

Blount's Busy Bee Bulletin

Gladstone Elementary

Lucky Room 7!

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This week a new friend joined our class. We are so happy to welcome Albert to our hive. We hope you love Gladstone as much as we do! :)

January
24-28,
2022

Special points of interest:

- *Curriculum Snapshots*
- *Newsletter Raffle*

Curriculum Snapshot

Math: We can add three more strategies to our “bag of division tricks.” We can count up on a number line, use doubles when we divide by five and the dividend is even, and use a version of “break apart.” This is how we do it: We break apart a factor and divide two times. Think $24 \div 8$. Break apart 8 into 2×4 . We divide $24 \div 2 = 12$ and then $12 \div 4 = 3$. SO... $24 \div 8 = 3$

Language Arts: While our primary focus for our spelling words each week is the spelling pattern, we also look and analyze the following: syllables, root words with prefixes/suffixes, part of speech, and if it is a VCCV or VCV pattern. We continued to work on our animal research report, comprehension strategies for nonfiction text, paragraph writing, snowman paragraphs, and we also focused on parts of speech with a fun “grammar snow globe.”

Holidays

*February 14:
Lincoln's
Birthday

*February 21:
Presidents'
Day



Accelerated Reader Update

We are working toward our next goal of four million words.

Our new total is ...

3,928,377!

#Room7Strong!

Newsletter Raffle Question: Week of January 24, 2022

*Turn in this form on/before February 4, 2022.

Free Choice! Write about something that interests you, or that you want me to know. The choice is yours. :)

Child's Signature _____ Parent's Signature _____

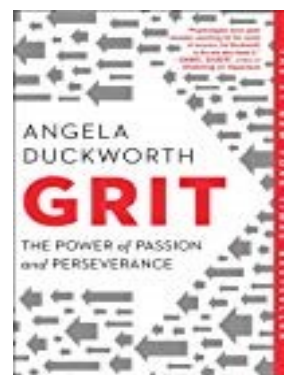
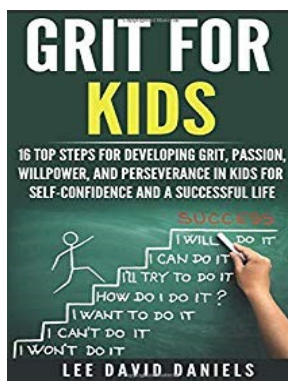
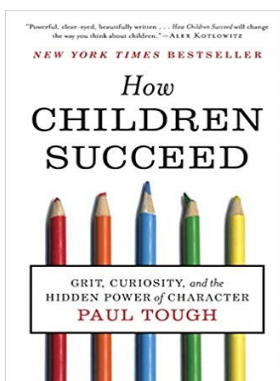
Grit

Grit is a distinct combination of passion, resilience, determination, and focus that allows a person to maintain the discipline and optimism to persevere in his/her goals even in the face of discomfort, rejection, and a lack of visible progress for years, or even decades. According to University of Pennsylvania psychologist and grit guru, Angela Duckworth, grit is a better indicator of future success and happiness than either I.Q. or talent. Especially now and more than ever, grit is very important and worthy of taking the time to foster and develop.

Here are some ways to foster grit;

1. Find a passion (or at least an engaging activity).
2. Recognize that frustration, confusion and practice are par for the course.
3. Take risks (and tell your kids about it)
4. Teach that failure is not the end.

If you would like more information, click on the [article](#). Or, if you would like me to email you a copy, I can do that, too. They offer a free six week course on positive parenting and the link is provided in the article. Here are two other great books on the topic as well.



I have one copy of each of these books available if you would like to check one out.

