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# The Janvier Journal



## Mr. Kobik's Corner

Spring has arrived! The warm days alert us that the school year is beginning to draw to a close. Certainly, there is still much to do but May is quickly slipping towards the month of June and the departure of the school buses on the final day will quickly be upon us. The end of the 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 at the park, have your child write about their experience, and, as always, talk to your child about what they are reading. This has been a productive year and I have enjoyed watching the children grow academically and socially. Your continuous support has positively impacted your child's performance and combined with the efforts of Janvier's dedicated staff, many successful days have resulted. I wish you all an enjoyable summer. To those of you who will become Main Road parents in September, thank you for being a part of the Mary F. Janvier Elementary School community and I anticipate hearing

about your child's future achievements. To those of you that I will again see in the Fall, the 2016 – 2017 school year will be a great one and I am excited that you will be a part of it!

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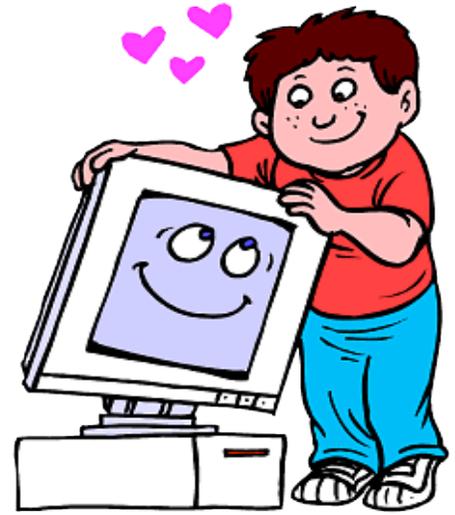


# Computer Literacy

I cannot begin to tell you how proud I am of how much our students have learned in Computer Class. We have wonderful students and excellent learners! Please continue to practice keyboarding skills over the summer. With computer based standardized testing, it is so important that children know how to properly type and are able to do so quickly. A great free website that we use in class is: <http://www.bbc.co.uk/schools/typing/>. 2nd Grade has also been working on computer programming throughout the year using a free website called Tynker ([https://](https://www.tynker.com/hour-of-code/)

[www.tynker.com/hour-of-code/](https://www.tynker.com/hour-of-code/)). Using this website, students engage in higher level thinking STEM (science, technology, engineering, and math) activities. All 2nd Graders have accounts on Tynker that they may continue to use at the conclusion of the school year. I want to wish everyone a safe and restful summer, and best of luck to all of our 2nd Grade students who will be attending Main Road next year. We will miss you!

Mrs. Graff



## Summer Reading Tips 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 and the Gloucester County Library System 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 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 my 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!  
Mrs. Monaghan



## News from the PTA

The end of the school year is quickly approaching. But before it does, Janvier PTA will be hosting Fun Day on Friday, June 10<sup>th</sup>. The PTA will organize a fun-filled day for the students with lots of fun and exciting activities to celebrate the hard work and accomplishments of the students throughout the school year. The children look forward to the event year after year. With The end of the school year brings a new start for the PTA. At our May meeting, new officers for the 2016-2017 school year were elected. Congratulations to the newly elected officers - Melissa Porten, President; Heather Harrison, Treasurer; and Sheri

Moncrief, Event Coordinator. April Bird, Secretary; Mary Lou Bergamo, Head Room Parent Coordinator; and Stephanie Hannum, Box Top Coordinator will continue serving the PTA into next year, as well. A huge "thank you" to all the families that helped make Bowling Fun Day a great success. Your continued support is much appreciated. We look forward to doing it again next year! Have a great summer, see you in September!



## Notes from the Nurse

As we wind down the school year, I would like to remind all parents to pick up their child's medication in the nurses office. I will send aero chambers and nebulizer tubing for the asthmatic children over to Main Road unless you let me know your specific request. I will also be sending home new medication forms for next year, but please know they are available on the school website.

Additionally, I would like to make a seasonal reminder to get the sunscreen out when the children are outside. It doesn't take long for children's skin to burn. Often, they don't want to

stand still long enough for you to apply it, but it is critical to their skin. Lastly, I would like to wish you all a safe and enjoyable summer. Spend some good quality time with your children. As for our second graders, you will be missed!



## Using 3D in Art Class

Our Janvier artists are wrapping up the year by creating three-dimensional artwork. While using the element of form, they are connecting how other elements are needed in order to create their artwork. Kindergartners have had fun creating 3D bugs using model magic, paper chains to make a snail, and clay to form a pinch pot. 1st Graders manipulated paper to create 3D flowers and a Japanese koi fish kite in honor of Children's Day. 2nd Graders have done an excellent job making

flowers out of tissue paper and now are using their imagination to create castles with a 3D element. Later, we will be using the artist, Dale Chihuly, to create his macchia "glass" bowls. This year has been wonderful watching our children grow as artists. We have very talented students in our school! Remember to create artwork over the summer. The more artwork you create, the better at art you get! Also,...come and see our 2nd Grade

art gallery during our annual Art Show and Book Fair on Wednesday, June 1st from 6-8 PM!

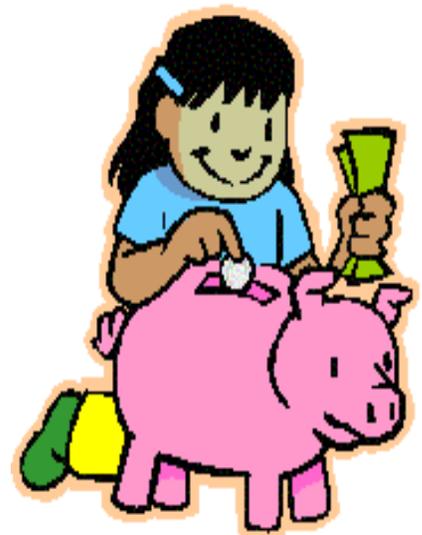
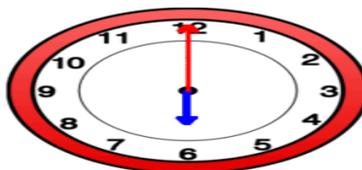


## Counting Money & Telling Time in Second Grade

During our recent Math unit, 2nd Graders studied telling time and counting money. These are frequently used skills that students should continue to practice. These skills are easy to practice at home with things you have around the house. Children greatly benefit from real world practice like using actual clocks and real money. Some ways you can practice time is by letting your child wear a watch with an analog face, asking them what time the clock says, and discussing clocks when you see them in public places. To practice money, you can

have your child count a handful of coins or the change you received from a purchase. It is a great learning experience to have your child involved in counting out the money to purchase an item. Providing your child with real world experiences with time and money will reinforce the activities completed in class. Mrs. Kaitlyn Masotti

### Telling Time Practice



## Kindergarten Class Publishes a Book

Students from Mrs. Santomero’s Kindergarten class are hopping with pride over their latest project. Students collaboratively researched about frogs and then each contributed a page of writing along with an illustration detailing their favorite new frog facts. Their individual work was assembled together to create a class book masterpiece entitled “Fabulous Frogs” and sent it away to be professionally printed and

bound. Later this month, students will participate in a culminating activity that will involve revealing the final product and signing each other’s books. It is Mrs. Santomero’s hope that her students’ excitement and pride in their “published” project will inspire her Kindergarteners to continue learning about their world and demonstrating their knowledge through words.

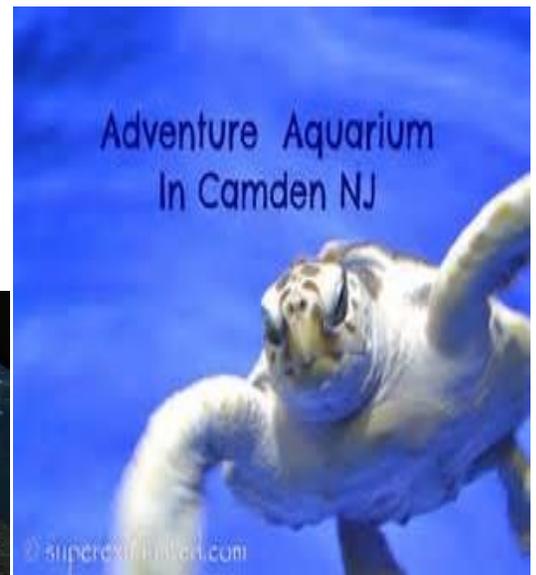


## First Grade Field Trip

What has 2 million gallons of water, 8500 aquatic animals, and 200 1st Grade students? The Adventure Aquarium in Camden, New Jersey! In June, Janvier’s 1st Graders will be heading for fun and learning at the Adventure Aquarium. They will be discovering the many amazing creatures that thrive in aquatic habitats. Learning opportunities are designed to inspire students to better understand and gain appreciation for marine life, food chains, life cycles and ecosystems. The 1st Grade teachers and

students are looking forward to the trip. What a great way to end a wonderful school year!

Submitted by:  
The First Grade Teachers



## Character Ed. Committee Animal Shelter Drive

The Character Education Committee was proud to sponsor a donation collection for the Gloucester County Animal Shelter that ran from May 2<sup>nd</sup> to May 13<sup>th</sup> and the excitement extended through the student body and our school’s staff. Students were encouraged to display a sense of responsibility to help our community when in time of need, and there was an overflow of donated supplies for the animals at the shelter. The staff at

Janvier hope that by displaying a show of empathy for those in need of support that positive growth in our students’ character will be fostered and our students will feel a sense of inclusion in our community. We encourage families to continue promoting charitable activities with their children. and to discuss the importance of helping others,

