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Mr. Kobik's Corner

The middle of March has arrived and as we conclude our Winter season we look forward to the warm days of Spring. Similar to the seasons, the school year is transitioning and we remain focused as a school community towards the academic and social growth of our children. The targeted character education trait for the month of March has been "Honesty" and lessons on this topic have emphasized the importance of the children being honest with their teachers, adults in their lives, and other students. Our character badge program, posting of character "bricks" on our school's character wall, the awarding of "caught being good" coupons, and the school bus character recognition program reinforce the power of positive decision – making and help the children to feel good about the great choices that they are making. The children are enthusiastic towards each of these programs and are learning that good character should also occur outside of our school. As a full community we can promote this concept by recognizing our children's good character when it is demonstrated at home, in the store, or during an extracurricular activity. Identifying our children being responsible, respectful, trusting, cooperating with others, gracious, and honest are certainly actions that makes us all proud and the children need to be praised when they demonstrate these qualities. Of course, we should also remember that our children generally learn appropriate values through observation of those around them. In effect, one can state that values are caught and not taught. Positive role models have a great impact on our children's lives and recently each of our school's grade levels had the opportunity to interact with students

from the Delsea Regional High School District during *Read Across America* activities. You will find articles about these programs in this edition of the *Janvier Journal*. Also in this edition, you will be introduced to our school's new Music Teacher and a new Basic Skills Teacher. Additional articles communicate projects that the children are completing during their Computer class, information regarding reading comprehension strategies that you can use at home to assist your child's development in this area, and an article updating you on PTA news. The recently held Candy Bar Bingo event was fun! The Mary F. Janvier staff continues to appreciate all of the support that you have provided and we wish you an enjoyable Spring.



Computer Literacy

As we continue to integrate Science into our learning, the students will continue to learn Microsoft Office. Our Kindergartners have learned about their five senses and have completed a Word document with a total of 6 sentences, a picture, and have had the opportunity to open and save their document over a three week period. Our First Graders have studied growing plants. They made diagrams using Digital Tools and cited facts in a bulleted list in Word. In

Second Grade, students have begun their research on the life cycle of a frog. They will be using this research to create a book in Publisher and to create a PowerPoint. Keep up the great work boys and girls!

Ms. Graff



Reading Comprehension Strategies

Make Connections

What connections do I make as I read?

Good readers notice pieces of text that relate to or remind them of:

- Their lives, past experiences, and prior knowledge
- Other books, articles, movies, songs, or Pieces of writing
- Events, people, or issues

Tips:

- That reminds me of...
- This made me think of...
- I read another book that...
- This is different from...
- I remember when...

Visualize

Good readers create pictures in their minds while they read. While reading, note places where you get a clear picture in your mind that helps you understand the text:

- I can picture...
- I can see the...
- I can visualize...
- The movie in my head shows...

Use your senses to connect the characters, events, and ideas to clarify the picture in your head.

- I can taste/hear/smell the...
- I can feel the...

Ask Questions

Good readers ask questions before, during, and after reading to better understand the author and the meaning of the text.

Ask questions of the author, yourself, and the text:

- What is the author trying to say?
- What is the message of the piece?
- Do I know something about this Topic?
- What do I think I will learn from This text?
- How could this be explained to Someone else?
- What predictions do I have about this Reading?

News from the PTA

Thank you to everyone who attended Candy Bar Bingo. The event was a great success and we loved seeing the smiling faces of the children as they yelled "Bingo." This may become an annual event. Janvier PTA is excited to present our next family fun event; Bowling Fun Day on Sunday, April 10th at Brunswick Zone in Turnersville. This year we reserved the ENTIRE bowling alley from 1-3PM with all 40 lanes for the fundraising event. Tickets will go on sale soon at \$10 per person and include 2-hours of bowling fun and shoe rental. Invite your friends and

family as you join us for an afternoon of fun. It is also the time of year that PTA nomination forms will be sent home in mid-April for open positions during the 2016-2017 school year. All nominations must be returned by the end of April with voting taking place at the May meeting. If you are interested in becoming more involved, or have someone in mind, complete the nomination form and return it to the school. You must be present at the May 3rd meeting to accept any nomination and vote. During the second trimester,

the Janvier students collected a total of 1,675 Box Tops. Congratulations to the winners! Mrs. Davis' Kindergarten class collected 283 Box Tops, Mrs. Harrison's First Grade class collected 789 and Ms. Burrell/Mrs. Vahey's Second Grade class collected 603. Each class will be rewarded with a bag of Herr's chips. Continue to send in your Box Tops, it's an easy way to raise money for Mary F. Janvier School.



What a wonderful time we had on Read Across America Day celebrating Dr. Seuss' birthday! All the classes had a special visit from the "Cat in the Hat" who showed us just how much fun reading can be. The Kindergarten and First Grade students were treated to a special assembly put together by the Delsea Middle School Storytelling Club. Students learned all about Dr. Seuss, and sang "Read Read Read A Book" together! Later in the day, the middle school stu-

dents visited the Kindergarten and First Grade classrooms to give each child their own "Cat in the Hat" costume! The Delsea Middle School students read their favorite Dr. Seuss stories, and explained to every class the importance of reading. The Second Grade students traveled to Delsea High School for their presentation facilitated by Delsea's Media Specialist and Ninth Grade Language Arts Teachers. The Ninth Graders, who wrote and illustrated their own stories, read

them to the younger children. Additional activities included a hat making activity from "Cat in the Hat", puppet making and fun pages that correlated with some of the Second Graders' favorite Dr. Seuss stories. Read Across America Day was a huge success for both Janvier and Delsea students!

Happy Reading!
Mrs. Monaghan

Meet the New BSI Teacher

Hi, everyone! My name is Ondrea Sickler, and I am a new Kindergarten Basic Skills Teacher at Janvier. My prior experiences have included being a Special Education Teacher in First, Second and Fifth Grade at Woodstown -Pilesgrove Regional School District. I received my Bachelor's Degree in Behavioral Science and my Master's of Science in Elementary Education and Special Education

from Wilmington University. I am so happy to join the Janvier family. The staff, students and families have made me feel so welcome. It is my goal for students to feel free to take risks, accept challenges, and make mistakes --because this is how learning takes place! I consider it a privilege to be able to work with your children in the pursuit of helping them become the

best that they can be. Thank you in advance for your support; I know it is going to be a great rest of the year!



Second Grade Celebrates Real Across America Day

On March 4th, the Second Grade students went to Delsea Regional High School to enjoy some great Read Across America Activities. While we were there, the drama team put on a small performance and before leaving for the other scheduled activities, we performed for them! We were so proud of how brave they were singing in front of high school students. We then were led by Super Heroes and Princesses into the next event where Delsea students read stories

that they wrote and illustrated themselves. The students were all engaged and really enjoyed listening to the stories. Read Across America was a great event, can't wait until next year!



Kindergarten Celebrates the 100th Day

The Kindergarteners had so much fun celebrating the 100th Day of School. Some of the activities we participated in were: painting 100 dots, writing what we would buy with \$100, reading 100th day books, and doing 100 exercises. We also visited other Kindergarten teachers and completed 100th day activities in their classrooms. It was so much

fun! We can't believe all that we have learned in 100 days of school!



First Grade Celebrates Read Across America Day

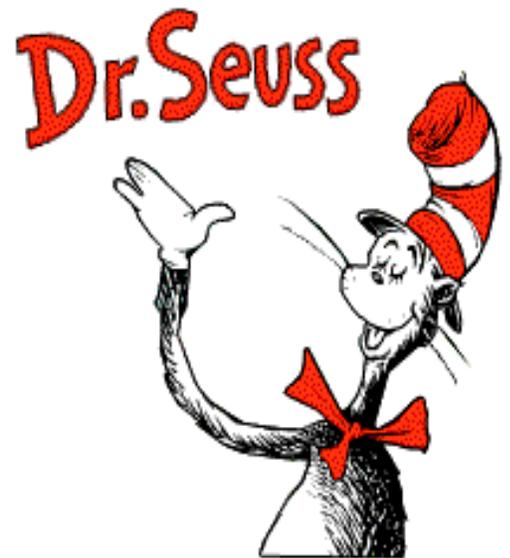
“The more that you read, the more things you will know. The more that you learn, the more places you'll go.”

-Dr. Seuss

The First Grade students at Mary F. Janvier Elementary School had a wonderful time celebrating Dr. Seuss's birthday in honor of Read Across America Day! The First Graders attended an assembly that was presented by the Delsea Middle

School Storytellers club. Later, the Delsea Middle School students visited each individual class and gave each child a red and white striped hat like that of the Cat in the Hat. The students also read stories to the First Graders during their visit. The First Graders then “capped” off Dr. Seuss Week by switching classes, where each teacher spotlighted a different Dr. Seuss book and activity.

Submitted by : The First Grade Teachers



“Welcome” to the new Music Teacher

Happy March!

My name is Elisa Grello and I am the new music teacher here at Janvier. I am so thrilled to be working with such wonderful, hardworking children! I would like to take this opportunity to share with you the excitement happening in Second Grade. We are preparing for our annual Second Grade Music Program which is scheduled for March 22, 2016 at 7

PM and March 23, 2016 at 7 PM. Each Second Grade class has learned three songs; two songs will be performed by the whole group and then each individual class will perform their own song! More information about the performances can be found on my website (including lyrics if you want to practice at home!) If you have any questions, please feel free to email me anytime at egrello@franklintwpschools.org.

Thank you for your continued support and for keeping music alive in your home!

