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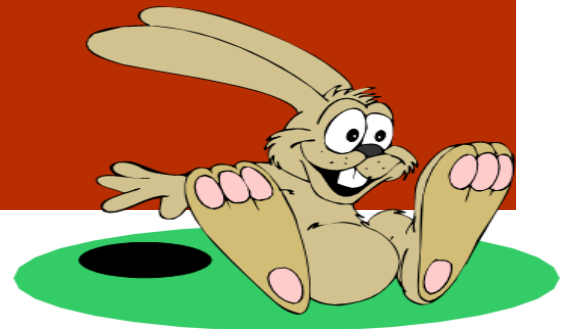


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# The Janvier Journal

## Mr. Kobik's Corner



June has arrived and the conclusion of our school year is near. Yes, Summertime is on our doorstep. For our school's staff, June is always a little bittersweet. Teachers who have been dedicated towards instructing their students prepare to send the children on their way to the next grade level. As I think back to September, we began this school year with the shadow of Covid still upon us and while Covid will always be a serious health concern, it is with an optimistic heart that I look forward to next school year with the hope that Covid and all serious health – related matters will remain suppressed. Overall, I believe that as a school community we again came together during this school year to ensure that our children had many positive learning experiences that fostered their academic and social - emotional growth. I, as well as our school's staff, appreciate all of the support that has been provided by our student's parents / guardians throughout the school year. While there is still learning to occur, please keep in mind that the end of any school year can be an anxious time for children and it is important for us to remember that we need to provide assistance and support through the final day of school. A strong finish to this school year can help to get your child off to a great start in September. Additionally, specific summer activities can also prove beneficial towards this goal. Maintaining a standard schedule and encouraging your child to participate in activities that reinforce learned academic skills can assist your child in their transition into the next grade level. For example, when shopping, ask your child to compare product prices, after a day of swimming or playing in

the backyard, have your child write about their experience, and, as always, talk to your child about what they are reading. Of note, in this edition of the *Janvier Journal* you will find information from the 1<sup>st</sup> Grade Team and our Library Teacher, Mrs. Monaghan that communicates learning activity ideas for the Summer months. Additionally, Mrs. Monaghan provides information in this edition regarding access to programs that will provide your child with the opportunity to practice reading. Certainly, learning should never take a vacation. I wish you all an enjoyable summer and to those of you who will become Main Road parents / guardians in September, thank you for being a part of the Mary F. Janvier Elementary School community. I look forward to hearing about your child's many future achievements. To those of you that I will again see in September, the 2023 – 2024 school year will be a great one and I am excited that you will be a part of it!



## What's Happening In Gym Class

Our Jackrabbits have done an amazing job this year in PE! Each class participated in our team building Parachute Day which was a huge success and the students had a blast during it. They have worked so hard at achieving our goals since September and should be very proud! During the summer, remember to exercise or play for at least 60 minutes every day and drink plenty of water!



## What's Happening In Computers Class

Students have learned so many new skills this year in Computers! Kindergarten students learned how to click and drag, follow directions, use a computer safely, type capital and lower case letters to create sentences, and how to create pictographs! 1st Grade students learned how to explore the internet safely, identify keys on the keyboard and type using the correct fingers on the correct keys. They were able to type sentences, add images and create drawings on the computer.

Everyone's favorite was getting to build and code Lego's where they learned to code using block coding, work as a team, and discuss what they were doing to make the robot work. 2nd Grade students learned about online safety, increasing their typing speed by completing a word per minute test each week, and creating documents, graphs, and drawings. Students enjoyed learning about coding using block

coding on *code.org*. They created Lego robots working as a team, followed step by step directions, coded the robot to perform certain actions, and then they tried to improve the robot to carry out the action better.



## Safety Tips For Summer Fun From The Nurse

Summer is finally here! Make sure you stay safe over the summer break! Here are a few important tips for the upcoming summer. Enjoy the sunshine. Be well!



### Sun safety for summer





It's that time of year again when our students are excited to follow the A-Z Celebration Calendar. Please review the calendar so that your child has all necessary items to participate in daily activities.



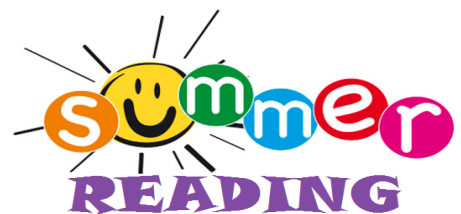
<b>OTHER SPECIAL DAYS IN MAY:</b>				
<b>MAY 3RD - WORKOUT WEDNESDAY</b> <b>MAY 5TH - SCHOOL SPIRIT DAY</b> <b>MAY 25TH - UNITY DAY</b>	May 9th A - Art Day We will do a fun art project today!	May 10th B - Bubble Day We will blow bubbles outside!	May 11th C - Chalk Day We will draw with chalk today!	May 12th D - Disney Day Wear your Disney attire or your favorite characters colors!
May 15th E - Exercise Day We will do some exercising today! Wear comfy clothes!	May 16th F - Future Day Wear clothes for your future self such as a MR. CLR, high school or college shirt or a career!	May 17th G - Game Day We will play a game today!	May 18th H - Hat Day Wear a hat to school today!	May 19th I - Inside Out Day Wear the color of your favorite Inside Out character/emotion today!
May 22nd J - Jumping Jack Day We will do jumping jacks today!	May 23rd K - Kindness Day We will write a kind note or do something kind for our school or someone at our school today!	May 24th L - Lights Out Day We will spend part of our day with the lights out! You can bring a SMALL flashlight if you have one!	May 25th M - Music Day We will listen to music today! <b>**Unity Day**</b>	May 26th No School-Teacher Inservice
May 29th No School-Memorial Day	May 30th N - Neon Day Wear neon or your brightest colors today!	May 31st O - Outside Day We will do an outside activity today! (weather permitting)	June 1st P - Picnic Day We will eat a snack outside today! You can bring a towel to sit on. (weather permitting)	June 2nd Q - Quiet Day We will play quiet games today! <b>**School Spirit Day**</b>
June 5th R - Rainbow Day Wear your favorite color of the rainbow or all of them!	June 6th S - Superhero Day Wear your favorite superhero shirt or their colors!	June 7th T - Team Day Wear your favorite team shirt! <b>**Workout Wednesday**</b>	June 8th U - Under the Sea Day Wear sunglasses and any tropical attire! (no bathing suits)	June 9th V - Visitation Day K and 1st will visit their new halls and 2nd will revisit their old halls! <b>**Unity Day**</b>
June 12th W - Wave the Flag Day Wear red, white and blue to honor our flag!	June 13th X - eXtra Recess We will get extra recess today!	June 14th Y - Yay! It's Fun Day! The FTA has planned a lot of fun activities for us today! Wear your Janvier shirt!	June 15th Z - Zoom off to Summer Day! Have a great summer!	<b>OTHER SPECIAL DAYS IN JUNE:</b> <b>JUNE 2ND - SCHOOL SPIRIT DAY</b> <b>JUNE 7TH - WORKOUT WEDNESDAY</b> <b>JUNE 9TH - UNITY DAY</b>

## Summer Reading From The Library

It's time for some great summer reads! Reading with your child over the summer is essential in order to continue building fluency, and to keep your child on track for the next school year. The Franklin Township Public Library ([www.ftlnj.org](http://www.ftlnj.org)) and the Gloucester County Library System ([www.gcls.org](http://www.gcls.org)) offer many free summer reading programs that you can take advantage of. Plan a special time each day to read, and visit the library often.

Make reading fun by setting a goal, and tracking your child's progress throughout the summer. Goals should be based on the number of minutes read and not the number of books. When you reach that goal together, plan a special meal, activity or other reward for your child's accomplishment. The Mary F. Janvier Library has a paid subscription to Tumblebooks available at [www.tumblebooks.com](http://www.tumblebooks.com). Tumblebooks offers a collection of over 300 animated online storybooks and activities. Our username is

"janvier" and the password is "books". The link is also available on Mrs. Monaghan's website. Whether you are at the beach, in the car, or home on a rainy day there is nothing more important than reading to guarantee your child's success! Happy Summer Reading!



## End of the Year Fun In Art Class

Wow, what a year it has been in the Janvier Art Room! Our amazing students really worked hard showing a tremendous amount of growth in their ability to draw, cut, paint, glue, and even sculpt. As the school year comes to an end, our artists are working in centers to build with a variety of different materials. This also gives Ms. Taub the chance to do "Catch-up Art" with students who may have missed some days throughout the year. Some centers even allow students to practice sewing and sculpting with clay. Second Graders are creating bubble letters on "folder portfolios" that are then used to

carry their artwork home without bending or crumbling their projects in their backpacks. Please feel free to ask your child how they made their projects or if there was an artist we looked at before creating them (some 2nd grade inspiration came from Vincent Van Gogh, Charley Harper, Lucy Sparrow, Chris Uphues, and Charles McGee). Thank you to all the wonderful Franklin families who continue to support their child's curiosity through art. Have a relaxing and \*creative\* summer!



## Year End Fun Activities In Kindergarten

This month in Kindergarten, students have been participating in the A-Z Celebration! We have been doing fun activities to celebrate the letter of the day each day by playing games, doing crafts, and watching movies. The students have also been preparing for 1st Grade by reviewing classroom routines and procedures. The end of the year excitement has kicked into high gear and everyone is excited for the warm sunny days to

come. The students also got to enjoy an awesome day at Storybook Land for the Kindergarten field trip. They had so much fun walking around the park with all of their friends, playing games, and going on rides.



## 10 Fun Summer Learning Ideas for 1st Grade

Summer Break is quickly approaching but that doesn't mean the learning has to stop. There are lots of fun and experiential learning that can occur throughout the summer from home or around our community. Many of these activities incorporate valuable reading and math practice and do not require much planning. Check out some fun learning ideas below to have your child ready for 2nd Grade!

1. Visit your local library, it's free and close by. Many libraries have Summer Reading programs with incentives for reading.
2. Practice writing by writing letters to relatives or friends far away or writing in a journal about a trip you went on.
3. Practice your High Frequency

Words by painting with water or writing them with chalk. Shaving cream is also a fun, tactile way to get those words memorized.

4. Cooking incorporates both reading and math skills. Find a fun recipe to cook with your child allowing them to measure ingredients and find words they know in the recipe.

5. Board games, puzzles, and cards are a great way to practice skills like counting on, subitizing (reading numbers by sight) and spatial relationships.

6. Get outside and take a nature walk. Have your child find items in nature that begin or end with a certain sound. Have them count how many objects they find along the way.

7. On a rainy day, make a fort and read to a stuffed buddy.

8. Make shadow puppets and practice retelling a favorite story.

9. Get creative with Legos and have your child make a story, and then record it like a movie.

10. Stay calm and practice your mindfulness with some kid friendly yoga and music. Check out Cosmic Yoga on YouTube.



## Transitioning to Main Road In Second Grade

In May, Second Graders took a small field trip to visit Main Road School. This is the school that they will be attending next year as they move up to Third Grade. The students were beaming with smiles and excitement! Third and Fourth Grade students presented the rules of the school and talked all about the fun school spirit activities and challenges they complete over at Main Road. This really allowed Second Graders to feel at ease and welcome as they mentally pre-

pared to transition to a new school next year. Our students had so many great questions! It was nice to see that a small trip could really start to round out the school year and it was a reminder that the end of the year is quickly approaching. It's bittersweet to watch our students walk out of our classroom on the last day of school because we don't want them to leave, but also know that it is a sign of them growing up and moving on. We know they are in good hands when

they walk through the doors of Main Road School to become a "Mustang" and officially retire their Janvier "Jackrabbit" title. Good luck in 3rd Grade and continue to shine!

