



Tiger Tales

G.C. Hartman Elementary Newsletter



Dear G.C. Hartman Families,

Welcome to May! Spring has sprung! I am pretty sure all of us are looking forward to the warmer weather and our children are anxious to get back outside for recess. It is hard to believe it is already May and we are down to only one month left in this school year. This year seems to be flying by.

The start of May also means students are half way through the final marking period. Your children have grown so much since the start of the school year back in August. The effort and excitement shown by them during the school year has been wonderful to observe. It has been a pleasure seeing your children throughout their school day. I encourage all parents and families to continue encouraging and assisting in the development of your child's academic skills. What a better way to prepare them for their future, as they will benefit from all of your time and effort academically and you will also build many fond family memories. Thank you for being involved and supporting your children with their academics.

Please remember to ask you child to visit our lost and found area at school if they are missing any clothing or other items. If you have changed your phone number, it is important that you take time to provide the office with these updates in case we need to contact you. Be sure to review the school rules with your child. As always, we want all of our students to make smart and safe choices as they get ready for the end of the school year. Thank you again for your support, time and effort and let's continue to work together to make May a great month for all of our children!

Let's have a grrrrr-eat end of year and Go Tigers!

-Mr. Fetterman



Classroom News

Kindergarten News

- WOW! Can you believe it is May? The kindergarten year has flown by fast. We will finish off this school year with stories geared towards transportation and make believe. These two reading themes provide perfect opportunities to discuss types of text. Are the stories fiction or nonfiction? How can we tell? Consequently, we will continue to stress the importance of reading comprehension. Students will pay attention to important details such as characters and setting and be able to identify the main idea of stories as well. We will complete our final word family as we practice how to read, spell, and write words that rhyme with -ut.
- In phonics we continue to learn more diagraphs (two letters that come together to make one sound). The diagraphs we will practice are oo, ee, and ch. Additionally, we will learn the rule for "silent e." Look Who Can Cook and Three Rich Sheep are the two decodable readers this month. Please allow your child to read these stories to you and then retell the story events in sequential order.
- In math, we will complete our last unit. Students will describe measurable attributes of objects, such as length and weight. Also, practicing how we put together (+) and take apart (-) objects will continue to be a key focus this month. We will utilize manipulatives to practice addition and subtraction stories and write corresponding number sentences in our math workbooks as well.



- Students in grades K and 1 have been working on correct running form and running races. Next they will learn and practice overarm throwing.
- Second graders learned and played kickball. Next they will be working on using paddles and rackets and also throwing skills.
- Grades 3 and 4 have been playing a lead up volleyball game called Newcombe. If the weather is nice, they will be playing Seize the Gold outside.



- Currently first grade is studying and reporting on the animals they will see at the Hershey Zoo on May 19th.
- In grammar students will continue to work on suffix endings pronouns and vowel patterns.
- In reading students will continue improving fluency techniques identifying the main idea and make inferences as a strategy for comprehension.
- In math students recently learned about two and three-dimensional shapes in the remaining weeks students will review measurement number stories add and subtract using efficient strategies and geometry concepts.
- As the year is coming to a close teachers would like to remind you to continue reading with your child and stress the importance of putting forth effort until summer.
- It is very important that your child continues to read write and practice math throughout the summer. Incorporating skill practice on a regular basis will benefit your child and keep skills fresh. Have a safe and enjoyable summer!



Mark Your Calendar

(Please check the website for additions and/or changes.)

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- May 10th - Progress Reports go home
- May 10th - HART Meeting at 6:30 in the library
- May 11th - Second Grade Field Trip
- May 19th - First Grade Field Trip
- May 25th - Third Grade Field Trip
- May 29th - Memorial Day - No School
- June 1st - Field Day (Rain Date June 2nd)
- June 6th and 7th - Early Dismissal at 11:30
- June 8th - Knoebels' Day
- June 9th - Last Day of School - Early Dismissal at 10:30



Second Grade News

It is so hard to believe that May is here!!! As we count down the remaining days of school, we need to keep reminding our students that there is still so much to be done in these last weeks and days.

- We are now working on our last unit in EveryDay Math. We are learning about geometry, fractions, measuring, and place value, as well as how to add and subtract double digit numbers. In addition we are going to be reviewing time, money and measurement. Please keep working with your child at home on time and money!!
- Our last Science unit has begun. We are currently watching our painted lady caterpillars (larva) as they are growing bigger everyday. Any day now they will begin their transformation (metamorphosis) into butterflies.
- We will begin our Social Studies unit on Special people and Places in the USA.
- The big excitement this month is our trip to Reptiland on Thursday, May 11th. Keep your fingers crossed for spectacular weather and plenty of fun. Remember to send in your souvenir before the trip.
- We realize that many of our second graders are involved in lot of spring activities. Please help us remind them that schoolwork and homework, as well as reading, still need to be completed.
- Thanks so much for all your support this year!!



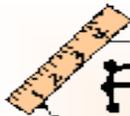
Third Grade News

Language Arts: Students will complete themes 5 and 6 in Story Town. We will be concluding with our end of the year benchmark assessments.

Math: We will be concluding Unit 9 in Every Day Math. Concepts we will be working on are multiply and dividing with multiples of 10, using mental math to multiply, exploring elapsed time, and multi-digit multiplication. Please continue to practice multiplication and division facts with your child.

Social Studies: We will be studying Chapter 10, Pennsylvania Government and You. We will discuss our local government, our state's government, and or nation's government.

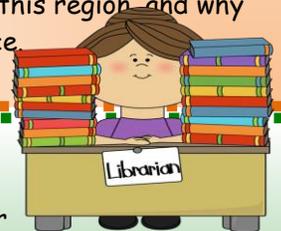
*Third grade field trip is May 25th. If you were selected as a chaperone you would have already been notified by your child's classroom teacher.



Fourth Grade

In math, we will be working in Unit 8, "Fraction Operations; Applications" in which students apply their knowledge of fractions, number concepts, patterns, and geometry to different real-world scenarios.

In social studies, we will be studying the West Region in which we'll learn about some interesting facts, how agriculture has changed in the Central Valley from the late 1800s to the present, reading a road map, how elevation affects the climate of this region, and why forests are an important resource.



Many, many thanks to all those who shopped at our spring book fair! We got a record number of books into our students' hands and were able to purchase many books for G.C. Hartman's classrooms and library due to your generous support. Special appreciation goes out to our parent and grandparent volunteers who so graciously donated their time over the six days to help ensure that the fair ran smoothly and that all of our shoppers were able to find new books to love!

Please watch our webpage in the coming weeks for resources for summer reading and skills practice tools to help prevent the "summer slide". <http://websites.pdesas.org/Index/ViewWebPage?websitePageId=9628>