

LINCOLN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
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LINCOLN SCHOOL NEWSLETTER
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Fourth Grade News:
Mrs. Awadallah & Mrs. Centrella

It was so nice to meet so many of you at Back to School Night! In Math, students have been reviewing rounding, learning how to compare and order numbers, and demonstrating their knowledge of place value. Please continue practicing math facts at home.

In Science the Fourth grade has been studying plant adaptations, observing plants and trees, and taking notes on their observations, so they can compare the trees at Lincoln School throughout the seasons. Students really enjoyed their STEM experiment, observing leaves "breathe."



In Language Arts, we launched Reader's and Writer's Workshops, and just started our character study. Please be sure to read at your level for 20 minutes a night, and respond on the reading log!

Upcoming Events:

October 7-11:
Week of Respect

October 14 :
Columbus Day – No School

Fifth Grade News: Ms. Carey - Science

The Fifth grade started off the school year differentiating in Science and Engineering. The students used the skills they learned to design the longest paper chain with a minimal amount of materials.



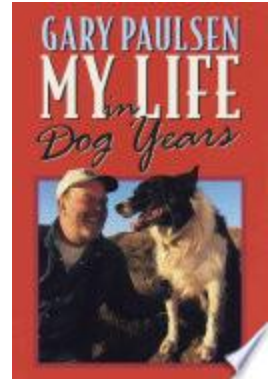
Mrs. Havel Smith & Mr. Rapp - Mathematics

The Fifth graders want you to come "Figure Them Out". In math class, they wrote numerical expressions that had to do with numbers from their own personal lives. Some are very hard...hopefully you know the Order of Operations so you can figure them out! All of the 5th graders have had a tremendous start to the new year, and it looks like it's going to be a lot of fun!



Mrs. Suarez – Language Arts

The Fifth graders started off the new school year with excitement and enthusiasm! They made the transition nicely to switching for all of their classes. After writing and typing a review of their summer fiction book selection, they dove right into reading a memoir written by a truly great writer. The tales about various dogs in *My Life in Dog Years*, by Gary Paulsen, has sparked discussion and appreciation for writer's craft. The students have learned about various settings including specific locations and time periods. Paulsen's book takes place in a span from the 1940's to 1980's. They are also noticing how detailed and descriptive writing brings the stories of his book to life. The students loved the book so much, they were sad that we finished reading it! This novel will be used as a model to help the students as they write their own personal narratives and memoirs.

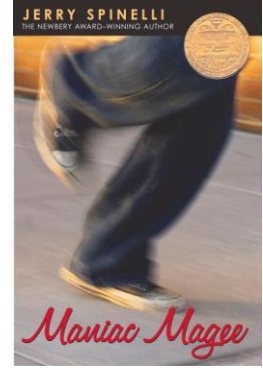


In Writing, the students are working on using topic sentences to formulate descriptive and detailed paragraphs. They will choose their best paragraph to proofread, edit, and type, to share with their classmates. Many students have commented that Paulsen's writing has given them ideas to use in their own writing. In addition, students are reading realistic fiction novels on their level. They should be reading weekly from Monday-Thursday, and making entries in their Reader's Notebook. Please check their planners and help them along in their homework completion. Overall, the new fifth grade class is off to an excellent start, and it looks like it's going to be an amazing year!



Mr. Kenny – Language Arts and Social Studies

The Sixth grade has been reading *Maniac Magee* in the month of September. We have focused on setting, theme, and the connections between certain settings and specific themes. *Maniac Magee* has a great deal of hyperbole (or exaggeration) in the story. Thus, in writing, we are creating personal narratives that are greatly embellished! The language used in their narratives should be extreme and extraordinary!



In Social Studies, the classes recently took a quiz on North America and Europe to reinforce the map skills they learned in fifth grade. We are currently embarking on our first journey into the new Social Studies series *American History Beginnings to 1877*. Our first chapter will focus on the colonization of North and South America by various European nations. We've also learned about how the human immune system played a vital role in the events of American history.



Safety Patrol News: Ms. Alkin

The Safety Patrol Members are doing a tremendous job helping the younger students at Lincoln School. They have been a great support during breakfast, lunch and recess. The Sixth graders model working through recess conflicts and remind the children to play in a safe and fair way. An extra shout goes to Anthony D'Elia, Alia Alonso and Ariana Cardenas for winning Safety of the Week Awards. Thank you Sixth Grade Safety Patrol Members for all of your hard work!



**Guidance News:
Ms. Alkin**

Lincoln School's Week of Respect is just around the corner. Here is a list of our upcoming Theme Days:

Monday 10/7	Think ahead and make smart choices. Wear a college shirt.
Tuesday 10/8	Always be a friend to others. Bring in your favorite teddy bear or stuffed animal.
Wednesday 10/9	Stay calm and relaxed. Wear yoga/athletic wear.
Thursday 10/10	Be sweet and kind to everyone. Dress like your favorite dessert or candy.
Friday 10/11	Lincoln School shows respect altogether! Please wear blue or Lincoln School Spirit Wear.

Lincoln School News:

The staff at Lincoln School would like to send a special thank you to the PTA for their donations of supplies to each teacher! We appreciate your generosity!!!

