
Blount's Busy Bee Bulletin

Gladstone Elementary

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The first Earth Day was in 1970 and was founded by a Wisconsin Senator, Gaylord Nelson. It led to the development of the Environmental Protection Agency and the passage of the Clean Air, Clean Water, and Endangered Species acts.

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Here are a few sites that offer "green" ideas to help us become more aware of our environment and help us "go green."

Green Guide	http://www.thegreenguide.com/
Kids Be Green	http://kidsbegreen.org
Climate Kids	http://climatekids.nasa.gov/go-green/
DoItYourself.com	http://www.doityourself.com/Scat/going-green

*See the next page for a related article.



Accelerated Reader Update

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

7,114,705!

Next Goal: Diamond (10,000,000)!

Special Points of
Interest:

- *Math*
- *Waste News*
- *Parent's Corner*
- *Raffle Question*

*Due to an unforeseen error, the total number of words read has been updated and is correct.

Waste Management Assembly

Monday morning we had an assembly to learn how to throw away our trash in a proper manner. Just like the changes that are happening at our homes statewide, changes also need to start at schools as well. We will now have four trash cans. One of the trash cans is red, and it will be used only for food waste. The gray trash can is for trash and includes any paper goods that are dirty. Yellow trashcans are for cafeteria trays and the blue trashcan is for empty plastic bottles and cans, and clean/unused paper goods. Let's all work to keep our state and country clean.



Math

We are moving on to Chapter 11 and focusing on perimeter and area. Perimeter is the distance around an object. We can think of it as the rim/edge. When looking at a shape on grid paper, we count the spaces, not the dots. It doesn't matter if the shape is regular or "irregular" (not a standard shape that we know with a name), we can find the perimeter by using addition. If it's a square, rectangle, or other well-know plane (flat) shape, we can also use multiplication. Area is the measure of the number of unit squares needed to cover a flat surface. We can find the area by adding the squares inside the shape (Think: arrays for squares and rectangles).

We are also previewing Chapter 12 by reviewing the number of vertices, edges, and faces for the most common solid shapes. We are also learning some important academic vocabulary. When we officially start Chapter 12, we will be ready! :)

Parent's Corner

Inspiring high achievement is a puzzle of many pieces. An essential piece involves inspiring by modeling. That is, demonstrating our own excitement and commitment to four essential values for achievement:

- *Curiosity
- *Willingness to take healthy risks
- *Perseverance
- *Awareness that paying dues earlier in life leads to more contentment later

These values are most effectively transmitted when our children overhear us describing our real-life experiences. Kids are far more likely to listen when we are talking to someone else just within earshot. They are also far more likely to internalize these lessons when they see that we are positive and passionate about the experience. At least once or twice a week, let them overhear you tell a story/experience.

Excerpt from Dr. Charles Fay, Love & Logic

Newsletter Raffle Question: Week of April 18, 2022

*Turn in this form on/before April 29, 2022.

Read this newsletter with your parent(s) or guardian(s).

Child's Signature _____ Parent's Signature _____
