



Principal's Message

Happy New Year!

Welcome back staff and students. The first semester is almost complete and I look forward to a successful 2nd semester and 2019. Students tend to really take off and progress in their learning the 3rd nine weeks of school. Please continue to partner with us to ensure your child meets or exceeds their growth targets. Here are some ideas that you can do to help your child.

1. Make sure your child is in school and on time each day.
2. Check their folders nightly.
3. Read with your child.
4. Reward their efforts.
5. Stay positive and be involved.
6. Remind your child to be a Cruiser STAR
(Stay Safe, Take Responsibility, Act Respectfully, and Reach Goals)

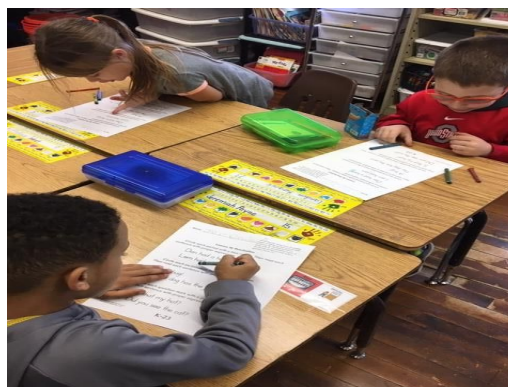
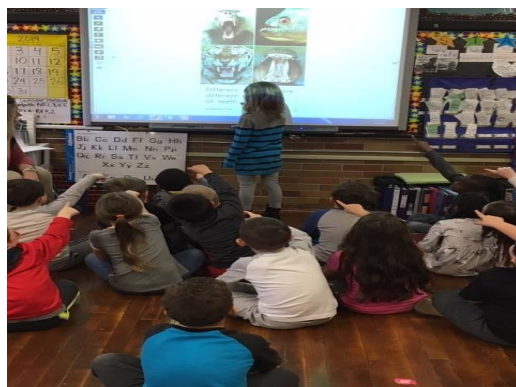
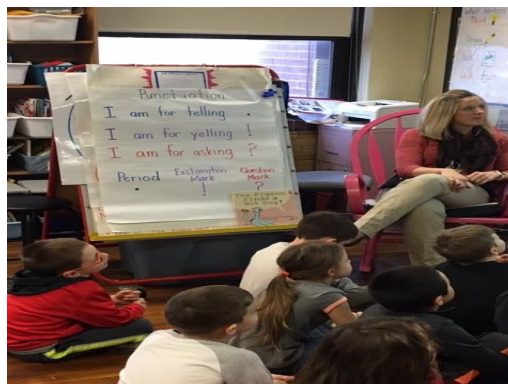
As a staff we are always talking about meeting or exceeding growth targets. We encourage the students to work hard each day and we appreciate all the support from the parents. We feel very fortunate to have such wonderful families at Groveport Elementary, who support the children and the staff. We look forward to continuing our partnership in 2019! If you have questions, please contact me or your child's teacher.

Focus on Learning

In Mrs. Jahn's Kindergarten class, students have been working on the standard L.K.2 recognizing and naming end punctuation. Students reviewed the classroom chart of the three formats of

punctuation. As a group, they identified punctuation used in book excerpts that were presented on the smartboard. The class had to identify what type of punctuation they saw, by circling it with a specific colored marker from the smartboard.

As the students went back to their seats, they each were presented with a piece of paper that had sentence examples with punctuation. They independently identified and circled the punctuation using the same color crayons as they did during the whole group instruction. The students had so much fun learning about such interesting animals while focusing on punctuation! Did you know that a snail can have 25,000 teeth?



January PBIS Re-focus Kick-off

We started the 1st day back from break reminding students about our Positive Behavior Interventions and Supports. Teachers reviewed how to be a STAR in different common areas, benefits to being a STAR and consequences for choosing not to follow the rules.

Teachers also reminded students about the 2nd nine weeks reward. Here are the expectations for this nine weeks.

February 15th = 2nd Nine Weeks Reward Games Galore

Two out of the three requirements need to be met:

Academics = MAP (K-4 meet 1 out of 2 / 5th 2 out of 3)

Intention = Attendance 0 unexcused absences

Mindset = STAR Behavior (teacher discretion)

Automatic Disqualifier:

- Bus Suspension
- School Suspension

Artist of the Week



Kennedy Hill

Fourth graders have been learning about artist Aminah Robinson. Aminah was born and raised in Columbus and her work focused primarily on community and her love for her neighborhood. She created unique drawings, woodcuts, sculptures and story quilts and she used many different materials to create these works. Our 4th graders created their inspired work digitally. We worked on her website Aminahsworld.org and used only the materials offered on the site to create our artwork based off of the communities we belong to. Kennedy Hill was selected by Mrs. Sperk for her detailed masterpiece. Kennedy is a student in Mr. Yurasek's class. She has been attending Groveport Elementary since kindergarten. Kennedy has a younger brother, Elijah who is in kindergarten this year. Kennedy enjoys drawing, painting, gardening, basketball and football. She loves Pop Art and the color purple.

Congratulations Kennedy for being our Artist of the Week!

Friendly Reminders

Student Drop Off - Students should not be dropped off before 8:45 AM. We don't have supervision before this time and students will be outside in the cold temperatures. Also, the oval in the front is for the buses. All drop offs must be in front of the school by the fence or on the side of the school.

Car Rider Pick-up - Please continue to use Middle School Central's parking lot. Students will be walked out to the end of the drive at 3:35. The weather is going to be very cold the next couple months, but please continue to get out of your car and meet your child. Also, please follow the pick-up procedures, follow the flow of traffic around the parking lot and do not cut in

line. This is so we can keep all the students safe.

Visitor Badges - When you visit the building, you must show proper ID to enter the building.

Staff and students CANNOT open the door for you. You must be buzzed in by someone in the office after you show your ID. Once you are buzzed in, go directly to office and sign in and get a visitor badge. Again, this is to ensure the safety of all the students.

Recess - It looks like we will have indoor recess for the next several weeks, but just in case the temperature is 25 degrees or above, please make sure your child wears a coat, hat and gloves.

We have activities and games for indoor recess, so we ask that your child not bring in toys from home unless the teacher has given specific permission. We can't be responsible for lost or stolen property.

Birthday Treats - If you decide to send in a treat for your child's classroom, please contact the teacher to make arrangements beforehand. We are continuously getting new students and we have had parents send in treats but not enough for the whole class or bring in the treats after the scheduled time the teacher plans for treats.

Thank you so much for your understanding and cooperation!

Upcoming Important Dates

January

18 - BLT (Building Leadership Team) Meeting (8:00)

21 - No School

25 - Chili Cook Off

All for Books January 11th - 15th

Monday - Hat Day (pennies)

Tuesday - Tie Dye (Nickels)

Wednesday - Favorite Team Day (dimes)

Thursday - Favorite Animal (quarter)

Friday - Pajamas (dollars)

Thank You to Our Pledge of Allegiance Helpers

Kaden Barnhart - Mrs. Mosure

Genesis Goddard - Ms. Polce

Maleck Ndonga - Mrs. Cordell

Eli Bellamy - Mrs. Myers

Kameia Steward - Ms. Miller

Natalie Ford - Mrs. McGonigal

Samuel Barnhart - Mrs. Monhollen

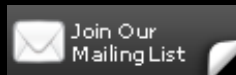
HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!!!

MaKenzie Parrett, Oscar Viton, Richard Rollison,
Bryce Knapper, Sophia Hubbard, Celeste Jacobs,
Insa Parish-Kone and Julieus Carter



Cruiser STAR Students

Gold STAR Awards are given to students by staff members for students who show characteristics of being a Cruiser STAR - Stay Safe Take Responsibility Act Respectfully Reach Goals. Students come to the office and put their gold STAR in our Treasure Box. Every Friday, Mrs. Bray picks 15 -20 STARS from the Treasure Box and calls those students to the office for a prize. [Congratulations - Mykah Bailey, Aiden Combs, Celeste Jacobs, Chandler McCoy, Dylan Burbacher, Dayvion Coleman, Logan Carter, Maci West, Karter Kelley, William Nuakey, Taylor Campbell, Emma Webb, Soffia Nieman, Leila Clinton, and Jeremy Finigan!](#)



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