

Grafton GOOD NEWS

Pre-K ~ Mrs. Gettings

We have just gotten started in our class. The kids are learning the routine and really enjoying reading our Pete the Cat book. We have a caterpillar in our classroom. We are watching and hoping he makes a chrysalis and turns into a Monarch butterfly. We will start reading The Very Hungry Caterpillar soon. The students enjoy reading books and singing songs. They are doing great with color recognition. We are off to a great start!

Pre-K ~ Mrs. Pohlman

What a thrilling and fun first week of Pre-K!! The children are doing such a great job of saying goodbye to their parents and lining up to go to class. They are getting to know one another and are already developing friendships!! I am amazed at how quickly they are learning the routine and following rules. We have read the books, Five Little Monkeys Jumping on the Bed and Five Little Monkeys Sitting in a Tree!! The children have enjoyed using the puppets to retell the stories! Today we are adding the paint center to center time! The children are really excited to work and create in this center!! So we had a happy first week of school and look forward to continue learning in September, when we will begin a unit of study on "All About Me"!

Kindergarten ~ Mrs. Miller

Thank you to all who attended our Open House. It was a pleasure meeting all of you and discussing our classroom. Over the past few days, our class has been visited by a Gingerbread Man. He would take short walks every morning to various rooms here at Grafton Elementary. The class would find him each day, which helped us learn our way around the building. On his last day to visit, he treated our class to gingerbread cookies. We have begun an apple unit of study. We will learn how apples grow, the legend of Johnny Applesauce and how to make applesauce. Our first field trip will be held on Thursday, October 5. We will be traveling to Eckert's Orchard for apple and pumpkin picking. Please try to attend. More information will follow.

Please check out our classroom web page.

<https://sites.google.com/a/jersey100.org/mrs-miller-s-kindergarten/>

This site contains important information regarding our learning activities, calendars, menus, and fun photos to keep you up to date on our progress.

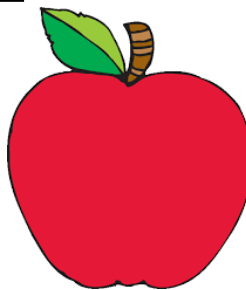
1st Grade ~ Mrs. Lumma

First Graders are off to a great start! We have been reviewing all of our letters and sounds. We have been practicing writing the letters correctly on lined paper. We will be finishing our Start Smart review and moving on to our first unit in reading. We will be working on short a words and short i words. We will be retelling stories that we read and answering questions.

In Math, we are finding different ways to make a number and then we will be moving on to word problems using addition. We have done lots of number bonds to figure out how numbers go together to make different numbers.

First graders will be learning about our favorite Fall things-apples and pumpkins! We will be going on a field trip to Eckert's Orchard and Pumpkin Patch on October 5th in the afternoon. We can't wait to pick an apple and a pumpkin!

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2nd Grade ~ Mrs. Crone

We are off to a great start! We have completed our Art in the Park project. This year the class used acrylic paint to create a picture depicting "Grafton rocks"! In reading, we are going to study the following phonics patterns for both reading work and spelling:

Week 1: short a & short i

Week 2: short e, short o, and short u

Week 3: two letter blends like fr, cr, tr, sk, st

Week 4: short a and long a.

We are learning D'Nealian printing which I refer to as fancy print so that we will make the transition to cursive easier. By the end of September, we will have learned all D'Nealian print letters and then move onto cursive. In math, we are working with number bonds to learn how to do mental math. Although we are writing out the steps to do it, after much practice the students will be able to do these types of problems mentally and very quickly. I encourage anyone who needs help understanding the math to make an appointment time with me and I will help you understand how to do it as well. Please enjoy a fabulous September!

3rd Grade ~ Mrs. Rowling

Third grade is off to an AWESOME start!!

We are analyzing story structure in our Judy Moody book. We have also been working on decoding longer words.

It's hard to believe but third graders are working on multiplication and division and it's only the second week of school. We will be working on these skills for most of the semester. By December, we will be Multiplication Masters!

Students have learned how to care for our portable lab and take care of the laptops. They are excited to be using Google Classroom. So far we have gone over how to use Google Forms and Docs, and learned how to log on to ZEARNS, a companion that reinforces the concepts in our math series. Google Classroom allows students to access programs and activities at home. Students will be sharpening their typing skills this year using Typing Web. Another awesome program we will be using weekly is ReadWorks to improve our reading and writing skills.

Art in the Park was a great way to kick off our school year. Students created wonderful pictures showing "Grafton Rocks!"

4th Grade ~ Mr. Eberlin

We're off to a great start in fourth grade. We've completed six math lessons in the Eureka Math series. We've started and are very excited about the new Wonders Reading program. We've finished and turned in our artwork for Grafton's Art in the Park. The theme this year is "Grafton Rocks." These fourth graders sure are proud of their town and they came up with some great ideas of what makes Grafton special for them. We've learned a song for Grandparents Day to sing when our grandparents visit our school. We're also participating in several reading programs this year to encourage our students to read: "Book It" - Pizza Hut program, "Read to Succeed" - Six Flags program, and "Blues Bookworms" - St. Louis Blues program. We're excited for a fantastic school year with this group of fourth graders!

Principal's Corner

I echo what many of the teachers have mentioned... We are off to a GREAT start. Your kids are wonderful!!! We are looking forward to many great learning experiences this year. Please take every opportunity to get involved in your child's education. You are his/her first and most influential teacher.

Thanks so much to our parents in the car line. Pick Up seems to be going very well. Please let us know if you would like any additional tags for your car's mirror. It really helps us with matching kids to cars!

~Mrs. Brown

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