




October 2019

The Hillcrest Herald

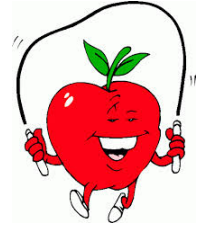
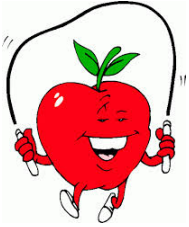


Hillcrest Elementary School

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 (Day A)	2 (Day B)	3 (Day C)	4 (Day D)	5
			12:30pm Early Dismissal (Grades 1 through 5) 8:50am-10:20am AM Kindergarten 11:00am-12:30pm PM Kindergarten 9:15am-9:45am Summer Scholar Celebration 11:50am-12:20pm October Birthday Celebration		Fall Picture Day	
6	7 (Day A)	8 (Day B)	9 (Day C)	10 (Day D)	11 (Day A)	12
				6:00pm HSA Meeting		
13	14	15 (Day B)	16 (Day C)	17 (Day D)	18 (Day A)	19
	No School for Students and Staff District and School Offices are Open				5 th Grade Group Picture	
20	21 (Day B)	22 (Day C)	23 (Day D)	24 (Day A)	25 (Day B)	26
			October 23 – October 31 Red Ribbon Week			5:00pm-7:00pm Home & School Trunk or Treat
27	28 (Day C)	29 (Day D)	30 (Day A)	31 (Day B)		
				2:15pm Fall Festival Parade		

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:

- ✓ Mr./Mrs. Fox
- ✓ Jumping Rope
- ✓ 3 Ball Soccer

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:

- ✓ Playground Games
- ✓ Line Soccer
- ✓ 3 Ball Soccer
- ✓ 2 Ball Soccer
- ✓ Jumping Rope

(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: Giovanni Ettore Rm #105 & Madison Barnes Rm#105

2nd Grade: Rocco Torrence Rm #104 & Raegan Carpenter Rm #104

3rd Grade: Kaidence Simpson-Darden Rm #21 & Michael Rogers Rm #26

4th Grade: Raelynne Gray Rm #24, Josef Harris Rm #212 & Nyeirrah Barfield Rm #212

5th Grade: Mara George Rm #213, Joshua Campbell Rm #211 & Leah Onaderu 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!

Wee Deliver is Back for the 2019-2020 School Year!

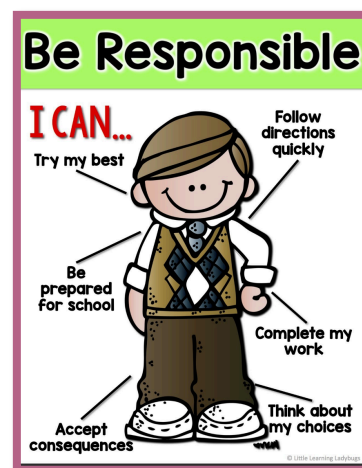
The Hillcrest Wee Deliver Program is in full swing for the 2019-20 School Year! Children at Hillcrest who receive Life Skills Support are busy sorting and delivering mail. We are working on many adaptive and communication skills as well as learning responsibility and citizenship while we deliver each week. Don't forget to send your child a letter! Please mark the back of the envelope with their name, teacher and room number. Thank you for your support!



The Life Skills Support Team

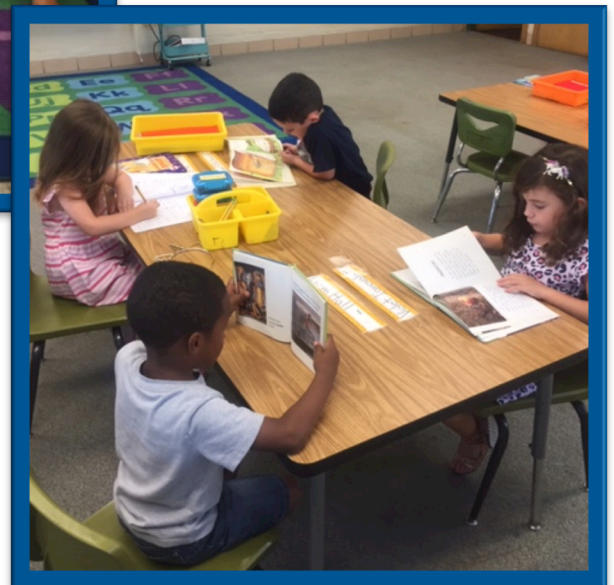
Be Safe - Be Respectful - Be Responsible

This month, first grade has been reviewing our school rules: be safe, be respectful, and be responsible. We are learning to talk, share, listen, and take turns during our day at school. We are aiming to be good citizens of Hillcrest!



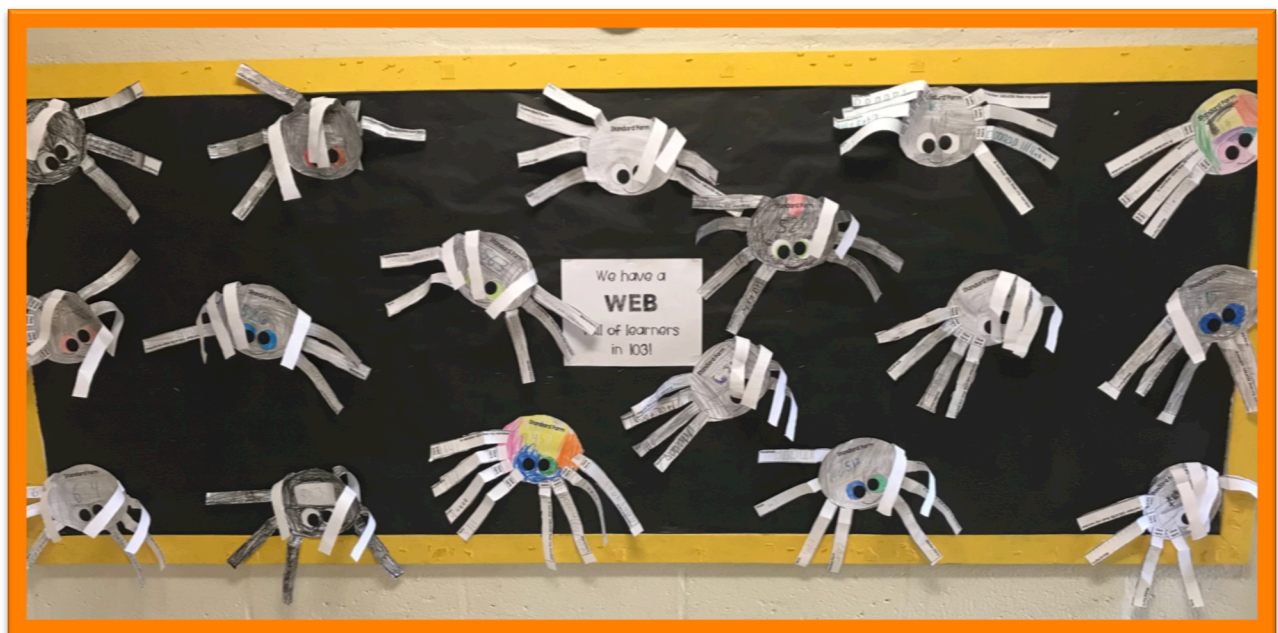
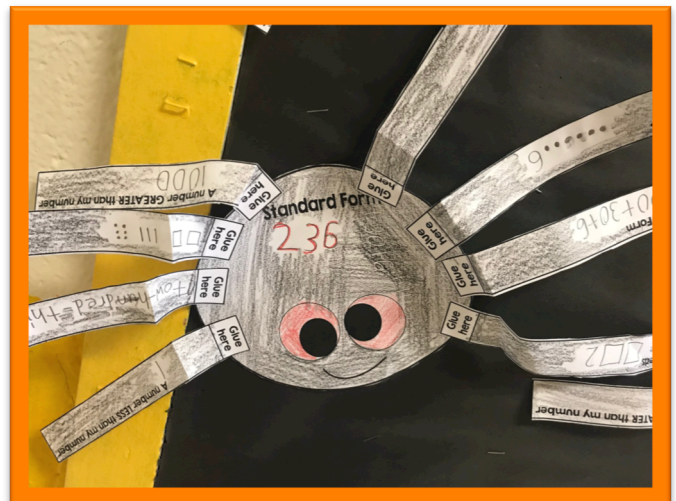
Busy in Kindergarten

Kindergarten has been busy learning the expectations of school and also learning lots of new things! We had Color Week and went to the library for the first time to check out a book! We have been learning about numbers from 1-5 and also about the meaning of greater than and less than. We have been reading lots of new books and writing about those stories. We are looking forward to lots more fun and learning.



Place Value Fun

Second grade has been busy this past month learning about place value. We learned all about hundreds, tens, and ones. Some things we learned specifically were how to draw the different representations of number values, write number words, use expanded form, and find patterns in numbers. We also turned our learning into some fun for the season!



3rd Graders - Hard at Work

September was filled with many new adventures for our third graders. They practiced and learned their new routines "BOO"-tifully. You should be very proud of your child's efforts.

In science, three classes learned about the power of SOUND, while the other two experienced the beauty of PLANT GROWTH and DEVELOPMENT.

Our new intoReading program had the children reading and writing like never before! To date, the students have written a personal narrative and a formal letter. Ask your child to whom they wrote their letter...we can't wait to meet that person in the future!

Math this month focused on reviewing addition and subtraction. Continue to work on regrouping with your child at home. Mastering math facts for addition and subtraction is vital for continued success in the program. Try to practice your child's facts for about 10 minutes each night.

In October, we will be beginning a new science topic (classes that learned Sound will now do Plants and vice versa). In math, we will complete Chapter 2 on ORGANIZING DATA into graphs or tables and then begin Chapter 3 on MULTIPLICATION. Finally, our reading focus will shift into Module 3: Let Freedom Ring. October will be a month of many new opportunities. It looks to be another "SPOOK-TACULAR month for sure!





4th Grade Visits Riverbend

Fourth grade students at Hillcrest attended a trip to Riverbend in Gladwyne. They participated in hands-on, inquiry-based programs that included experiences with nature. Students learned about different types of animal habitats, watershed environments and mostly, about how to be Earth friendly!

Overall, the children had a great day learning in an outdoor school and enjoyed getting their hands (and feet) wet!

A huge thank you to the science department for scheduling and funding this trip to Riverbend. It was a great experience!





4th graders and Mr. Galligan enjoying themselves at Riverbend



Around the World at the Philadelphia Art Museum



5th graders will visit the Philadelphia Art Museum on October 29th and 30th for their first scheduled tour titled, "Around the World". They will visit various rooms of the museum learning about different cultures, comparing works of art, and finding common threads to art that they created in school. During their visit, the art museum docent talks about each art piece as students create an Around the World travelogue. This interactive trip will be the first visit of two this year. The next visit will take place in February of 2020. Thanks to the Philadelphia Art Museum grant, they sponsor this visit for 5th grade students in the Upper Darby School District yearly.