

The Hillcrest Herald

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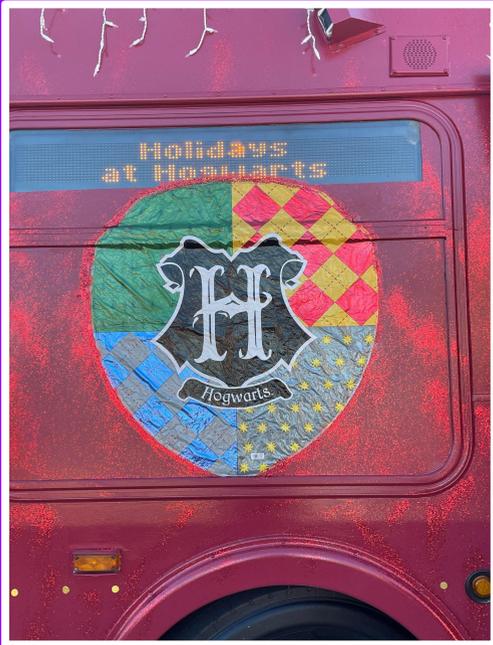
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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2	3 (Day C)	4 (Day D)	5 (Day A) 12:30pm Early Dismissal (Grades 1 through 5) 8:50am-10:20am AM Kindergarten 11:00am-12:30pm PM Kindergarten	6 (Day B)	7 (Day C)	8
						
9	10 (Day D)	11 (Day A)	12 (Day B)	13 (Day C)	14 (Day D)	15
				6:00pm Home and School Association Meeting		
16	17	18 (Day A)	19 (Day B)	20 (Day C)	21 (Day D)	22
	Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday No School for Staff and Students					
23	24 (Day A)	25 (Day B)	26 (Day C)	27 (Day D)	28 (Day A)	29
		Character Counts Recognition Day				
30	31 (Day B)					
						

Hogwarts Express

Hillcrest students and staff were very excited to walk through the Hogwarts Express, sponsored by SEPTA. Thank you to Mrs. Cleary, Gifted Support Teacher, for arranging this magical bus to stop at Hillcrest!







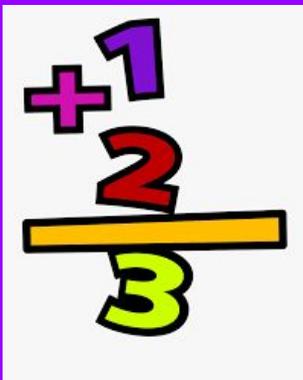
A Surprise Visitor!

Before the winter break, Hillcrest students were greeted by a surprise visitor as they arrived at school. Our snow friend (AKA Mrs. Campbell), also visited classrooms, said hello to our virtual students and participated in the Pledge of Allegiance!



News from Kindergarten

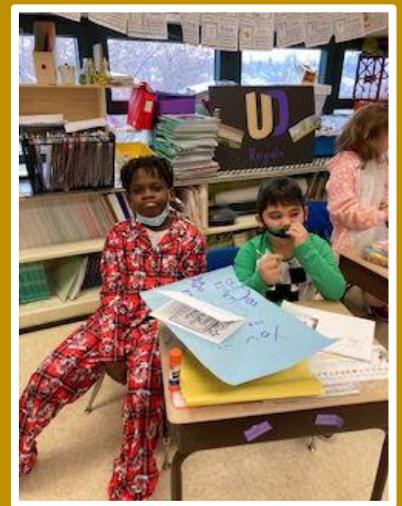
In Kindergarten this month during math class, we will be learning about adding numbers up to 5. We are so excited! In Foundations, we will be learning our last 6 new letters and their sounds, as well as how to form them. We can't believe we have almost finished the alphabet! We just started learning how to sound out 3 letter words using elkonin boxes. We will be reading before we know it! This month, we will also be learning about Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. and his impact on our country.



Oh what fun...



We really enjoyed the spirit days in December. A snow lady even visited our classroom! Working with our fourth grade buddies was a favorite activity. We made cards for the troops.

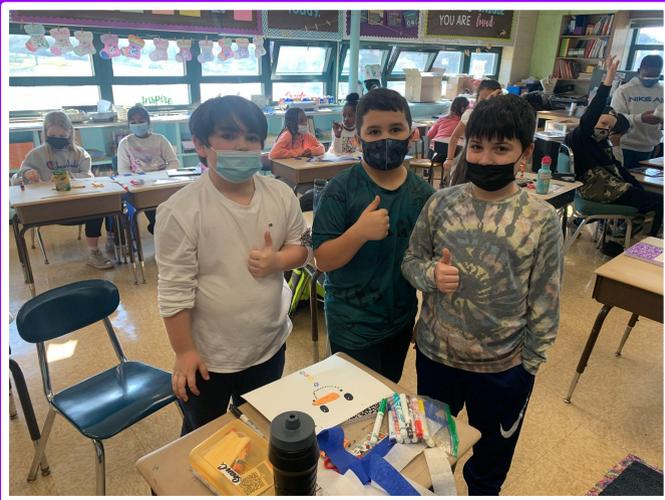


it is to be in first grade!

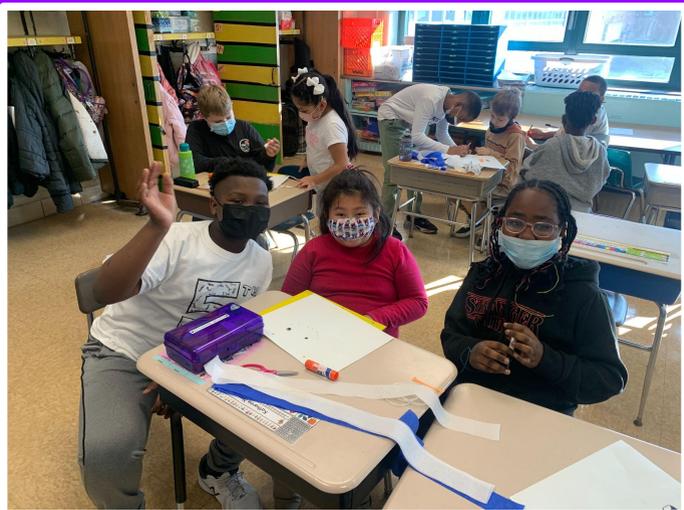
Second Grade Happenings



Before break, second grade students enjoyed working with their fifth grade buddies on winter activities! We created giant snowflakes, made snowmen, and did buddy reading. It was great to have such helpful buddies while completing these fun crafts.



In the new year, second graders are learning how to count money and tell time in math. Students enjoy using their coin manipulatives and clocks to work on these skills.

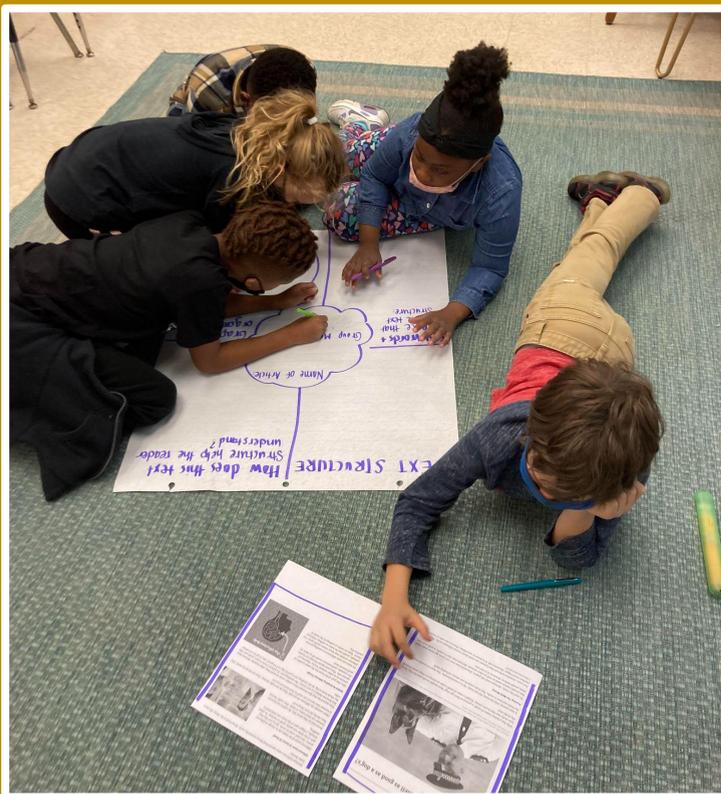




Third Grade News



Third Grade has been super busy getting ready to wrap up our second marking period! We cannot believe the year is halfway through! In math class, we have been working on reading data from different graphs. We even created our own graphs by surveying our friends! In reading, we have focused on identifying the themes of stories. We are almost done with our science units and we are preparing to start social studies real soon! The year 2022 is off to a great start!

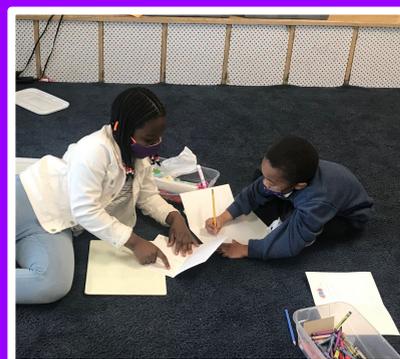




Buddies Spreading Holiday Cheer



The fourth grade students were excited to meet with their first grade buddies again during the week before winter break. The students worked together to create colorful, holiday cards for soldiers in the military to thank them for their service to our country. While we made the cards, we listened to holiday music, talked about what winter holidays we celebrate and shared our own holiday traditions. We learned a lot about our buddies and had a wonderful time spreading some holiday cheer.



Making Butter!

In fifth grade, as part of our reading theme on How the West was Won, Mrs. Dwyer's and Dr. Fox's classes learned how the pioneers had to make their own food from scratch. Students 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 the wheat, grind it to make it into flour and then put it together with other ingredients and finally bake it. It was a long process so they had to spend all day just making basic foods such as bread or butter.

As the hands-on part of this lesson, both classes made their own butter from heavy whipped cream. The cream was poured into a little container with a lid. Then they 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.

After the heavy cream turned into butter, students had an extra special treat as Dr. Fox brought in home baked bread for everyone to eat with their fresh made butter! It was an extra special lesson as everyone learned how much work has to go into making food. Of course, their favorite part was the eating part! Great job to both classes!

