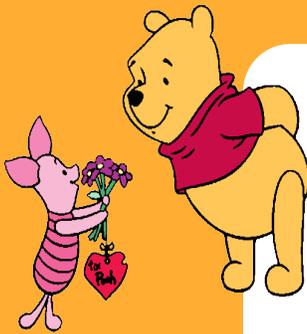


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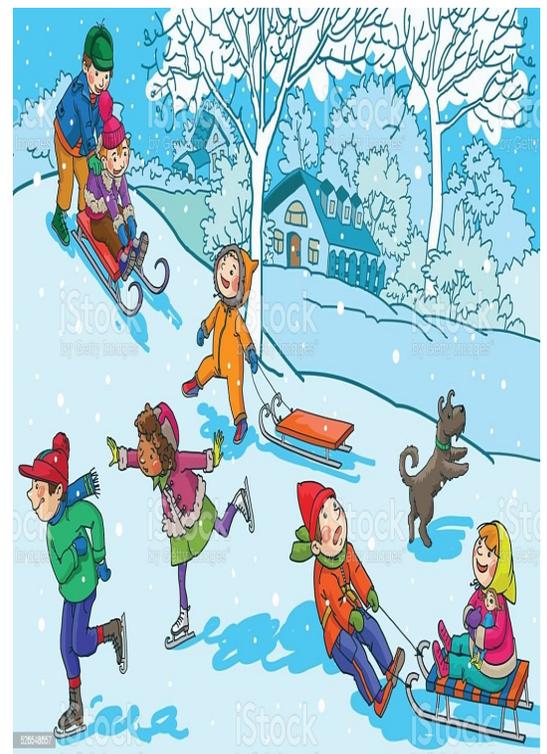
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Mr. Kobik's Corner

Late Winter is here! February is drawing to a close and March is upon us. I have always found late Winter as a time to look ahead. Thoughts of Spring begin to swirl among the late Winter breeze and the sun feels just a little warmer. The school year is rapidly moving by and our children are learning so much! Yes, there have been unique challenges this year but as we continue to move into a post – pandemic world, it is important for us to keep our focus on student learning as we build the children's academic and social – emotional foundation. It is amazing to consider just how much a child develops from the time that they enter Mary F. Janvier Elementary School in either Pre K or Kindergarten to where they are during the late Winter of their 2nd grade year. Mental, physical, and social growth occurs in leaps as children learn to read, write, complete math problems, gain an understanding of their physical world, and acquire information regarding the maintenance of proper health. Additionally, the children further develop their social skills and forge relationships that may continue for many years. With this noted, it is important for parents to remember the importance of their relationship with their own children. Whether it is spending time playing a game, eating together, or completing a household project, the time that parents invest with their children will strengthen their relationship with their child. As the years rapidly pass and the challenges of adolescence enter the home, it is the relationship that is forged now that will

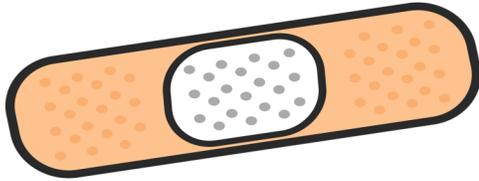


help both parents and children to overcome future obstacles. This edition of the Janvier Journal provides some reminders from the nurse's office, information on learning activities in all of our Related Arts classes which include messages from our new Music Teacher and our new Computer Literacy Teacher, and updates from Kindergarten, 1st, and 2nd Grade classrooms. Mary F. Janvier Elementary School continues to be a vibrant place filled with the excitement of learning! As always, thank you for your support.



Notes From The Nurse's Office

The number of Covid cases in the area are decreasing which is great news! Remember to still wear your masks and pack extra in your book-bag! To continue on the healthy path don't forget to wash your hands and stay home if you feel sick. We are trying our best to keep everyone healthy and in school. Stay safe!



What's Happening In The Art Room

The Janvier Art Studio is bustling with busy artists! Kindergarten students recently practiced cutting circles and triangles to create the faces of some adorable "Love Monsters." They will be finishing them this week by adding textured fur and colorful backgrounds. 1st Grade artists are mixing the primary colors this week to make rainbow necklaces using markers and Model Magic clay. 2nd Graders are beginning to make their own color wheels inspired by

street artist--Chris Uphues. February is a fun month in the Art room as next up we will be studying the artwork of African American Artists: Alma Thomas, Faith Ringgold and Romare Bearden.



"Snow Better Time To Read" In The Library

The students have been having a wonderful time reading about snow and the cold winter months in the library. Kindergarten classes read the story "Lost In the Snow" by Linda Jennings and have been practicing rhyming words and sight word vocabulary. 1st Grade students read the Caldecott Medal winner "The Snowy Day" by Ezra Jack Keats and have been practicing alphabetical order. 2nd Grade students have been busy reading "The Three Snow Bears" by Jan Brett and studying the Native American tribe, the Inuit. We have created snowy pictures and stories of

our own to share on paper and through our Google Classrooms. Please place your child's library book back in their backpack each week. Water bottles can damage library books so make sure they are in an outside pocket or place library books in a ziploc bag. While reading, students should be able to locate the title, author, illustrator, spine, and call number, as well as determine whether their library book is nonfiction (real) or fiction (fake). Take a moment at the end of every few pages to discuss the characters, setting, and plot

of the story together. I am amazed at how much the children have already learned and I look forward to seeing what they can accomplish in 2022!



Activities In Gym Class

The students are having a great time in Physical Education learning about overhand and underhand throwing, as well as catching! They have participated in activities such as "Target Practice," "Ocean Rescue," and "Clean Up the Gym," that helped them get tons of practice for these skills!

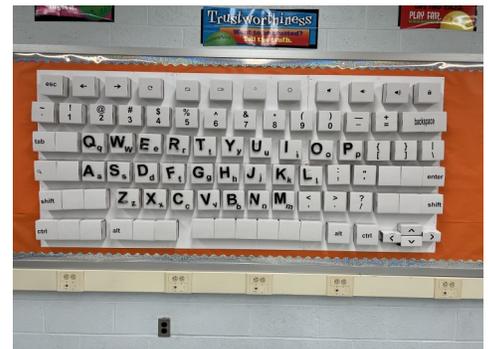


Learning Google Docs in Computer Class

My name is Tiffany Holtz and I am the new Computer Teacher for Mary F. Janvier School. I am very excited to be teaching your children and to be part of such an amazing team of educators. In Computer Class we are working on word processing. I have created a bulletin board in the classroom with a big keyboard on it to help students identify different keys. Our focus in Kindergarten is becoming familiar with the keys and how to create

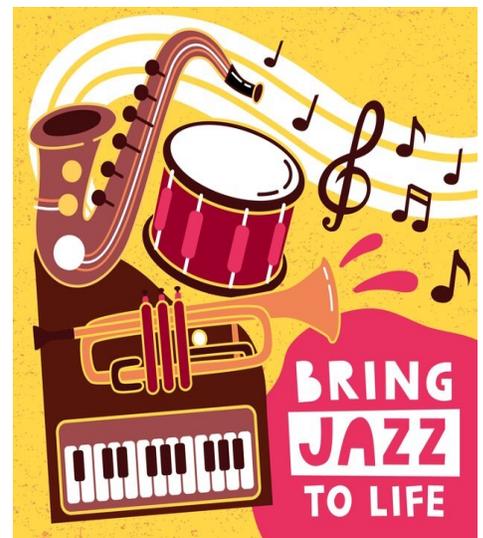
capital letters as well as using the spacebar while typing in Google Docs. In 1st and 2nd grade we are focusing on how to navigate Google Classroom and open an assignment in Google Docs. While in Google Docs we are creating sentences using proper punctuation, capitalization, formatting text, and inserting images. When we are finished with an assignment we are learning how to turn in our work on Google Classroom. The students

are eager to learn and I am very proud of all of them. Keep up the great work!



Learning About Jazz in Music Class

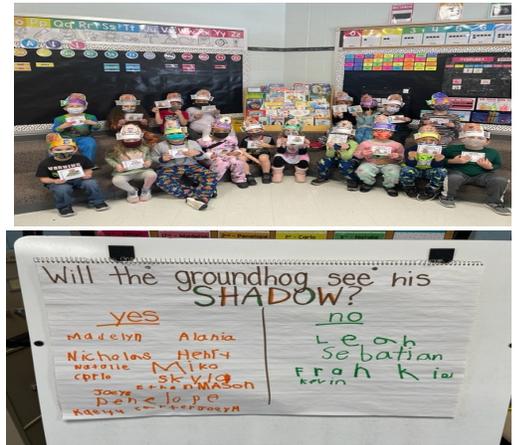
Hello! My name is Mr. Dilks and I am the new Music Teacher at Janvier School. I've been here for just over a month, and our focus has been Jazz music. Students have experienced performance techniques in jazz such as scat singing and improvisation, heard several famous jazz performers, and learned about a variety of different instruments used in jazz that include the trumpet, saxophone, and drum set. In addition to our jazz unit, students are always creating, performing, and responding to music by singing, dancing, and listening.



Kindergarten Learns About Groundhog Day

The Kindergarten students participated in a variety of activities for the fun, and somewhat silly, tradition of Groundhog Day. The day before, they discussed the traditions of Punxsutawney Phil and what it meant to make a prediction. Taking the information they learned about Groundhog day, the students made their best guess as to whether or not it would be six more weeks of Winter or an early Spring! The students were very excited to watch the proclamation on the morning of February 2nd. While

some friends were excited about the prediction and hoping for more snow, others were disappointed to hear it wasn't quite time for warmer weather! We also read some non-fiction and fiction stories, made special hats, read a decodable text, practiced counting and sorting related words by syllables, and even danced to a few fun songs. It was a great day in Kindergarten!



First Grade Celebrates the 100th Day of School

1st Grade friends had an extra special 100th day of school this year due to it falling on Valentine's Day! From the first day of school, the children began keeping track of the number of days we've been in school in anticipation of the 100th day! It's this anticipation that is actually the first math lesson, as we use straws which become a "ten bundle," paving the way to counting by tens and ones! Students were able to celebrate using manipulatives in math and creating many different activities and projects. Classrooms were

asked to bring in a collection of 100 items. We also filled in a hundreds chart, used patterns to make 100, wrote and talked about what we would look like when we are 100 and asked if you had \$100.00 what would you spend it on?



What's Happening in 2nd Grade

2nd Graders are becoming quite the authors! We just wrapped up our personal narrative writing pieces and we are beginning the writing process for informational writing. We will be looking at various texts and conducting research to learn about different features of informational text to assist students with their own informational writing pieces. Within the structure of the informational text, the students will introduce topics, use facts and definitions to

develop points, and provide concluding statements. Be sure to ask your child what topic they will be writing about in the near future and encourage them to share what they have learned.

