



Flower Hill Happenings

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Message from the Principal



It is hard to believe that the holiday season has come so quickly. This time of year offers us the opportunity to reflect on the year that was, and anticipate the wonderful things that await us for the New Year.

The month of November has been a very busy one for our school community. I have been very impressed with your generosity of time, resources, and your steadfast support of our students, teachers and programs. With that said, I would like to thank all of the parents who were able to attend our Parent Teacher Conferences. I would like to thank the PTA for the wonderful meal that they provided to our teachers and staff during the evening conferences. I would also like to thank all our parents who came to visit our classrooms during American Education Week. Lastly, thank you for your generous donation of food items during our Thanksgiving food drive. Your support and generosity were instrumental in our efforts to help those who are less fortunate in our community during the holiday season.

Please know that your continued support and belief in what we do will remain part of the foundation of our success as a school community. On behalf of all of us here at Flower Hill, I wish you and your family a fantastic holiday season!!

Marlon Small



Upcoming Flower Hill Events!



FH Holiday Boutique	12/1-2
FH PTA Holiday Brunch 9:30 AM	12/16
FH Winter Concert and Holiday Hop	12/23
Winter Recess Schools Closed	12/24- 12/31

November

Students of the Month

Congratulations to the following Flower Hill STAR students: Aidan Carrello, Aria Hannah, Keyla Maldonado, Kelly Yanes, Jayden Cyrise, Jillian Loturco, Katherine Torres-Paguaga, Isabelle Grenier, Kyle Dunn, Trevan Meagher, Aedan McDonald, Molly Kessler, Lia Shechter, Brian Cuadra-Moreira, Sasha Sair, Casey Smith, Katie Burton, Benjamin Weissman and Nicholas Bavaro. Great job!



Kindergarten Highlights



The kindergartners have been very busy this month learning all about the pilgrims, Native Americans, and the first Thanksgiving. Our stories and centers have been based on this theme all month. We were excited to have our parents in for American Education week to see us working so cooperatively! We made animal skins, beaded necklaces with patterns, thankful books, turkeys, etc. We made special headbands and placemats and shared a wonderful Thanksgiving Feast in the gym!



We have been working on math skills focusing on numbers 1-10 and we have been working on patterning skills. We are writing about our pictures by using our knowledge of letters and sounds. We are also practicing and learning new sight words and using these skills when writing. You can help your child label or write about their pictures at home, too.

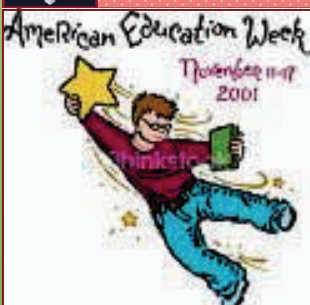
The children enjoyed a special visit from "Buster the Bus." They learned all about bus safety rules, while having a fun time talking with Buster! Thank you for all of your support and cooperation!

We are looking forward to snow, gingerbread men, and special holidays to come!

The Kindergarten Teachers



First Grade Highlights



We would like to thank all the parents that were able to visit with us on Friday, November 19th during American Education Week. We hope you enjoyed your visit.

"Poems and Pies" was a fun event for students and parents! The children were able to put into practice some of the things they learned during the first installment of the "Speaking Up" workshop as they recited their poems and songs in front of a live audience.

Our Social Studies curriculum of family traditions ties in nicely with discussions and lessons about life in colonial days and family life today. In Science we continue our Properties Unit and explore Solids, Liquids and Gases. We are discovering that Math Mountains are an exciting way to practice addition and subtraction math facts.

We thank our parents for the work they do with the children at home and encourage you to continue to read every night and complete homework assignments.

The First Grade Teachers



Thankful Giving at Flower Hill



Once again, Flower Hill students, faculty and staff collected food for our Annual Thanksgiving Drive. Every class donated food and on Thursday, November 18th, our fourth grade class representatives went into each classroom to collect the donations and briefly speak about community service and the importance of helping others. The fourth grade students did a wonderful job in their presentations and everyone's generosity helped families throughout the community. All of the donations were given to the Helping Hand Rescue Mission. They assembled baskets to distribute to families in need in the Huntington area.

Many thanks to everyone who helped make the Thanksgiving holiday a little happier for many families. Happy Holidays to all our Flower Hill Families!

Gisselle Soto





Second Grade Highlights



November is a month of giving thanks for our family and friends. We would like to thank all the parents that attended "Conferences" and "American Education Week." We are very proud of our second graders for all their effort and hard work.

In Math we are continuing to work on multi step word problems using addition and subtraction. The children are learning to find the missing information or adding information to solve the problem. We are encouraging all the second graders to read the word problems carefully. It is also important to continue practicing their addition and subtraction facts.



In Social Studies we have been learning about "Our Earth" and how past events, people, traditions, and ideas have helped influence our communities and geographic factors.

In Science we are finishing up our Weather Unit, which the students learning about the Water Cycle, how clouds are formed and the different types of weather patterns. We will begin our exciting new unit "Energy in Motion."

Language Arts is an important component of our core curriculum. We are reading fictions and non-fiction books through out our school day. Please have your child read to you on a daily basis. It is important that children not only read during the school day, but also read at home. Time spent reading at home can include having your child read to you as well as reading aloud to your child. Also, ask you child questions, such as, who are the characters? Where does the story take place? Does the story have a problem? This ensures if your child comprehends the story. Thank you for your continuing support. It is greatly appreciated.

The Second Grade Teachers



Third Grade Highlights



We hope everyone had an enjoyable and restful Thanksgiving. The third grade students have had a busy month preparing for the upcoming holiday festivities. Although this festive season will be busy, the students will continue to remain focused on their academics.

Mathematics has been a review of adding and subtracting with regrouping. The students have also completed a mini-unit in lines, angles, and symmetry. Some of the upcoming math topics will be: rounding, greater than and less than, money values, making change, completing tables, and word problems.



Communities have been addressed this past month in both Language Arts and Social Studies. The students have read about immigrants, a school culture helping the land around them, what comprises a community, and what makes a community unique.

The Earth's water is our current science topic. This is a fun and interesting hands-on unit. Students will learn about the characteristics of the water cycle, natural resources, where clean water can be found and how to obtain water from the earth.



Language Arts is the common thread found in all academic areas. This is the year of "Reading to Learn." The students practice editing daily with individual writing pieces and practice guides. Guiding reading groups allow the children to practice fluency and comprehension on their individual level. Grammar has concentrated on compound sentences, parts of speech, irregular, common and proper nouns. We look forward to a productive, rewarding, and fun school year!

The Third Grade Teachers





Fourth Grade Highlights



Fourth graders are looking forward to a "December to Remember" this month. It all kicks off with a field trip to the Sagamore Hill National Historic Site and the home of Theodore Roosevelt, our 26th President of the United States. Classes will be visiting the historic site on Thursday, 12/2nd and Friday, 12/3rd.

More history is in order when we return. Mrs. Barth has made an arrangement with the Huntington Arts Council to lend us its "Discovery Chest" of Native American artifacts. Viewing the artifacts from this Discovery Chest will nicely compliment our upcoming social studies unit on the Native Americans of Long Island.

Continuing to build on their "foundation of multiplication" will be a theme for our students in December. To continue their growth, they'll be solving products and quotients with larger numbers and extending their problem solving skills. Families are encouraged to review multiplication facts with students at home, to help increase their success.

This quarter's hand-on unit on "Mystery Matter" has been a terrific success. Our students have thoroughly enjoyed each lab and the discoveries they've made while working with classmates to reach a common goal. More matter lessons will be featured this month in our text and review books. We've also been informed by Mrs. Daly that the Hall of Science will be conducting workshops with our fourth graders this spring, featuring electricity and buoyancy.

As fourth graders continue to enjoy our new and very comprehensive *Treasures* literacy program, we will be treated to a variety of reading selections during December that include: "Wild Horses," "Mystic Horses," and "When I went to the Library." Each unit has a theme, as well as a writing and grammar component, that helps build student skills.

Lastly, the Flower Hill fourth grade staff would like to wish all of our families the very best for the upcoming holiday season and a happy and healthy 2011. A special thanks to all who contributed to last month's food drive and our class representatives who made it such a success.

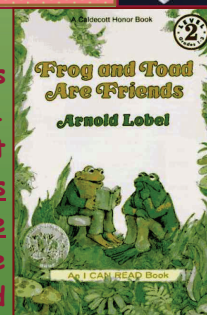
The Fourth Grade Teachers



Library Literary Corner



Last month was "American Education Week" across America, and all of the schools celebrated this year's theme of "Great Public Schools: A Basic Right and our Responsibility". (November 15th - 21st, 2010) All of the Library classes enjoyed different stories about "friendship" and being responsible. The kindergarten classes heard the story of Franklin's Thanksgiving (By: Paulette Bourgeois). The first graders heard the story of Frog & Toad are Friends (By: Arnold Lobel). This book won the "Caldecott Honor Book Award" in 1971. The second graders heard a story entitled The Best Thanksgiving Ever (By: Teddy Slater) and our third and fourth graders heard the stories called Cranberry Thanksgiving (By: Wende and Harry Devlin), and The Meanest Squirrel I Ever Met (By: Gene Zion).



Following are some great "stocking stuffers" for the Holidays: (1.) The Chanukkah Guest (By: Eric A. Kimmel), (2.) Hanukkah (By: Lola M. Schaefer), (3.) Herschel and the Hanukkah Goblins (By: Eric Kimmel), (4.) Celebrating Christmas (By: Shelly Nielsen), (5.) Christmas Trolls (By: Jan Brett), (6.) Merry Christmas, Strega Nona (By: Tomie de Paola), (7.) Celebrating Kwanza (By: Julie Williams), (8.) Kwanzaa (By: Jason Cooper), (9.) Santa's Kwanzaa (By: Garen Eileen Thomas). HAPPY HOLIDAYS and keep reading daily to your children.

Yours In Books, Mrs. Smith

