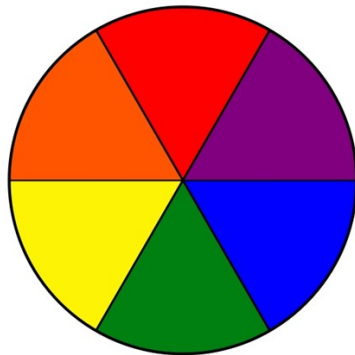

Blount's Busy Bee Bulletin

Gladstone Elementary

The Color Wheel

The primary and secondary colors are used to create any and all colors. The students watched a short PowerPoint introducing them to the concept of these important colors. Afterwards, the students created a design which they copied onto six pie shapes. Then they colored each section with the primary and secondary colors in the right order. They look great and are a super introduction to many of our art projects that I have planned for this year.



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Leader in Me

We are continuing to work on our leadership skills. This week we selected our leadership roles/positions for the next nine weeks. Students chose their top five favorites and everyone received one of their top favs. Our "big rocks" and goal for our Hive is to be an awesome community of learners and friends and everyone's position, big and small, contribute to that environment.

The class also developed/created our mission statement based on the acronym FOCUS. When we have finalized it, we will share it with you. :)

We also set up our "Family/Hive Groups." Special group activities throughout the year will be completed/done with our special Hive groups rather than our table groups. :)



Parent's Corner

Seven Ways to Respond to Your Child's Negative Self-Talk

1. Acknowledge the feeling, not the words.
2. Use humor to help him/her see things differently.
3. Use specific praise to show your child how great s/he is doing.
4. Talk openly about negative self-talk.
5. Talk about having a growth mindset.
6. Discuss your "best failures".
7. Create an affectionate, welcoming home.

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Cursive/*Cursive*

Just like learning to print, cursive writing takes lots of perfect practice. The students are learning pairs of letters that are formed similarly. There are a few tricks/tips to help us be better cursive writers.

1. Write very slowly.
 2. Always start your letters at the bottom.
 3. Always trace the letters FIRST to learn proper letter formation.
 4. Do not lift your pencil from the paper in the middle of a word.
 5. Cross the "t" and dot the "i" after you finish writing the word.
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Curriculum Snapshots!

Math

This week we have continued our work on rounding/estimating numbers and the "Break Apart" strategy. This strategy was learned in second grade and is a great way to add numbers if/when we don't want to regroup the traditional way. Now that we have estimated for addition, we will start working on estimating differences, too. Believe it or not, we're also at the mid-point of our chapter already!

Language Arts

*We started Weekly Word Week. Each day we will have 5-6 questions that focus on spelling, writing complete sentences, alphabetizing, word parts, possessives, figurative language, capitalization, and more. **Every few weeks we will then have a quiz that assesses these important skills. Most of them are a review of second grade.**

*We are reviewing main ideas and cause and effect with *A Bug and a Wish*. It's a great book about how to treat each other and it also helps us to be proactive when we need to stick up for ourselves.

Accelerated Reader Update

Students should have a vocabulary of 60,000 words by the end of twelfth grade. These are words that students use not only in their speaking, but in their reading and writing. In order to meet that goal, students need to read a lot every day. So far, our class total for the number of words read is. . .

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236,789

You're all doing great!

Keep going!!! :)

Reminders!

- We are working toward collecting PTA memberships so that our class has 100% participation.
- October 1: Pride Stride Fun Run
- October 1: KidsCan & Spirit Day (Mismatched Fun Run)
- October 6 & 7: Minimum Days for parent conferences with dismissal at 12:25.
- October 8: Pupil Free Day
- October 26: Picture Make-Up Day
- October 29: Pupil Free Day
- November 11: Veteran's 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.

September Birthday



Benjamin 13th

Newsletter Raffle: Week of September 6, 2021

*Turn in this form on/before Friday, September 17, 2021

*Write at least three sentences explaining what you learned this week.

Name _____ Parent Signature _____