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Woonsocket Education Department



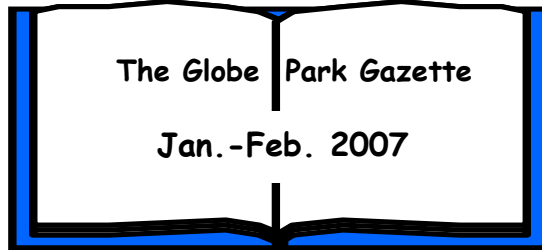
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Dear Globe Park School Community,

Students of the Month: Congratulations to the Students of the Month for December:

- Grade 1: Jared Rivard
- Grade 2: Austin Fryzel
- Grade 3: Alex Brooks
- Grade 4: Shawn Reynolds
- Grade 5: MARRISA ESCUDERO

Spelling Bee Winners: Congratulations to Globe Park School's Spelling Bee Winners and Alternates.

- Grade 4 Winner: Charliana Mendez Grade 4 Alternate: Roland Palin
 - Grade 5 Winner: Samantha Segee Grade 5 Alternate: Justine Palin
- They will be representing Globe Park School in a district spelling bee on February 8th.

Welcome Back: Welcome back from our long winter recess. I hope everyone had a restful vacation and I am sure you and the children are excited that school has started again. January and February are very important months in your children's education so please make every effort to get them back on their school schedule. The kids may be a little tired as they resume a regular schedule but in a few days they should feel fine.

Winter Weather: Please be sure your children are dressed for our very cold weather. Although it seems like a short walk to school or a very short time in the school yard, young children get chilled much more quickly than adults so please be sure they bundle up. Also, remember to tune in to one of the radio or television stations on page 1 of the Student/Parent Handbook for "no school announcements" if the weather becomes unsettled.

Helping At Home: Now that you have received the first Report Card and met with the teachers at Parent Conferences, please keep in mind any suggestions the teachers have given you to help your children. Also, you can never go wrong reading to or with your children and being sure any homework gets done every day. Thanks for all your efforts with your children.

SALT Survey: During the week of **January 22** you will be receiving a Parent Survey for you to complete and return to school. This survey is sent to all parents in all schools in Rhode Island. The purpose of the survey is to help us find better ways to help your children be successful in school. The survey is completely anonymous and we do not even open the brown envelope that we provide to send it back and forth from school. Please make every effort to complete the survey and return it to school by **Friday, February 2** so we can better serve you and your children.

Concerts: Ms. Chopoorian, our music teacher, has scheduled three concerts by the students of Globe Park School during January and February. The concerts will take place in our cafeteria and start promptly at 6:30 PM. I look forward to seeing you there. Following is the concert schedule by grades:

1. Grades 4/5 Concert: Tuesday, January 30.
2. Grades 2/3 Concert: Thursday, February 1.
3. Grades K/1 Concert: Tuesday, February 6.

Student Progress Reports: Your child will be coming home with a student progress report on **Thursday, January 25** and **Wednesday, February 28**. Please review each report with your child, sign it and return it to school the next day.

TelecomPioneers Education /Literacy Project: A special thanks to the TelecomPioneer volunteers, Millie Wowk, Pat Lamarre and Mary Ryan, who delivered 77 free dictionaries to the Grade 3 students at Globe Park School.

The staff and I are looking forward to productive, rewarding months in January and February and we hope everyone has a safe and warm winter. Look for our next newsletter on March 1.

Sincerely,
Michael Capasso, Principal

CLASSROOM NEWS



Mrs. Dzikiewicz and Mrs. Martineau

Winter has arrived although the temperature is not cooperating. During January we will be learning about the winter season with art projects, stories and writing activities. Hopefully, we will be graphing snowfall.

In February, we will be learning about our first and sixteenth presidents, the groundhog and Valentine's Day. On Valentine's Day the children will be able to exchange cards. We will be sending more information concerning Valentine's Day in February.



Mrs. Szrom and Mrs. Lauzon

Happy Winter!

We've been able to play outside everyday during this stretch of mild weather. The children really enjoy outside recess.

Generally speaking, the biggest academic growth spurt is happening now. The children are applying the skills they've learned during the first half of the year. We've all but finished learning our letters and sounds and now we are beginning to read and write.

During this and next month we will learn about our important US leaders, G. Washington, A. Lincoln, and Martin Luther King, Jr., and celebrate Valentine's Day.



Mr. McCarthy and Mrs. Labarre

Welcome back. Hope everyone is healthy. A bug is going around . . . several families have already experienced it. Our Theme for the next two months will be Winter. We will explore this exciting season from animals to weather with books, art, writing, and many different activities.

With the school year almost half over we will begin to read simple books, continue our sound and letter recognition and develop more details in our Journal Writing. Math and Science will focus on measuring and recording the weather and winter animals. February will focus on the Sharing and Friends. Watch for special events coming in January and February.



Mrs. Kucharski and Mrs. Robert

In the months of January and February the children will be reading informational texts and learning the difference between literary and informational texts. We will read and discuss stories about Martin Luther King, George Washington, Abraham Lincoln, and Groundhog Day. We will do an author study on Jan Brett. In writing, the children are working on extending and elaborating their stories by adding details and descriptions. Also, the children will begin working on animal reports. In math, we have been working on learning various strategies for adding. Strategies for subtraction will be next, followed by geometry.



Mr. Poli and Mrs. DiChristoforo

Happy New Year!

Who could have imagined that we are coming up on our 80th day of school. With that in mind, we will be having a 100th day of school celebration sometime in the first few weeks of February. More information will follow.

By the end of January, we will be starting formal spelling. Your child will be bringing home a list of ten words to study (5 will be word family words, while the other 5 will be sight words). From these ten words, we will create three sentences that the children will have to write. The sentences must include correct spelling of weekly words, capitalization, correct punctuation, spacing, and neatness.

The children will also be getting nightly spelling homework. More information will follow.

Just to update you on our reading, the students have learned over 50 sounds and are starting to recognize them almost instantly in the books they read. Please keep reading at home with your child for at least 15 minutes each night. Our goal for the month of January and February is another five books for each month, which means that each child should have 15 books read by the end of January, and 20 books by the end of February. The sooner each child finishes his/her 25 books, they will be entered in a drawing to be student of the month. (The entire 25 books must be read and logged to be eligible)

In math, we are working quite a bit on problem solving and addition and subtraction. We are focusing on solving problems and deciding when to add or subtract for each problem.

In writing, we are starting to get back to our ABC books. We will be continuing to work on these when we finish our writing about the past year.

A special thank you goes out to those of you who helped during our "December is Time to Celebrate" celebration. We were able to do a gift exchange, decorate our own gingerbread men AND women, open up holiday cards, and watch the Polar Express while drinking hot cocoa and marshmallows!

P.S.

1. Be on the look out for a schedule of when the first grade concert is.
2. Six Flags tickets will be given away to those students who read for 6 hours now until Feb 12th. (The children have the sheet to fill out)
3. Valentine's celebration will be held around the 13th of February. More information will follow.

I think that is all for now. I am going to get into trouble for writing too much! If you need me for anything, please let me know (except laundry, I'm not too good at that!)



Mrs. Gobeille and Mrs. DiChristoforo

It just doesn't seem possible that we are fast approaching the 100th day of school! We will be doing several projects during the next few weeks that are centered around the 100th day! Some of these will be homework assignments.

We will also be learning more about our country and presidents that have led it. Our class will discuss ways we can make contributions to make our world a better place for all. Formal spelling will be getting under way, so please be sure to look for more information in your child's homework folder.



Ms. Lamberto, Mrs. Dyndur and Mrs. Hampson

This month room 21 will be doing an author study on Jan Brett. Some of the books that we will be reading will be The Mitten and The Hat. Along with reading we will be doing fun activities to go along with these books. Our room is in need of tissues and Clorox wipes. With the cold and flu season here we are using a lot of them so if you would like to send in some we would appreciate it. We have two birthdays this month. Tiago's birthday is January 8th and Paul's is on January 10th. Happy Birthday to both of them.



Mrs. Capalbo, Miss Flood, Mrs. Lemay and Mrs. Allard

In January, we will be learning about weather in our science studies, and Martin Luther King, Jr. in social studies. We will also be working on our January writing piece using the writing process (first draft, revise, edit, final draft, and publish). In math, we will be learning to regroup in addition. Remember, please practice addition and subtraction facts at home, as well as helping your children to identify various coins (pennies, nickels, dimes, etc.). In February, we will continue to learn money skills. February is also Dental Hygiene month so we will be teaching good hygiene habits in health. Second-graders are really taking off in using their reading strategies and graduating to chapter books. Please continue to read with and to your child. We hope that every second-grader can reach their 25 book goal by June, or sooner!



Mrs. Walker, Mrs. Allard, Mrs. Gamache, Mrs. Gingras and Miss Young

In January we may start a snow theme if it ever starts to snow! What a warm winter we are having! We are also working on shapes, counting, computer skills and listening to stories. In February we will celebrate two (2) birthdays.....one for Jenny and one for Elizabeth. Alternate assessment will be happening from Jan. 16 to Feb. 16 where we will be watching carefully to see how the students are applying math and reading skills in their daily activities. Vacation will be fun.



Mr. King, Miss Christina, Mrs. Boivin, Mrs. Henao, Mrs. Sutherland and Mrs. Vachon

Miss Christina's class came back from winter break in good spirits and ready to work! The remaining months will be focused more on social skills and turn-taking. The students have peer models in kindergarten who have invited us to come and play! Our kindergarten friends will model appropriate language and play skills.

Mr. King welcomes his class back from a well-deserved holiday break. In the coming months our class will be working on a variety of seasonal activities. Hopefully we get some snow so the children can play with it. At the end of January, we want to give birthday wishes to Jason and our classroom nurse Diane. Thank you to our morning helpers who assist us in getting our students off the bus and into our classroom.

Also, Mr. King wishes the best to the wonderful staff and students he has had the pleasure to work with over the last couple of months. It has been a great learning opportunity for him and he thanks everyone for their help. Best wishes to all.



Miss Ficca, Mrs. Palmieri, Miss Maciejko and Miss Kociuba

Happy New Year! Our January book report is on a non-fiction book of choice. February's book will be a biography accompanied by a really fun timeline project. Details will be sent home with the materials needed to complete the report. We are working on narratives in writing. Our next piece of writing will be a response to literature involving folktales. In math we are working on subtraction with regrouping, problem solving strategies, and money. Look for multiplication to be starting soon. You may help your child get ready for multiplication by looking at everyday things that come in sets, such as rolls in a package, cartons of eggs, the way you set the table, tires on a car, and things of this sort. It sounds goofy (because it is) but this is what makes learning and understanding of multiplication fun.



Mrs. Girard

I hope that everyone had a restful and enjoyable holiday break and the students and I are looking forward to some wonderful learning experiences during this new year. On Tuesday, January 9th, the fourth grade will be going on a field trip to the URI Ryan Center to see a Ladies basketball game. But, students who do not complete their class work or homework will not be able to attend! This also is the policy for all up and coming events or trips. So please make sure to speak to your child nightly about their homework. Also, students will be picking their states for the State Project they will be completing this trimester! In reading and writing, we are learning about and writing our own folktales. A published book will be created at the end of this unit! Any questions, please feel free to contact me at any time!



Mrs. Lacourse

Happy New Year. The next two months are going to be very busy. We are beginning to write our folk tales in writing. We are working on the South Eastern states in Social Studies. Please review these states and capitals with your child nightly. State report information will be passed out this month. Some of this project will be done in school and some will be done at home. The students must read a realistic fiction book for their January book reports. I hope everyone had a nice holiday. Volunteers are always welcome in the class if you have time to spare.

Mrs. Polacek

Happy New Year to all! I hope everyone had a wonderful vacation! This month we will be going on another field trip to URI to learn about healthy lifestyles and watch a women's basketball game, it is sure to be a lot of fun! The January book report will be a Realistic Fiction book and the project will be a diorama. The February book report will be on a non-fiction book and the students will be doing a filmstrip project to go along with it. All the details for both reports will be sent home when the time comes. Have a nice February vacation; hopefully we'll be able to play in the snow during that one. Just a reminder, please check that your child is doing their homework, many assignments are missing each day, Thank You!



Mrs. Lavallee and Mrs. Rowey

Welcome back! The next two months will be both busy and exciting as we are presenting biographies on African-American history as well as preparing for an in-class Science Fair. We are happy to have earned pizza from Pizza Hut for completing our book reports and look forward to our next opportunity. We have become more independent in our problem solving and are learning our math facts. Please practice sight word cards and math fact sets each evening. Thank you for bringing in such wonderful treats to celebrate the holiday.



Mrs. Levasseur, Mrs. Ozanian, Mrs. Peloquin, and Mrs Foisy

We hope you all had a wonderful holiday season. It's hard to believe that the new year is here. We hope everyone has a healthy New Year. We will be learning about weather and especially snow. In math our students will practice measuring as we cook up our special treats on Fridays.



Mrs. Gudaitis

Happy 2007 and welcome back! Thank you all for kind and thoughtful gifts for the holidays. I hope everyone enjoyed vacation. Now it is back to work! We will be continuing our unit on Microscopes in Science. We should be having a test on this topic before February vacation. Book report forms should be going home in the next week, please keep an eye out for them. Remember that completing these reports and nightly homework is essential to help your child prepare for next year. Please be sure that your child is completing all assignments. Just a reminder that the fifth grade concert is at 6:30 pm on Tuesday, January 30th.



Mrs. Gray

Happy New Year 2007! First things first.... I'd like to welcome our student teacher, Mrs. Crane, to our classroom. She is very excited to work with the students of room 10. She will be with us until March 31st. Come on by to say "hello".

We will be finishing up our unit on Native Americans soon and moving on to the Colonist period. Being such a great part of American history, we will be using a lot of historical fiction on that topic in our reading groups as well as discussing it in social studies. In math we will be doing some more work on geometry before we head full force into fractions...yippee! Please be supportive to your child with homework. It is an important part of the school day. By completing all homework (and doing it well) shows responsibility and readiness for 6th grade. I wonder if we'll ever see some snow??

Mrs. Laplante

HAPPY NEW YEAR and WELCOME BACK! I hope everyone had a wonderful vacation. Thank you for all the great gifts. Your kindness and thoughtfulness was greatly appreciated.

It is a new year and we will be learning many new things in the upcoming months. In math we are almost finished the unit on division. We will be going on to length, perimeter, and area next.

In writing, we will begin to do a personal narrative with some help from Mrs. Johnson. In health, we finished the unit on personal health. We have started a new unit on emotional and intellectual health. Please make sure your child has a health folder because a lot of what we do is on worksheets that can not be replaced if they are lost. Book Report forms will be going home this week so please keep an eye out for them. Don't forget the 5th grade concert is Tuesday, January 30 @ 6:30 p.m. Thank you for supporting our 5th grade fundraiser. As always please feel free to call or write if you have any questions or concerns.

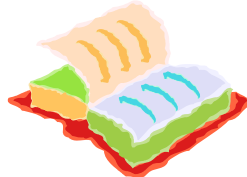


THE NURSE'S CORNER by Maria Bouvier, RNCSNT

Please remind your child that she/he should not share food, especially juice drink boxes/bottles or drinks from a cup.

Children should not be borrowing and wearing friend's hats, jackets, gloves, or scarves unless they are washed first. This is one way to prevent the spread of body lice, head lice and other skin disease.

One of the best ways to prevent the spread of germs is to make sure your children wash their hands thoroughly with soap and water before eating, after using the bathroom, playing outside, playing with animals or shared toys, blowing their nose or coughing, and using the home computer. The **WHOLE** hand needs washing, not just the palms. I have been doing in-service for many years with the same children from K thru 5 and I notice that far too many have gone back to washing their hands too quickly. I also notice that whenever children go to the bathroom in my office, almost all of them start to leave without washing. I ask them if they washed their hands, and I get the same answer---- "OH! I forgot." I will continue to in-service hand washing to all grades along with general hygiene each year. I would be very appreciative if you as parents continue to help them to understand how important it is to do it right.



Mrs. Cureton – TIME Teacher

TIPS FOR PARENTS

ASK QUESTIONS AFTER READING -- You can build your child's thinking skills by just asking questions. After reading a story, get creative. Ask your child, "Why do you think the character did that?" "What else would you have done?" "How else could the story have ended?"

Your child needs something good to read and you don't know what to suggest. Visit American Library Association at

www.ala.org/ala/librariesandyou/recomreading/recomreading.htm

COMING SOON --

A BOOK SWAP FOR PARENTS AND GUARDIANS. Look for a flyer with specific information within the next week.



Mrs. Chopoorian – Music

It's time for concerts!

4th/5th grades - Tuesday, January 30, 6:30 PM

2nd/3rd grades - Thursday, February 1, 6:30 PM

Kind/1st grades - Tuesday, February 6, 6:30 PM

We will be singing songs from different countries in order to meet the national content standards for music. If a student is unable to attend, please send a note before the concert. This allows me to plan how we stand on stage.

Good luck students!



Student Senate

The Globe Park Student Senate would like to thank the entire Globe Park Community for helping us raise over 1,150 can goods and non-perishable items for our Holiday Food Drive. The food was donated to Brian's Pantry here in Woonsocket and they were very grateful for the generous contribution. The money we receive for this campaign will be used to purchase playground equipment for the school. So thanks again!

The School Spirit winners for Crazy Hair day in December were: K: Mrs. Szrom's class; Gr.1- Samantha Buskey; Gr.2-Samantha Kongphet; Gr.3-Ashley Harper; Gr.4- Marisa Bourget ; and Gr.5-Brielle McKenna. Thank you all for participating and making school spirit days so much fun! The next Student Senate Meeting will be in Monday, January 22, 2006. We will be discussing February School Spirit and our spring initiatives.



PTA News

The New Year is here and we are still busy planning more events for the coming months. First, we would like to thank all of the volunteers who so generously donated their time to help out with Holiday Shop and Bookfair last month. We could not have had those events without your help. THANK YOU! Please continue to volunteer your time throughout the year whenever you can because it helps to enrich our children's lives everyday.

We would also like to thank all the people who participated in the cookies and coffee cake fundraiser, your support to help fund the students' activities is appreciated greatly. We had our annual Reading with Santa on December 21st. We had a wonderful turnout. Mr. and Mrs. Claus wanted to let everyone know that we have wonderful students here at Globe Park School. Thank you to the 54 families that participated.

Coming up we have the Jack Frost Dance, which will be held on February 9th at the Woonsocket Middle School. Look for flyers, we will be asking for volunteers to help run the event. We will also be having our Spring Fundraiser in February. We will be selling chocolates and spring bulbs for your flower gardens. All orders will be in for Easter. Flyers and order forms will be sent home before February vacation.

The next two PTA meetings will be held on Thursday, January 11, 2007 and Thursday, February 8, 2007 in the school library at 6:30 PM.



Calendar

January 9th – Grade 4 Field Trip to URI 9:15 AM – 2:30 PM
January 10th – School Store open during lunches
January 11th – PTA Meeting 6:30 PM – Library
January 15th – No School – Martin Luther King Jr. Day
January 22nd – Student Senate Meeting
January 23rd – School Store open during lunches
January 24th – NAEP Testing Grade 4
January 26th – Yearbook Committee Meeting 3:00 – 4:00 PM
January 29th – February 2nd – Salt Survey
January 30th – Music Concert Grades 4 & 5 6:30 PM - Cafeteria
February 1st – Music Concert Grades 3 & 4 6:30 PM - Cafeteria
February 6th – Music Concert Grades K & 1 6:30 PM - Cafeteria
February 7th – School Store open during lunches
February 8th – District Spelling Bee
February 8th – PTA Meeting 6:30 PM – Library
February 9th – Jack Frost Dance 6:30 PM
February 19th – February 23rd – February Vacation
February 27th – School Store open during lunches