



LINC LN SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER
Week of December 4, 2023

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Upcoming Events:

December 22nd - 1:00pm Dismissal

**December 23rd-January 1st - No School - Winter
Recess**



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



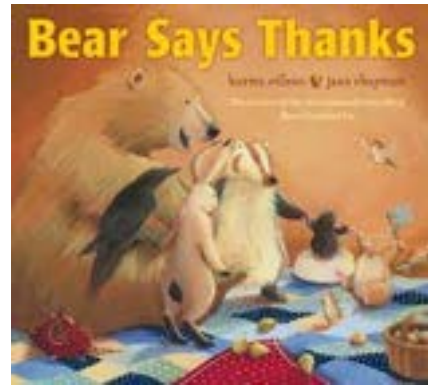
We are having fun in PT and OT with the holidays coming! We have been making snowmen and throwing snowballs. We have also been “baking” holiday cookies and racing them to the cookie sheet on our scooter. We practiced some beading and made a Christmas tree. We also made twinkling lights with dot art and practiced writing out our wish lists! We hope everyone has a peaceful holiday season!





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

We hope you had a Happy Turkey Month! This past month in Speech, we have been using fall, Thanksgiving, and food themed activities to target our students' goals. Our Preschool and younger students have been using pretend food and Play-Doh to target requesting objects, following directions, using correct pronouns, describing, and taking turns. Our older students have been using books to work on reading comprehension, answering WH questions, sequencing, describing, and working on their speech sounds. Two books our students enjoyed reading this month were "Bear Says Thanks" and "Dragons Love Tacos." We are thankful for all the hard working students we have. December here we come!



Mrs. Salvatore



Mrs. Salvatore's ESL classes have been reading about the difficult voyage on the Mayflower and how the Wampanoag people helped the Pilgrims in so many ways. We learned the first Thanksgiving was called "Harvest Festival," which had about 50 remaining Pilgrims and 90 Wampanoag tribesmen.

Mrs. Salvatore's classes enjoyed a feast of traditional Thanksgiving foods, which included turkey, stuffing, cornbread, cranberry sauce, pumpkin pie, and apple pie. Every year, the students have a chance to vote for their new favorite food. This year, it was a tie! Pumpkin pie and cranberry sauce got the most votes!





Ms. Fares

The Lincoln School students are learning to be computer programmers! This month, in Technology class, we will be working on our Computer Science unit. The programming languages we are using are Blockly and Java Script, and involve creating code using blocks. This week we started with the Hour of Code, which includes



Puppy Adventure, Beaver Achiever, Dragon Blast, Minecraft Adventurer, Dance Party, Star Wars, and AI for Oceans, depending on

their grade level. We are going to continue to work on coding to learn more about programming, and to see how games and apps are created. We have some very talented programmers in our school!



Ms. Molina



¡Hola a todos! - Hello to all! I hope everyone had a "Feliz Dia de Accion de Gracias" - Happy Thanksgiving. Students read some books on "el Dia de Accion de Gracias" - Thanksgiving "en Espanol." All students had fun coloring a "pavo de acción de gracias" - Thanksgiving turkey. Kindergarten students have been learning the colors in Spanish with books, videos, a colorful ice cream project, and talking about colors in our world. First Grade

students have been learning classroom commands and to perform them on cue. They have now begun to learn the days of the week. Second Grade students have begun to learn about food. In their lessons, they've been introduced to the names of many fruits and vegetables available throughout the year. Third Grade students are enjoying learning some basic facts about Spain. They're learning where it's located, its capital and some facts and highlights. ¡Gracias y felices fiestas! - Thank you and Happy Holidays! ¡Hasta pronto!

SPANISH DAYS OF THE WEEK	
SUNDAY	DOMINGO
MONDAY	LUNES
TUESDAY	MARTES
WEDNESDAY	MIERCOLES
THURSDAY	JUEVES
FRIDAY	VIERNES
SATURDAY	SABADO





Ms. Jaworowski and Ms. Collova



In anticipation of the winter season and the upcoming holidays - and the return of their Art teacher, Mrs. Collova, from maternity leave - the students at Lincoln School have been busy in their workshop (aka the cafeteria/Art classroom), creating unique masterpieces. For the final stage of their "my monster" project, students in Kindergarten and First Grade learned how to take an art project from a flat, two-dimensional design to a three dimensional one. Using Play-Doh, the students created 3-D monster sculptures to compliment the monsters that they had already created in 2-D, using collaged construction paper.



Although, not all that glitters is gold, all that has glitter on it is definitely cool! Students from Second to Fourth Grade used clear glue to "draw" designs on colored construction paper, in the shapes of winter hats and mittens, and then sprinkled those designs with sparkling glitter. They were awed by their spectacular creations. These glitzy

decorations will be used to adorn the gym for the upcoming holiday concert. Students in our Special Education classes made their own versions of hats and mittens using dot paint to reveal a secret design drawn on their paper in a white oil pastel resist.



Have you ever imagined a sequel to Tim Burton's animated film, *The Nightmare Before Christmas*? If you have, it just might feature kooky and creepy characters like those that the Fifth and Sixth Grade students created, inspired by the distinctive rendering style that characterizes Tim Burton's unique, artistic visions. May all your hopes and dreams for the new season and new year be as



inspired as the recent works of art created by the students at Lincoln School. ~ Ms. Jaworowski



Happy December, Lincoln School family! I am back from my maternity leave and excited to see all of the smiling faces of the Lincoln school students. I would like to thank my substitute, Ms. J., for all of her hard work while I was gone. She did a fabulous job teaching the students to create beautiful art work. This month, we will go back to the basics of drawing winter and winter holiday themed things. We will explore different mediums and styles of drawing. I can't wait to jump back into the Art curriculum that I have planned for the rest of the 23-24 school year! ~ Ms. Collova





Ms. Domke

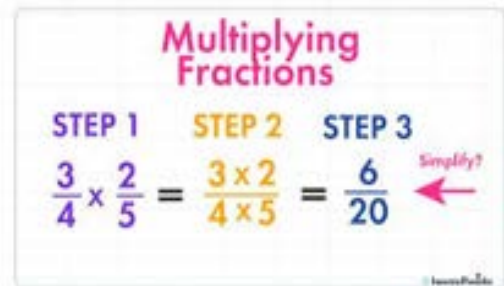


Trimester 1 is coming to an end! The students have been working hard and challenging themselves to be the best they can be this month. They are actively participating in lessons and discussions, which contributes to a positive learning environment. This encourages them to explore and collaborate with their classmates to apply lessons to their daily lives.

In Science, we are discussing Earth's systems and exploring the effects of the water cycle. Students worked collaboratively in groups to explore these topics through class and digital labs. We also explored the importance of our 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, multiplication, decimals, and fractions. Students are multiplying fractions and learning how to use these strategies daily. We use a variety of assistive technology and manipulatives to create hands-on activities within the classroom.

Some of these activities include Generation Genius, Blooket, IXL, flashcards, and unit cubes! Students are enjoying playing various games which help with 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, and I look forward to what the rest of the year will bring!



Ms. Baeza



The 4th Grade students have been working on places in their community and things they might see at these places. 5th Grade students have been making a list of all 21 Spanish speaking countries and their capitals.

6th Grade students have been learning sports in Spanish and writing sentences stating if they like the sport or not. ¡Que tengan un buen diciembre!



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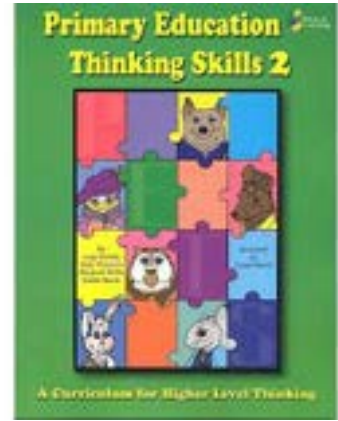




Mrs. Morris



November ended with many fun activities in Enrichment/G&T classes. Kindergarten students used Pix-it mats and puzzles to work together and copy designs. First and Second Graders worked in *The Primary Educational Thinking Skills Program*. Grade 1 students were introduced to the characters and practiced being detectives to solve problems. Grade 2 students learned about and created attribute blocks, which they then used to play games.



Third Grade G&T students are planning and building marble mazes that must follow specific building criteria requirements and building constraints. Fourth Grade students are having fun creating their own learning board games, and we look forward to playing these games in class. The Fifth Graders continue their Forensic Science unit, "Who Stole the Chocolate?", by completing weekly labs to find out who the culprit is. Students in Grade 6 are completing a STEAM project called "Trap a mythical creature." The students will use works of art and literacy to study the characteristics of a selected mythical creature and build a model of a trap.

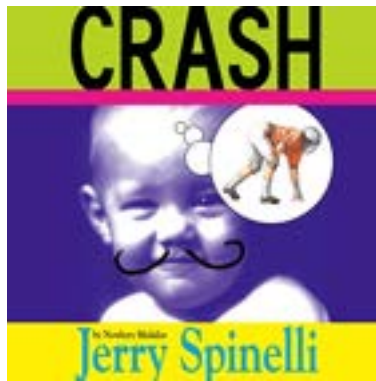
Mr. Carbone

Our concert is fast approaching, and our First through Sixth Grades are hard at work memorizing songs. The Holiday Concert is Thursday, December 14th. Grades 1st-3rd will be performing at 2:15pm. The 4th-6th Grade chorus and advanced band will be performing in the evening at 5:00pm. See you there!





Mrs. Forstrom and Mrs. D. Morrison



November was a packed month! Students are demonstrating growth from where they started at the beginning of the year. We are so proud of their hard work and perseverance. In ELA, students have been working on retelling stories, sequencing events, and using evidence from the text to support their reasoning in written responses. We began a novel study on *Crash*, by Jerry Spinelli. We also studied and discussed an information text about the invention of the Super Soaker. The students engaged in Reading Assessments to track their reading level progression as well as a Sight Word Recognition Assessment.

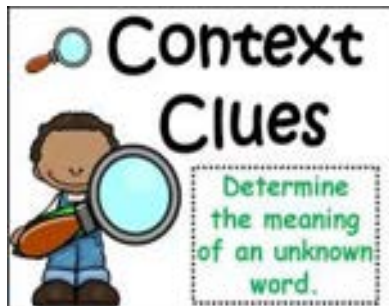
A highlight of the month was when students wrote letters to express gratitude to friends and family members. Students reminisced about fun memories, character traits, and the challenges they overcame with the help of their family and community.

The students continue to work hard in Math, to master their facts in all operations. We are working on addition with regrouping as well as solving word problems. Some students are learning about area, and they are memorizing their multiplication facts. We are also working on place value and decimals. Our 6th Graders are learning about the coordinate plane and graphing points in the four quadrants. The students are using IXL to help support their learning. From the Resource Room Team, thank you for all you do to encourage and support your children!



Mrs. Davis and Ms. Guider

Our BSI students are working very hard on their reading skills. The younger students have been reviewing short and long vowel sounds. We are also stressing correct letter formation in their own writing. Our older students are working on comprehension skills. We have been focusing on identifying facts and main ideas using context clues. Please remind your child to read nightly to reinforce the skills that they are learning in school.





Mr. Fells and Mr. Mazzarisi



Leading up to the holiday break, Physical Education classes have been participating in an “Amazon Winter Delivery.” Classes were split into two or three teams depending on class size, then two students would ride on the “Amazon Truck” while two students pushed them to the middle of the floor. The students in the truck retrieved one package each and hopped back onto the truck. They continued down the gym floor to the opposite side and found their team's “Chimney” and placed the packages into the chimney. Students switched roles for the trip back to the office, and the team at the end with the most packages in their chimney

was named the winner! Students also demonstrated teamwork and cooperation through participation in “Elf Express,” in which they needed to move their sleigh across the gym using their “Hula-Hoop Sleigh.”



In Health classes, Nutrition and Digestion were the topics prior to the holiday break. Students learned about healthy eating habits and how healthy eating is tied to their overall health. A closer look at digestion examined how food enters the body and the manner in which the human body converts food into energy. Mr. Fells and Mr. Mazz would like to wish everyone a safe, healthy, and enjoyable holiday break!!

Ms. LoBue

The students at Lincoln School have been doing amazing in Dance class! I am incredibly happy with all of their hard work. Students in Pre-K have been working on how to use their imagination through creative movement. Students in Grades K-4 have been successfully practicing how to move safely in both personal and general space, by exploring



various traveling movements such as skipping, marching, shuffling, etc. Students in Grade 5 have been developing how to memorize movement through various activities. They will be diving into utilizing these skills over the next few weeks. Finally, students in Grade 6 have begun to explore how to tell a story through movement. They will be diving into this in greater detail in the next few weeks. I cannot wait for what the future holds for dance at Lincoln School!

