



# LINC LN SCHOOL

**NEWSLETTER**  
Week of October 2, 2023

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## Upcoming Events:

**October 9th - Columbus Day - No School**



**Mrs. Davidson, Ms. Haystrand, Mrs. McKenna, and Ms. Graves**



We are so happy to see our students again! We had a great September working on some activities that were back to school and apple themed. In PT, we threw apples into a bucket, jumped back into the new school year, and did lots of obstacle courses. In OT, we made apple trees and glue bottles, because we stick together like glue! We can't wait for our October activities!





## Ms. Conticello, Ms. Elborki, and Ms. McIvor



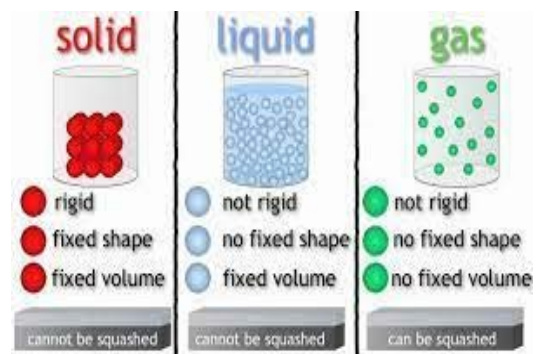
The Speech team has been busy getting to know all of our new students this year! Our students have transitioned nicely into the Speech room, and together we are working towards accomplishing their speech and language goals. Our youngest students are working on sequencing, naming objects and actions, using longer sentences, and following 1 to 2 step directions. Our older students are working on their speech sounds, expanding their vocabulary, and improving on their conversation and



comprehension skills. We are looking forward to having an amazing year!

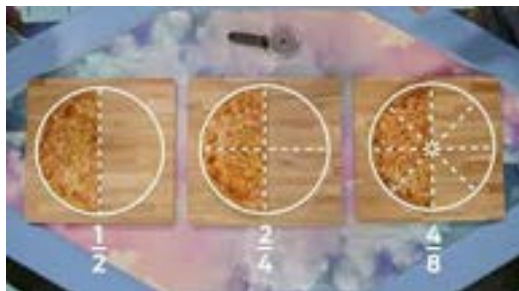
## Ms. Domke

Welcome back to school! The students are working hard and challenging themselves to be the best they can be this month. They are actively participating in lessons and discussions which contribute to a positive learning environment. This encourages them to explore and collaborate with their classmates in order to apply lessons to their daily lives.



In Science, we have started discussing matter and how to observe properties around us.

Students worked collaboratively in groups to identify objects in the classroom based on their properties, such as the color, shape, size, hardness, and texture. We also explored the importance of these observations and how we can use them in our everyday lives. Students are encouraged to engage in hands-on activities and apply lessons learned to their own experiences.



In Math, the students have started the year off working on volume and multiplication. As October approaches, students are preparing to start working with fractions and finding equivalent

fractions. We use a variety of assistive technology and manipulatives to create hands-on activities within the classroom. Some of these activities include Kahoot!, IXL, sugar cubes, and unit cubes! Students are enjoying playing various games which help concept mastery. The students continue to work hard on their daily lessons. I am so proud of them and all of their hard work so far. I look forward to what the rest of the year will bring!





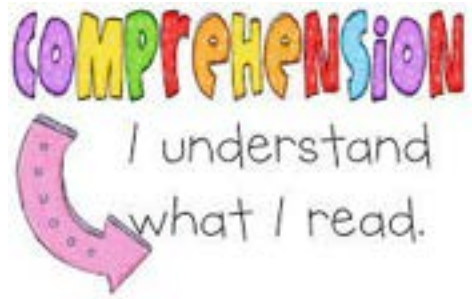
## Mrs. Davis and Ms. Guider

Our BSI students are working very hard on developing their reading skills. We will be focusing on building



students phonemic awareness, phonics skills, fluency, and vocabulary. These skills will build up to better reading comprehension.

Please remind your child to read nightly to reinforce the skills that they are learning in school. We hope to meet many of you at our upcoming BSI Open House.



## Ms. Fares



We have had a great start this year in Technology class! The Kindergarten, First, and Second Graders are learning about the mouse and keyboard. They are using Keyboard Zoo in order to practice finding the letters of the alphabet on their keyboards. They are also learning to log onto the computer, using their own private username and password, and then getting

into Google Classroom. The Third through Sixth Grades

logged onto Google, in order to join Google Classroom. The Fifth and Sixth Grades then began working on Scavenger



Hunts that they created last year. After that, Grades 3-6 started working on Typing.com, in order to brush up on their keyboarding skills. They will also have time to enjoy the typing games that the site provides. We have many exciting projects to work on, in Technology class, this school year!





## Ms. Molina

¡Hola a todos y bienvenidos a un nuevo año escolar! Hello everyone, and welcome back to a new school year! Thus far, Kindergarten and First Grade students have begun by learning a few basic greetings and answering a few simple questions in Spanish, using flashcards and puppets. Second and Third Grade students have been reviewing greetings and salutations, but have also begun to expand their knowledge with a more extensive list of vocabulary, to answer the



question "Como estas?" All students had a chance to talk and learn about Celia Cruz, a legendary singer and entertainer, originally from Cuba, for Hispanic Heritage Month. They really seem to have enjoyed learning about her many professional accomplishments, such as winning several Grammy awards, a star on Hollywood's Walk of Fame, a Barbie doll in her likeness, a stamp, and U.S. quarter all designed as a tribute to her. The students also received coloring worksheets that went along with the lesson. ¡Gracias y hasta pronto! - Thank you and see you soon!



## Mrs. Morris



Enrichment/Gifted and Talented classes are off to a great start. Kindergarten students learned about balance by reading and dancing to *Ten Apples Up on Top*, by Dr. Seuss. We then tried balancing things on our heads and built towers to hold our apples up! Students in Grade 1 enjoyed hearing the story of *The Dot*, by Peter Reynolds. In this story, we meet a young girl named Vashti who does not want to participate because she doesn't feel she will be successful. We learned that, in Enrichment class, we will try many new things, sometimes we will be successful and sometimes we will not. The most important thing is to never give up.

Similarly, Second Grade students began the year learning about "The Power of YET." This tiny but powerful word unlocks a world of possibilities for students and teachers alike. A major focus this year will be to learn about and adapt to having a growth mindset. The Second Graders used their growth mindsets to work in groups in order to build card towers. Grades 4-6 Gifted and Talented students reviewed the expectations for the year and participated in back to school icebreaker STEM challenges. We are looking forward to a great year ahead!





## Mrs. Salvatore



Mrs. Salvatore's ESL classes got off to a great start! The Kindergarten students have already finished the letters Aa, Bb, and Cc! They are learning to identify letters, letter formation, the sounds of each letter, and all of the vocabulary associated with each letter. All grades are working on phonics, fluency, comprehension, vocabulary, writing, and pronunciation. We are reading several stories about Native Americans and using these skills to help our language

development. Please continue to review sight words every night and have your child read for 10 minutes. Audio books are available at the town library, which can help with understanding and pronunciation.

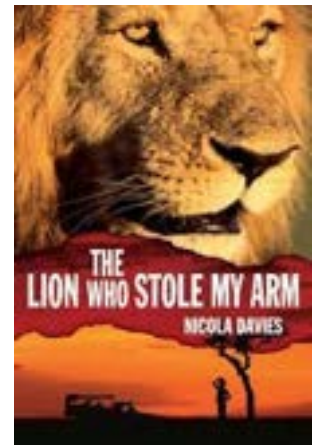
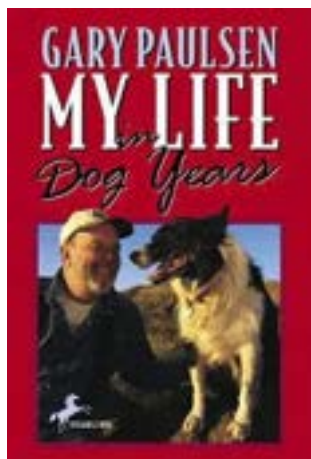


**Reminder:** ESL Night will be held on Thursday, October 19th, at the Ridgefield Park High School.

## Mrs. Suarez

It was amazing to welcome back the Fifth Graders and their parents for a new school year! The Fifth Graders have transitioned well to their new classes, schedules, and expectations. In Reading, mini lessons for the month included being a respectful member of a classroom community, understanding the genre of fiction, and setting up independent reading guidelines and goals for developing a reading life. Each student has chosen a fiction book to read and

will then type a book review to share with the class. They are enjoying our class read aloud, *The Lion Who Stole My Arm*, by Nicola Davies. This book has sparked many class discussions and always becomes a class favorite. In Writing, the students read two excerpts from Gary Paulsen's book, *My Life in Dog Years*, to experience an example of an excellent memoir. Next, they made a list of possible topics for their own writing based on a memorable time in their lives. Finally, they reviewed leads, wrote three types to possibly use, and finished their plan for their first piece of writing. They are currently typing their first drafts. In addition, they reviewed capitalization in general, of titles, and the four types of sentences.



In Social Studies, the Fifth Graders began the year brushing up their skills in basic geography and understanding its five themes. They are learning the states and capitals of each region of the United States and how to define culture and all it entails. They are excited to start a project to show their culture, so look for them to be displayed in the near future! We will truly see a piece of the wonderful diversity of Lincoln School!





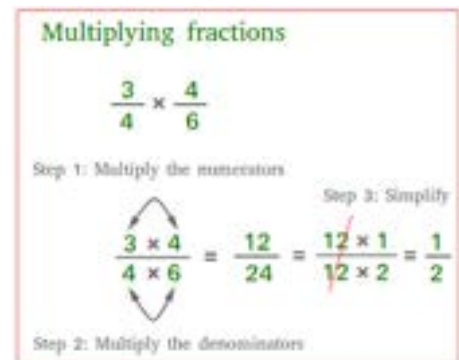
## Mrs. Forstrom and Mrs. D. Morrison



September has shown us that our students are ready to work hard and try new things. This month we reviewed skills from last year. We also got to know each other, some for the first time and some in new ways. We can't wait to work and grow together as a team.

In ELA, we have been working on text features, identifying figurative language, capitalization of proper nouns, and writing narratives. We wrote list poems of our favorite things. Several thoughtful and dedicated students listed more than 70 items that make them feel inspired! We also wrote narratives that focused on themes such as: our favorite foods, encounters with our fears, and memories of the summer. The students challenged themselves to include sensory details such as sight, sound, taste, touch, and smell to make their narratives engaging and entertaining.

The students are working hard in Math to master their facts, in all operations. We are working on addition and subtraction facts, as well as learning about arrays to help with our multiplication and division skills. Some students are working on volume and adding fractions with unlike denominators. We are also working on all operations of decimals and multiplying fractions. The students are using IXL to help support their learning.



## Mrs. Alkin

The 2023 Week of Respect had more participation than ever! On Monday, the students Dressed for Success and looked their best for Picture Day! On Tuesday, the school was filled with extra empathy and caring with all of the students and staff wearing hearts and the color red. We couldn't tell it was October on Wednesday, because so many different holidays were



represented on Holiday Day! On Thursday, the children were prompted to keep working on their best self by wearing their work-out gear. Lincoln School pride and togetherness were displayed on Friday while everyone wore blue or Lincoln School apparel. The younger students had the opportunity to explore the different aspects of respect by taking part in the Sixth Grade Pillars of Character presentations. Since there are three classes of Sixth Graders, the students had extra opportunities to learn from their role models. Thank you to everyone for your participation and remembering the importance of showing respect to all!





# Ms. Jaworowski



Lincoln School students are "Fall-ing" in love with Art! Students from Grades 2-6 began the new school year with some fun and games to get back to socializing with classmates and thinking creatively. Working cooperatively in small groups, the student rolled dice and drew the shapes indicated on a game sheet to produce a piece of art that resembles the surrealistic paintings of Spanish artist, Joan Miro.

Look "hoo's" making art! Kindergarten and First Grade students learned some facts about owls before they tore shades of brown construction paper into feathers to paste into the shape of an owl. Add eyes, beak, and feet, and voila! A modern masterpiece!



Second through Fourth Grade students are tackling a challenging art project. They have been learning about perspective in a landscape, and can now draw trees and a road that seem to "disappear" in the distance. They are just about ready to color their masterpieces.



After playing the "Roll-a-Miro" game, Fifth and Sixth Grade students are currently working on illustrating their names by drawing objects that resemble the shapes of the alphabet letters in their name.



Students in Pre-K and other classes have been busy creating artwork with a fall theme. They've made their name in a mosaic of fall colors and printed fall leaves, among the many projects that they have completed in September.

It's been a colorful start to the new school year for all students at Lincoln School!





## Mr. Fells and Mr. Mazzarisi

We would like to welcome the entire Lincoln School community back for another wonderful year, and we hope that everyone had an enjoyable summer. We got things rolling in all grades with some “Rock, Paper, Scissors” activities. The younger students learned the correct order of the game, and how to properly “Shoot” their sign, while battling against the computer. Older students participated in an “RPS Epic Battle,” in which teams would have to hop through hula-hoops to reach their opponents and then have an “RPS” battle. The team that won would continue to hop until they reached a designated hula-hoop to score points for their team!



With the return to school, Health classes have been learning about Internet safety. Students in Grades K-3 learned about general Internet safety, and how to protect themselves while being online. Students in Grades 4-6 learned about cyberbullying and discussed strategies to combat cyberbullying.

