

Blount's Busy Bee Bulletin

Gladstone Elementary

Ultra Fun Run!

The class did a great job collecting donations for Gladstone's only fundraiser this year. We finished with 126 points.

This year the Pride Stride Event was run by the Ultra Fun Run organization. Bubbles were everywhere and only two grades at a time completed their laps around their specific course at a time. The kids really enjoyed running with the bubbles and wearing their digital lap trackers.

A BIG thank you to all the parent volunteers that helped make this event possible. A BIG thank you to all the families that were able to donate. Every bit counts and is important to our school and all that we do throughout the year to make the year special for your child(ren).

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Accelerated Reader Update

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

627,196

You're all doing great!

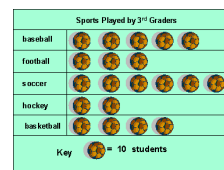
Keep going!!! :)

Math

*Fluency is so important and I'm happy to see so many students working on their fluency with Reflex Math on a regular basis. We will continue to have our fluency assessments every week to monitor our progress in this area. Documenting our results on our data sheets each week has been a great motivation. It's fun to see our bar graphs moving up toward 100! As soon as students complete/master their addition and subtraction facts in Reflex Math s/he will get to move onto multiplication and division. :)

Tables, graphs, and charts are extremely important and a great way to understand data. Here is one of our chants: "A table is a chart that helps organize our thoughts." Analyzing data in charts and graphs also requires us to use our CUBES strategy (2 neon blue pages in the math section of our Bee binder).

Fluency tables and tally tables/charts are ALMOST the same. Picture graphs do not have labels and the key is the most important part especially if there is half of a picture. Bar graphs have labels for the scale and the activity, object, thing, etc. just like frequency and tally tables.



Benchmark Advance

We are continuing our work in Unit 1 working on nonfiction strategies: cause/effect, text-dependent questions, sequencing, compare and contrast.

This week the kiddoes also received the first of two bookmarks to help them remember what they should do as they are reading. The three major steps are before reading, during reading, and after reading. We have a chart in our room with the same information as a handy reference. Following these steps each and every time will help develop awesome reading habits that will help your child become a lifelong reader/learner.

Mystery Science!

We completed the first mystery of our unit about plants by watching *Mystery Science* videos and completing the activity. This week we took all the information we learned from *Mystery Science* and entered it in our new science journals. The journal is a great place to record our important thoughts and to use as a study guide. Journals are the best!

How to Decode a Two Syllable Word (VCV Pattern)

The first weeks of school we focused on VCCV words. We are now working on VCV words such as Super, paper, and later. These are also very common and it's important to have a strategy to read these words, too. Here is how it works:

1. Once we have determined that it is a VCV word, we say "first try before." This means before the consonant.
2. Where's the vowel? It's at the end (of the syllable).
3. Long or short vowel sound? We always try long first.
4. Read the word by syllables.

*We will focus on VCV words with short vowel sounds next (Ex. metal). You can find a chart for the VCV strategy for both the long and short vowels on the Language Arts page of our class website.

Reminders!

- We are working toward collecting PTA memberships so that our class has 100% participation.
- October 6 & 7: Minimum days for parent conferences with dismissal at 12:25.
- October 8: Pupil Free Day
- October 20: Picture Make-Up Day
- October 22: Fifth Grade Pumpkin Patch Fundraiser
- October 29: Pupil Free 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 September 27, 2021

*Turn in this form on/before Thursday, October 7, 2021

*Pick five VCV words we haven't practiced in class and write them down below. Then read them to an adult and tell them the steps for decoding them. :)

Name _____ Parent Signature _____
