward Patrick JR  
Ludwinski, Sofie Elzbieta  
Ly, Jaden Marie  
MacClelland, Christian JR  
MacClelland, Kenzie  
Mahmood, Fatima  
Martinez, Armando III  
Martino, Arianna J  
Martino, Matthew  
Maxfield, Connor David  
Maxfield, Henry  
May, Griffin  
May, Violet Ellis  
Mbaye, Sophia Wore  
McBurney, Sunshine  
McCoy, Ellianna  
McCoy, Travis James  
McCullough, Lia Francesca  
McCullough, Michael James JR  
McDonald-Shaw, Elijah Nasir  
McFarlane, Gavin  
McFarlane, Layla  
McGeorge, Liam Robert  
McGeorge, Logan  
McGinnis, Melanie J  
McNatt, Amirah Rae  
McNatt, Ethan Raymond  
McNatt, Samiya Nevaeh  
Meehan, Nathan  
Melnick, Hannah Jo  
Melnick, Maggie Nicole  
Melton, Lily Rose  
Meta, Alisa  
Meta, Brian  
Meus, Steshlin Danny  
Mickens, Wayne JR  
Mihali, Arsela  
Miller, Aasiyah  
Miller, Nieem  
Miller, Owen Jude  
Mitchell, Gia  
Mobeen, Haad Muhammad  
Moore, Anna  
Moore, David  
Moore, Malachi Josiah  
Mora, Kevin Josue  
Morgan, Aiden J.  
Morgan, Jaaziah  
Morgan-Wood, Cassidi Simone  
Moses-Jackson, Roxanna E.  
Moulder, Audrey  
Muchison, Isa S  
Musau, Anthony  
Naz, Aisha  
Neitham, Victoria  
Nelson, Alivia Anne  
Newton, Aaden Liam  
Ngjelo, Kevin  
Nguyen, Katharine Linh Nhi  
Nguyen, Max  
Noel JR, Rasheed  
Nunez, Karolanne  
Nyagblo, Bernice Akossi  
Nyagblo, Hope  
Occhiolini, Luke Joseph  
Oertel, Aubrey Elizabeth  
Ojeda, Jose  
Papa, Marisa  
Parker, Paige Emil  
Parkes, Madison  
Parks, Jayden Caleb  
Parks, Leah Naomi  
Paul, Samantha  
Pena, Isaac Joel  
Peters, Nathan Phoenix  
Pettiford, Zora Amori  
Pfeffinger, Andrew Lawrence  
Pfeffinger, Giavanna  
Phan, Thy Minh  
Phan, Tri Minh  
Phillips, O'Shyn Marie  
Pieretti, Cassidy  
Pierre-Louis, Carter John  
Poland, Alphonso JR  
Pope, Kourtney  
Pope, Phelix  
Powell, Curtis Edwin  
Quartlebaum, Grey Ermias  
Ramirez, Izabel  
Rankins, Giyannah Raquel  
Rankins, Laurence Mickel  
Rauceo, Abigail Grace  
Rawlins, Abigail Harper  
Rawlins, Arielle Ryann  
Redley, Kaitlyn Eliana  
Reichard, Addison Elizabeth  
Reichard, Timothy  
Rhoads, Scott  
Ricciuti, Christian James  
Richart, Vanessa O.  
Ripley, Ashliee Lynne  
Rivers, Cody Gabriel  
Roach, Tyson Joshua  
Roberts, Rasheed Sincere  
Robinson, Terrance  
Rodney, Khalon  
Rogers, Michael  
Roney, Aaliyah  
Rowe, MacKenzie Olivia  
Samaniego, Samantha Nayeli  
Samaniego-Caivinagua, Dayana  
Sanderlin, Richard Aaron  
Savage, Justin  
Schaffer, Abigail  
Scott, Madison Gwen  
Scott, Milana  
Seng, Ryan Virak  
Serrano, Jacob  
Sharpe, Calvin



Sheikh, Abdul Basit  
Shekpeh, Abraham  
Shepherd, Halle Margaret  
Sibri Guaman, Jeshua  
Sills, Madison  
Silvis, Nathaniel  
Simmons, Madeline Grace  
Simpson-Darden, Kaidence  
Singh, Tarunpreet  
Smith, Jeremiah Chad  
Smith, Olivia Nicole  
Soumahoro, Rayann Makesha  
Southard, Alexa Rae  
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Sowell, Kevin  
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Steinrock, Hayden Elizabeth  
Stephens-Evans, Rene  
Strofe, Jordan  
Swift, Alexander  
Swift, Arik Xavier  
Talal, Fatima  
Talal, Hadia  
Taylor, Maya Elizabeth  
Thlang, Connor Throdore  
Thlang, Logan X  
Thomas, Makayla

Thomas, Malia  
Thompson, Logan David  
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Thompson, Nyla  
Thompson, Nyssa  
Thompson-Witherspoon, Khadijah  
Tilley, Yahsir  
Tisdale, Soleil Pheonix  
Tolbert-Martin, Aiden  
Tomicki-Mendes, Finley Jayne  
Torrence, Rocco Thomas  
Trawick, Londyn Renee  
Trotti, Samantha Anne  
Tucker, Siydah Alliyah  
Tucker-McIver, Levi  
Turner, Ryan  
Tuttle, Jude  
Tuttle, Nathaniel Reid  
Urbanelli, Matthew  
Urbanelli, Vincent  
Vasquez, Daniel Jordan Arcos  
Verden, Brielle Amora  
Verma, Aishwarya  
Vliese, Raiah Kwakye  
Vujaskovic, Lana  
Vujaskovic, Marko  
Walczak, Emma  
Walczak, Isabella  
Walker, Jordan Joanne  
Walker, Mericle  
Wanamaker, Christian

Wanamaker, Gabriella  
Ward, Mason  
Warrington, Morgan E.  
Warrington, Stephen III  
Washington, Mya Paige  
Washington, Richard IV  
Washington, Zuri Marie  
West, Claire Pearl  
West, Graisyn Thomas Marva  
Wheelings, Abby Amor  
Wiggins, Rylin Marie  
Williams, Amier  
Williams, Ariana Kaylee  
Williams, Christopher  
Williams, Gavin Alexander  
Williams, Kayla Mckenna  
Williams, Kylie Elaine  
Williams, Quinn Avery  
Williams, Sean  
Wilson, Layla Rose  
Wilt, Austin  
Wimberly, Amora Lee  
Winas, Leah Aubrey  
Winston, Isaiah Michael  
Wirawan, Benjamin  
Wismer, Garrett James  
Witherspoon, Kadir B.  
Wright, Mehki Douglass  
Yashin, Hannah Wilson  
Young, Jason

**Perfect Attendance!**



## Literacy Team News

### Read Across America Spirit Week

The week of March 1-5<sup>th</sup> is Dr. Seuss week. In honor of one of our favorite authors, we are going to have a Dr. Seuss Spirit Week to celebrate reading! Each day will coordinate with one of our favorite Dr. Seuss books.

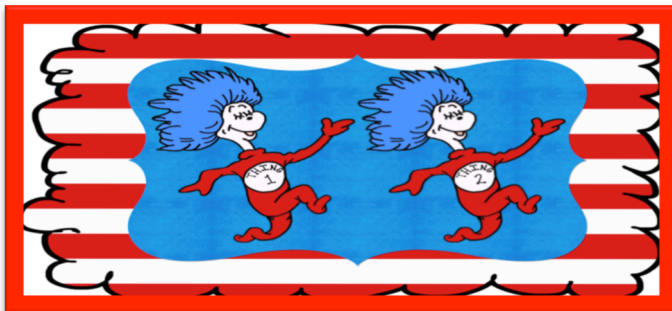
**Monday: Cat in the Hat-wear a fun hat.**

**Tuesday: One Fish, Two Fish, Red Fish, Blue Fish-wear a red, white or blue shirt.**

**Wednesday: Wacky Wednesday-wear wacky clothes, such as mismatched or backwards.**

**Thursday: Oh, The Places You'll Go- wear a college shirt or sweatshirt or dress up and let us know what you want to be when you grow up.**

**Friday: Fox in Socks- wear crazy or fun socks.**



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## Kindergarten News

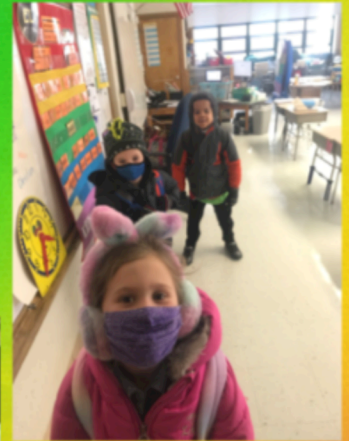
**In Kindergarten we are 100 Days Smarter! We celebrated our 100th Day in Kindergarten! We know our letters and sounds and we know our numbers and how to add and subtract them!**

**In Reading, we are learning all about characters and how to tell about a character based on what they say and what they do. In Math, we are beginning to learn how to make and take apart the numbers 11-20. In Foundations, we are putting sounds and blending them into words and in Heggerty we are working on taking words apart and listening for the different sounds.**

**This month, each day we are learning about a different influential Black leader in honor of Black History Month. We are 100 Days older, kinder, and smarter!!**

## First Grade News

**First Grade teachers are enjoying teaching to in-person and virtual students who are all excited to be learning together!**



# Welcome Back to Hillcrest!

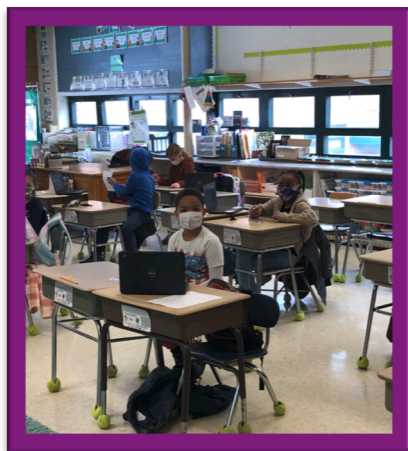
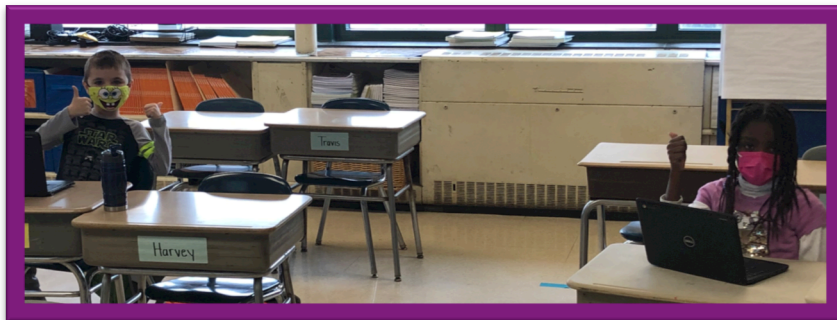
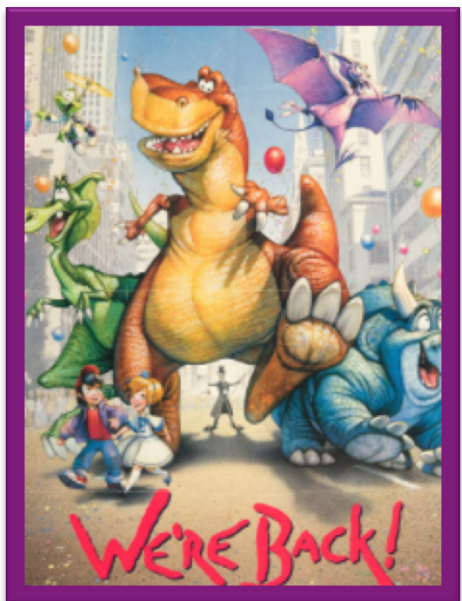




## Second Grade News

We're back! Yeah!

Hillcrest students are back in the classroom and second graders are excited and working hard. We've learned how to work hard in a safe environment, wear masks and respect social distancing. Students were excited to meet their peers and teachers. The second grade teachers were just as excited to meet their students in-person!



## Third Grade News



**The Third Grade at Hillcrest has been very busy these last few weeks. For some of us, we are getting comfortable with a return to school. For all of us, we are busy with schedule changes and disruptions due to the snowy weather.**

**In the meantime, we are diving into the 2<sup>nd</sup> half of the school year. February brings a celebration of Black History Month. Many cultures in Asia celebrate their New Year. Some people look forward to Valentine's Day or a day off for President's Day. During all of these special events and celebrations, the Third Graders continue to work hard in Math, Language Arts, and now, Science as well.**

**We look forward to the arrival of Spring next month, but will use these snowy days to curl up indoors with a good book!**

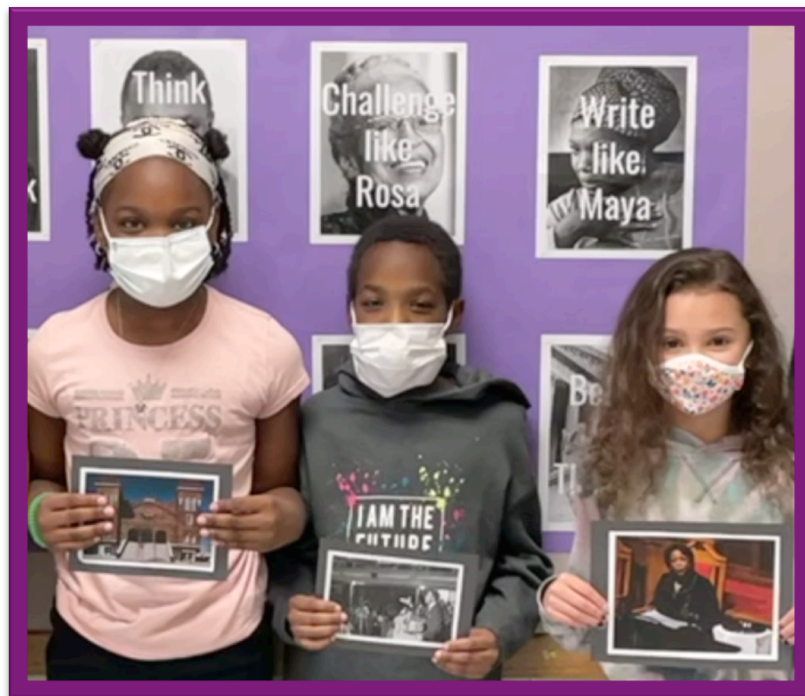




## Fourth Grade News

It's hard to believe it is already February! 4th grade is incredibly excited for all there is to celebrate this month, especially Black History Month.

4th grade teachers have planned many engaging activities for our students to learn about a mixture of historical and current African Americans making a positive impact on society. Throughout the month, we highlight one of these individuals each day. This will allow students to understand that they too are capable of making a positive difference in our world! Be sure to ask your child who they learned about each day. Also, be on the lookout for the Black History Month video produced by the Upper Darby School District. Some of our amazing 4th graders are featured in this video!



We are also excited for the announcement that 4th and 5th grade students will be returning to in-school learning on March 1st. We have been waiting for this day for close to a year! We are working hard to set up our classrooms and technology for a safe and engaging work environment. Be sure to let the office know your plan of returning to school or remaining virtual. We can't wait to have your children back!



## Fifth Grade News



In fifth grade, as part of our reading theme on westward expansion, Mrs. Dwyer's class is learning about how the pioneers had to make their own food from scratch. We learned that the pioneers didn't have grocery stores similar to what we have now. That means, that if they wanted bread, they had to go into the fields, pick up wheat, grind it to make it into flour and then put it together with other ingredients and then bake it. It was a long process and they had to spend days, just making basic foods, such as bread or butter.

As the hands-on part of this lesson, we made our own butter from heavy whipping cream! The cream was poured into a little container with a lid. Then we put a marble in with the cream (to help mix it). Every one had to shake their container for about 10-15 minutes to turn it into butter, so we put on some music and had a dance party to give some rhythm to our shaking!

After we made the butter, we had an extra special treat as Dr. Fox brought in home baked bread for everyone to eat with our fresh made butter! It was an extra special lesson as everyone learned how much work has to go into making food and of course, our favorite part was the eating part! Great job Mrs. Dwyer's class!

