
Blount's Busy Bee Bulletin

Gladstone Elementary

Parent Conferences

I enjoyed our conferences and spending time with all of you! I really appreciate having the time to get to know everyone a little bit better and learning more about my little friends! Please feel free to email or call me if you have any concerns about your child. Your child is very important to me and anything you share or tell me about him/her is taken seriously. I look forward to the rest of our year together. :)



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Accelerated Reader Update

So far, our class total for the number
of words read is. . .

863,339

You're all doing great!

Keep going!!! :)

Special points of Interest:

- Math
- Language Arts
- Reminders
- Newsletter Raffle

Math

We officially started multiplication this week. Here are a few facts that we now know about multiplication so far!

1. Multiplication is the same as repeated addition or skip counting.
2. Multiplication must have equal groups.
3. The numbers multiplied are called factors and the answer is called the product.
4. Any number multiplied by one is always that number ($1 \times a = a$, $a \times 1 = a$) $a =$ any number
5. Any number multiplied by zero is always zero ($0 \times a = 0$, $a \times 0 = 0$)
6. The "X" means *groups of*. So the first factor in a multiplication sentence tells us how many groups and the second factor tells us how many are in that group.
7. In a word problem, the word *each* means that we will need to multiply at least once.
8. You can change the order of the factors and the product/answer will always be the same. Just remember, that the number of groups and how many are in each group is different.
9. We'll be starting our multiplication tests soon (Nov. 3)!

*There are some great resources in your child's Bee binder all about multiplication! :)



Parents' Corner

5 Ways to Wire Your Child's Brain for Happiness

1. Teach your child(ren) to label their emotions.
2. Practice and Encourage Gratitude for Happiness Boost
3. Talk through positive actions (What to do when you lose, win, or other situation).
4. Give them space to make mistakes and work through them.
5. Teach Responsibility

Prepare your child for future responsibilities by introducing them to chores. Research suggests that children who do chores have higher self-esteem, are more responsible, and are better equipped to deal with frustration. Additionally, these skills can lead to greater success in school, work, and even relationships.

Read more about this online by clicking on the link above for the full article.

Curriculum Snapshot

Language Arts: key details, cause & effect, subject/verb agreement, sequential order, decoding vcv words for short vowel sounds, compare/contrast, Halloween cinquain poems

Math: We had a "leg up" on learning about arrays with a special math related art project with a haunted house theme.

Reminders!

- We are working toward collecting PTA memberships so that our class has 100% participation.
- October 20: Picture Make-Up Day (cancelled)
- October 21: Great California ShakeOut
- October 22: Fifth Grade Pumpkin Patch Fundraiser
- October 29: Pupil Free Day
- November 4: Picture Make-Up Day
- November 5: KidsCah & Spirit Day (Country Western)
- November 11: Veterans Day
- November 12: Trimester 1 Ends
- November 22-26: Thanksgiving Break



Scan this QR code to visit our website. There's lots of information about our class and resources to support you and your child.

Newsletter Raffle: Week of October 11, 2021

*Turn in this form on/before Friday, October 22, 2021

*What was the easiest and hardest part about doing your final copy of your cinquain poem in Google Drive? *Please answer in a complete sentence. Check and show your editing marks.

Name _____ Parent Signature _____
