

Blount's Busy Bee Bulletin

Gladstone Elementary

The Great California ShakeOut!

On Thursday Gladstone and all of the schools in the Bonita Unified School District joined in with millions of other people at schools and service organizations and departments around California to perfect their emergency preparedness skills in the event of an earthquake. Gladstone has food, medical supplies, blankets, and other necessary supplies to keep our children and school staff safe during an emergency. Practice makes perfect! :)

Here are a couple of web sites with lots of great information and tips for preparing and staying safe during an earthquake:

<https://www.shakeout.org/> and

<https://www.redcross.org/get-help/how-to-prepare-for->

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Special points of interest:

- Math
- Language Arts
- Reminders
- Newsletter Raffle

Accelerated Reader Update

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

1,002,642!

We made our first milestone!

Keep going!!! :)



Math Shapshot

- An array is a group organized in rows. We draw arrows to show rows in an array. Ask your child to say the chant with the gestures, too. :)
- Multiplication Strategies:
 - *Draw Groups
 - *Number line
 - *Bar Model
 - *Array
 - *Repeated Addition
 - *Commutative Property (Order Property of Multiplication)
- *Our first multiplication test is Wednesday, November 3rd, for the 2s.

Halloween Science

“Brain Surgery”

We've been talking about our brains, so it was a perfect time to do a fun science experiment with a brain as our theme. First, we watched a short video about the parts of our brain. Some of it was a review and some information was new to us. Then we drew a simplified version on a baggy with a permanent marker. We filled our baggies with red water (blood, ick! LOL). Sitting outside on the grass we poked a hole through one side of the baggy and through the other side with a sharpened pencil. Guess what? The water did not come rushing out of the bag! Why not? Plastic baggies are made from polymers that are flexible and stretchy. You can think of the polymer's molecule chains like long strands of flexible cooked spaghetti. The pencil is able to push apart the flexible molecules, but it is also able to form a temporary seal so that no water can escape.

Curriculum Snapshot

This week we worked on a variety of skills during our morning meeting time. We had a great "fall review" of skills including main idea, compound sentences, adjectives, doubling the consonant, fact and opinion, writing, and sequence writing. We also worked on finishing up Benchmark Advance, Unit 1, and a few more pages of our Close Reading Companion. This time we are not going to do the final unit assessment, but will get prepared for it for Unit 2.

Reminders!

- We are working toward collecting PTA memberships so that our class has 100% participation.
- October 25-28: Anti-Bullying Week
- October 27: Last day to buy Spook-O'-Grams
- October 28: "Sock"tober ends
- October 28: Last day of the Monster Math Challenge
- October 28: Wear a Halloween Costume (No FULL face masks, blood, toy weapons allowed)
- 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 18, 2021

*Turn in this form on/before Thursday, October 28, 2021

*Which multiplication strategy do you like the best and why? (See the previous page if needed). Please write your answer in a complete sentence or two.

Name _____ Parent Signature _____
