

Blount's Busy Bee Bulletin

Gladstone Elementary

CAASPP Testing

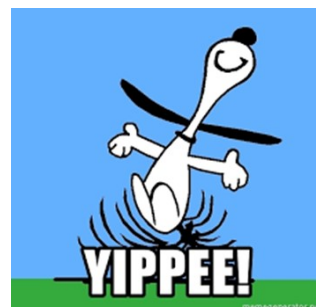
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We made it! After four days of testing, we were done! Thanks again to all of our awesome parents for donating snacks for each day of testing. It just made it so much better. :) There were two days of ELA and two days of math. One day of ELA and math were "random" questions that covered most of the standards that we learned this year. ELA and math also had a performance task where they had to read more than one source/table and answer questions or write a response to the given information. The performance task for math was very similar to the one we practiced earlier this year about a birthday party. This year the CAASPP test was much shorter than it has been in the past prior to COVID.

Special points of interest:

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- *Love & Logic*
- *AR Update*
- *Back-to-School Sites*



Love & Logic

Here is your next installment from this great organization.

Research on the brain has discovered that constant excitement can hardwire children's brains to crave activities that offer immediate gratification, stimulation, and entertainment. This makes it difficult for some children to stay focused and engaged in "normal" classroom activities. As a result, some children create that stimulation and entertainment by acting out/misbehaving. Researchers have found that more than a half an hour of watching/using electronic devices per day is harmful to your child's brain. In other words, send your child out to play, work on a puzzle, play with Legos, start a hobby, and read a book!

Accelerated Reader Update

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

8,577,495!

Keep on reading, Hive members!

Back to School

While the end of school is so close most students can taste it, we will be back to school in August before we can say, "Homework, anyone?" The beginning of school can be stressful for some and the transition back to early bed times and alarm clocks can be difficult. Listed below are some great web sites that have terrific ideas, checklists, and strategies to make that first day and week back to school "easy peasy."

Why not bookmark them now and you'll be ready when it's time to think about school in August.

http://www.pbs.org/parents/goingtoschool/starting_school.html

<http://www.onlineorganizing.com/ExpertAdviceToolboxTips.asp?tipsheet=65>

<http://www.schoolfamily.com/school-family-articles/article/762-back-to-school-checklist>

<http://singleparents.about.com/od/yourchildseducation/tp/btschecklist.htm>

<http://abcnews.go.com/GMA/Parenting/back-school-complete-checklist-parents/story?id=11407354>

Raffle Question!

Draw three types of a quadrilateral on the back of this page.

Child's Name

Parent Signature