



Wilson Word

May/June 2021

Etta J. Wilson Elementary School

(302) 454-2180

Principal-ly Speaking

Dear Families:

The 2020-2021 school year has been one for the record books! Despite the challenges, our Wilson teachers and community have once again shown resilience and strength as we navigated the challenges of the pandemic. We want to personally thank our PTA parents who always serve alongside the faculty to bring opportunities for our students. Your commitment to our school is appreciated. We want to also thank the teachers and staff for their dedication and commitment to our students. The teachers have had to adjust and learn new methods of teaching overnight. As always, they have delivered high quality instruction for our students. I am so proud of the Wilson teachers and staff!

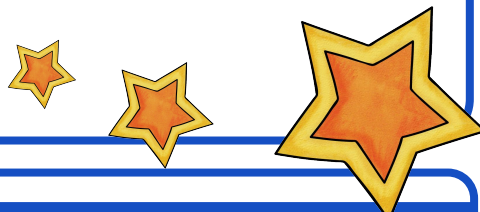


Mrs. Birch
Principal



Mrs. McKeon
Academic Dean

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Educational Diagnostician.....x15644

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Important Dates

5/6 - PTA Meeting, 6-7 PM

5/27 - DeSSA window closes
(Delaware State Testing)

5/28 - Hawaiian Day

5/31 - School Closed

6/3 - End of 4th Marking
Period

6/4 - School Closed for
Students

6/14 - Last Student Day

6/15 - Last Teacher Day

[Wilson's Online Calendar](#)



Principal-ly Speaking *(Continued from Page 1)*

Our fifth graders will be moving on to middle school. We are confident that Wilson Elementary has prepared them well for middle school. They will be missed, but we know exciting things are ahead for all of them.

As educators, we hope that all of our students continue to learn over the summer months. Summer is a wonderful time for students to continue to develop their literacy and math skills. Each student will be coming home with a summer backpack. Each backpack contains a Kids Learn Workbook. The workbook contains six weeks of review of standards-based material as well as parent engagement materials. The kit contains four leveled texts and a journal. These are yours to keep. We hope you will enjoy them!

Finally, we would like to wish all of our families a safe, fun filled summer. We look forward to seeing everyone in the fall!

Mrs. Birch, Principal

Natalie.Birch@christina.k12.de.us



My favorite thing about being the Principal at Wilson would have to be the relationships I have formed with my staff, students, and families.

Mrs. McKeon, Academic Dean

Mary.Mckeon@christina.k12.de.us



My favorite part of being the Academic Dean at Wilson is that my role allows me to work closely and build relationships with the entire school community.

Car Rider Dismissal - New Procedures

Thank you to Wilson car rider families for keeping our end of the day dismissal safe. We now have more than 70 families picking up at the end of the day. With the increase in numbers, we need to load students in 2 waves. If your car is in the line in the parking lot, you are part of wave 1. If you are in the fire lane or out on the street, you are part of wave 2. **Wave 2** will wait for the signal from a staff member to enter the parking lot. Please form 2 lines once you are in the parking lot. The exit procedures remain the same - wait for signal from staff member, outside lane goes first, inside lane stays in order as you exit. It is so great to see all the happy families greeting their children at the end of the day.

If you need to add people to your authorized pickup list, contact Joyce Justison at joyce.justison@christina.k12.de.us.



Nurse's News

For 5th grade parents: If your child will be playing sports next year in middle school, please obtain a sports physical over the summer. The DIAA sports physical forms can be accessed through the CSD website, by typing "DIAA sports physical forms" into the search bar. All athletes must have a completed DIAA sports physical form to play school sports.

END of YEAR MEDICATIONS: If your child has medication in the nursing office, please make arrangements to pick up any remaining medication before the last student day. Any medications which have not been picked up by the last student day will be discarded.

Healthy Regards,

Mrs. Durbano

My favorite thing about being a school nurse is watching the students grow each school year and gain independence with their healthcare!



Home Health Screening Tool

- Have you been in direct contact with a person who is Positive for COVID-19 in the past 2 weeks?
☐ No ☐ Yes - If yes, date of contact _____
 If less than 2 weeks, please exit the building and contact your supervisor
 If more than 2 weeks, proceed to question #2.
- In the last 48 hours, have you had any of the following NEW symptoms?
☐ Fever of 100.4 (38C) or above
☐ Trouble Breathing
☐ Muscle Aches
☐ Shortness of breath or wheezing (not asthma related)
☐ Chills or repeated shaking with chills
☐ Loss of taste or smell, or change in taste
☐ Nausea, vomiting, or diarrhea
☐ Sore throat
☐ Headache
☐ Cough
☐ None of the above

If you answered "YES" to any of the above questions, please keep your student home and call your primary care physician.

School MEALS

Learn more about school meals:
www.christinak12.org/schoolmeals.



Many thanks to our Cafeteria manager & staff:
 Robbin Baise, Marlene Asbury, & Meg Hutchings



Counselor's Corner with Ms. Sparco

The best thing about being a school counselor is getting to know the students and having the opportunity to support them by helping them learn the social emotional skills they need to be successful!

Angry? Sad? Excited? Scared?

All of these feelings can be strong emotions that may be new to students. It is important that they develop healthy coping skills for when things become overwhelming. Students have been learning strategies to help them calm down, relax, and regain their focus.

- 1) Stop
- 2) Name your feeling
- 3) Calm down

Calm Down Strategies:

Talk it Out: Speak with someone that you trust (an adult, teacher, counselor, friend, classmate)

Use Positive Self-Talk: Say quietly to yourself or in your head, "I can do this."

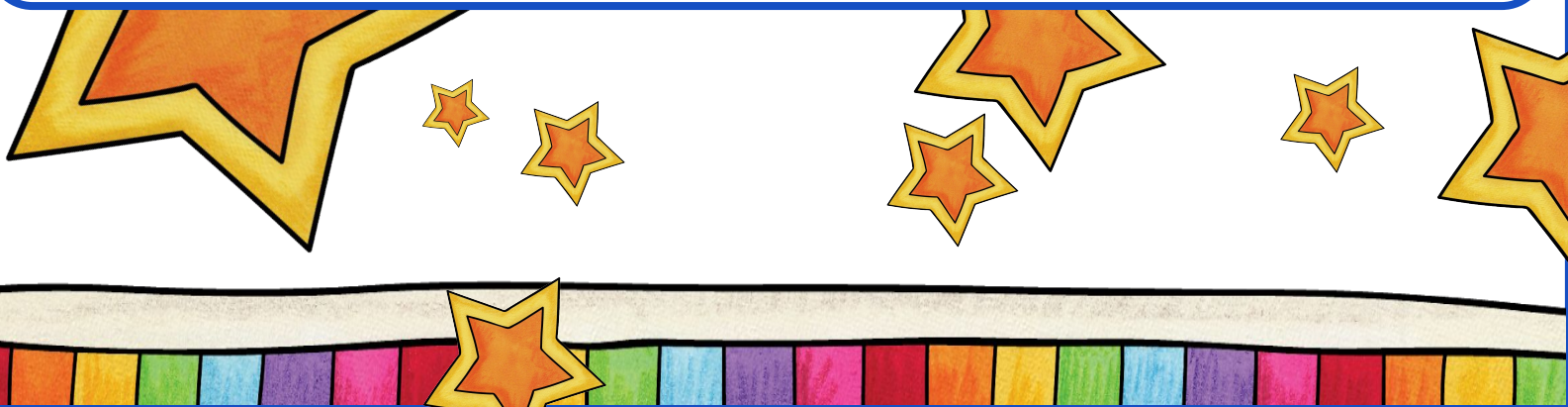
Deep Breathing: Slowly take deep breaths in and out to help relax

Counting: Count to ten, count on your fingers, or count items in the room

The link below is my online school counselor's office. Students can look around and choose an activity or book to use during break time. If a student wants to check in and talk with me, just fill out a check-in form!

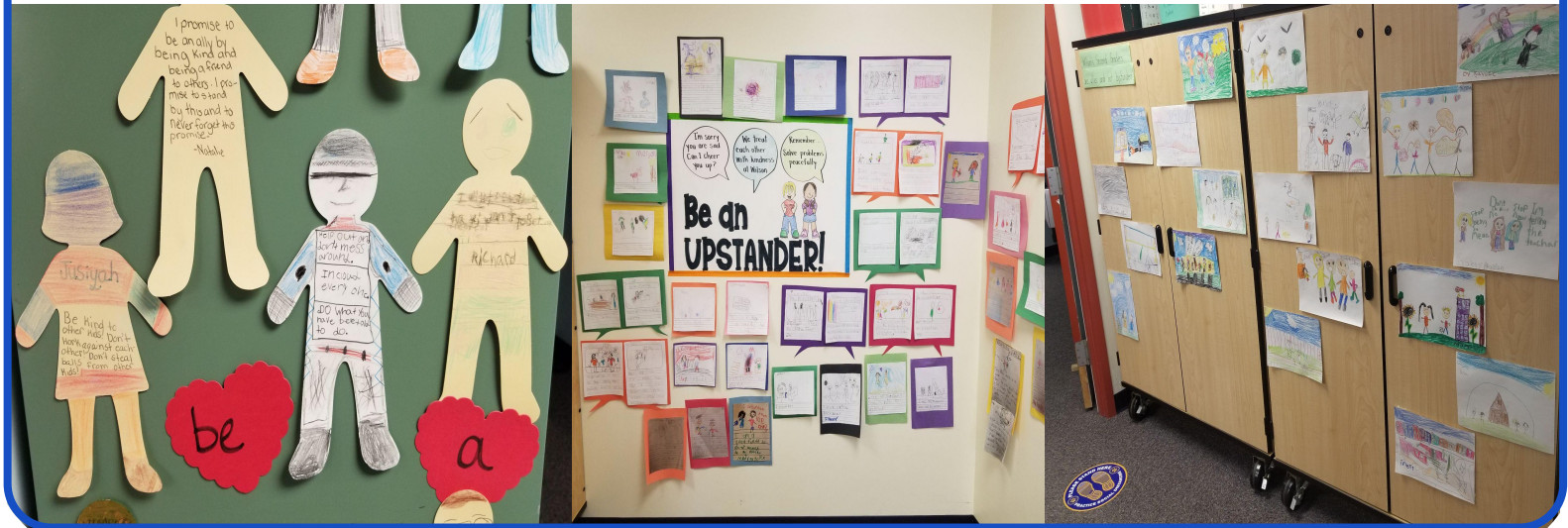
[Ms. Sparco's Virtual School Counselor's Office](#)

If you would like to contact me for counseling services, or any social/emotional support, I can also be reached via email (andrea.sparco@christina.k12.de.us).





Our Wilson students have been working hard these past few months learning and discussing ways to be an ally to others and how to stand up to bullies. We are down to our last school wide project! We will be creating a Tree of Respect to show the ways on how we can be an ally to others. Below are pictures of the projects the students have completed so far this year. They have done a great job!



PBS (Positive Behavior Support) Spirit Days



Check out Mrs. Sharp's Kindergarten class on **Dr. Seuss Day!**

Upcoming PBS Spirit Day

Friday, May 28 - **Hawaiian Day:** Dress in Hawaiian attire

Share pictures of your Wilson Wildcat Spirit: [Wilson Elementary PTA Facebook page](#).

Wilson PTA News

Upcoming PTA Meeting

May, 6, 6-7 PM

Visit Wilson PTA's pages online for the latest news and links to our facebook page:

www.christinak12.org/WilsonPTA

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You shop. Amazon gives.

smile.amazon.com

Etta J Wilson Elementary School PTA



★ COORDINATOR REPORT ★

ETTA J WILSON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

HOW IT WORKS



LAUNCH THE BOX TOPS APP

It's got everything you need. With a simple, intuitive process, you can invite friends to Box Tops with just a touch of a button.



SHARE WITH FRIENDS

It's easy! Go to "Invite Friends" on your Account screen, where you can share via email, text message, social media and more.



EARN MORE FOR YOUR SCHOOL

It really adds up! For a limited time, when you refer a friend and they scan their first receipt, you'll BOTH earn 20 Bonus Box Tops for your school!

Turn in ZINGO receipts

We are able to collect 1% of your total.

Reading with your Student: How To Check For Understanding

- ★ Start the book by making predictions. "What do you think will happen in this story?"
- ★ Ask questions and make comments while reading together
- ★ After reading, have your reader retell the story from beginning to end
- ★ Ask, "What was the problem in this story?" "How was it solved?"
- ★ Ask about the characters
- ★ Encourage your reader to make connections to his/her life or even to another book.

Happy reading,
Miss Gilbert
Reading Specialist

The best thing about being a Reading Specialist is seeing my students' eyes light up when they read words containing the patterns we learned in class.





DAP Classrooms



The best thing about being a special ed teacher is all the small accomplishments my students achieve.

Mrs. Jeandell



My favorite thing about being a teacher at Wilson is working with amazing staff and students.

Ms. Stevenson



My favorite thing about being a Paraprofessional at Wilson is getting to see the kids learn new things and grow everyday.

Mrs. Stephanie



My favorite thing about being a para at Wilson is the friendly staff.

Mrs. Stringer

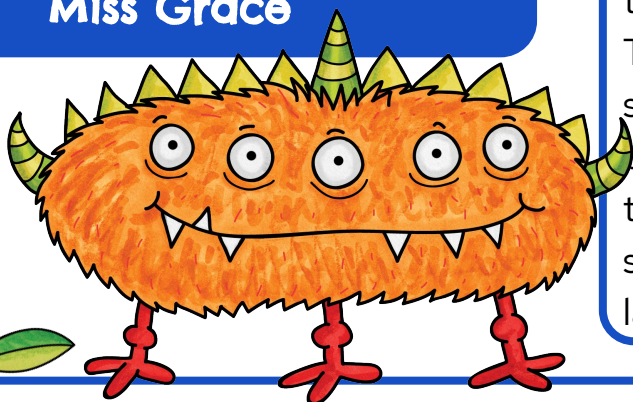


My favorite thing about being a Para at Wilson is seeing all my friends play on the playground!

Miss Grace

NEWS

We are all very excited that our hybrid students are in school 4 days a week. Our students have been working on reading more of the first grade sight words. Some of the students continue to increase their vocabulary skills. These skills will assist with their social interactions with peers and teachers. Also, our class is continuing to learn addition and subtraction skills. We are looking forward to the last marking period with our classes!



Kindergarten



Mr. Fullerton
Room 6



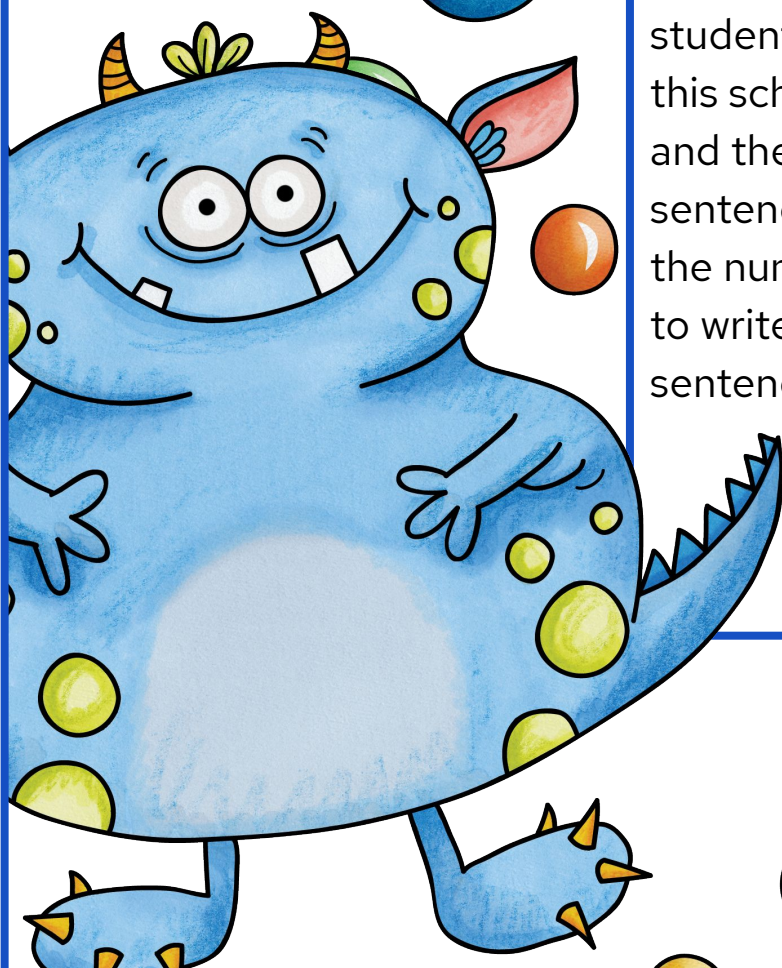
Mrs. Sharp
Room 8

The best thing about being a kindergarten teacher is to see the sheer joy (light bulb moment) when my students begin to understand how to sound out words and then READ and WRITE! It's SO very exciting to know that I've been helpful in the beginning of a lifelong skill such as reading and writing.

Kindergarten News




We are SO very proud of our Kindergarten students this year! They have worked very hard this school year by learning over 60 sight words and they have learned how to use words to write sentences! WOW! In math, they're using all of the numbers that they have learned to be able to write math addition and subtraction sentences. We are so excited for them all!

Way to go, K!



Kindergarten News Continued

Please work this summer on reading, writing and math skills so that the 'summer slide' doesn't happen to your student.

-  Try going to the local libraries each week and participate in the summer reading program there and at Barnes and Noble (they have free books and other incentives to help your student want to read).
-  Try to visit your bank and open an account in your student's name and work each week to make a deposit (be sure to 'add' up all that you put in to encourage 'adding').
-  Trying in a summer composition notebook to practice writing about all of your summer adventures etc..(we were working on 6-8 sentences per topic).

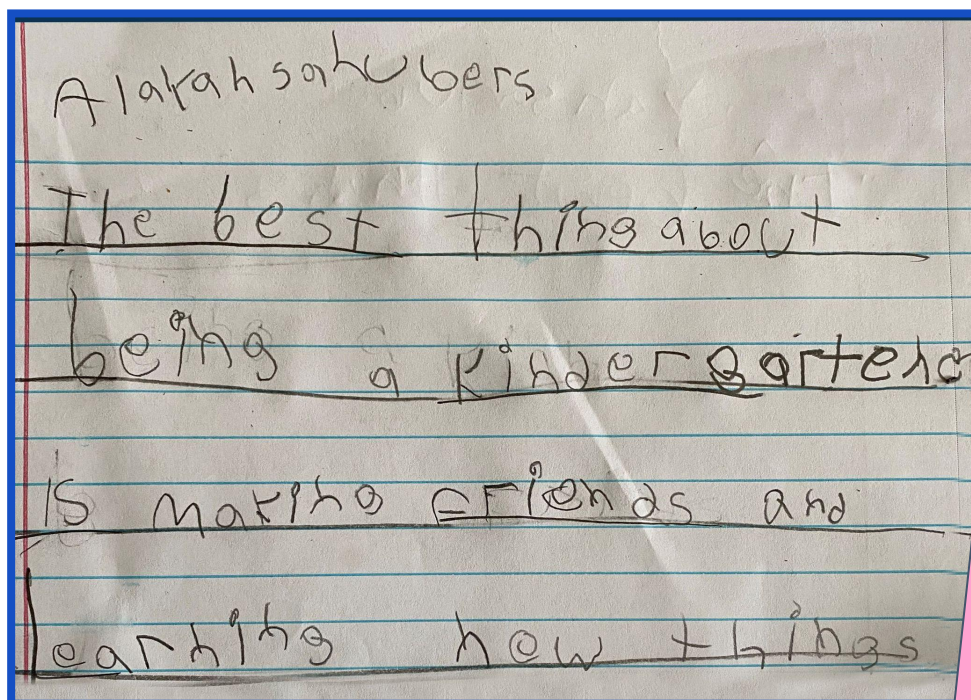
We appreciate being able to work with your student this year and appreciate all that YOU did at home to help your student be SO successful this year! Please keep in touch with us.

Best of luck in the summer and 1st grade!

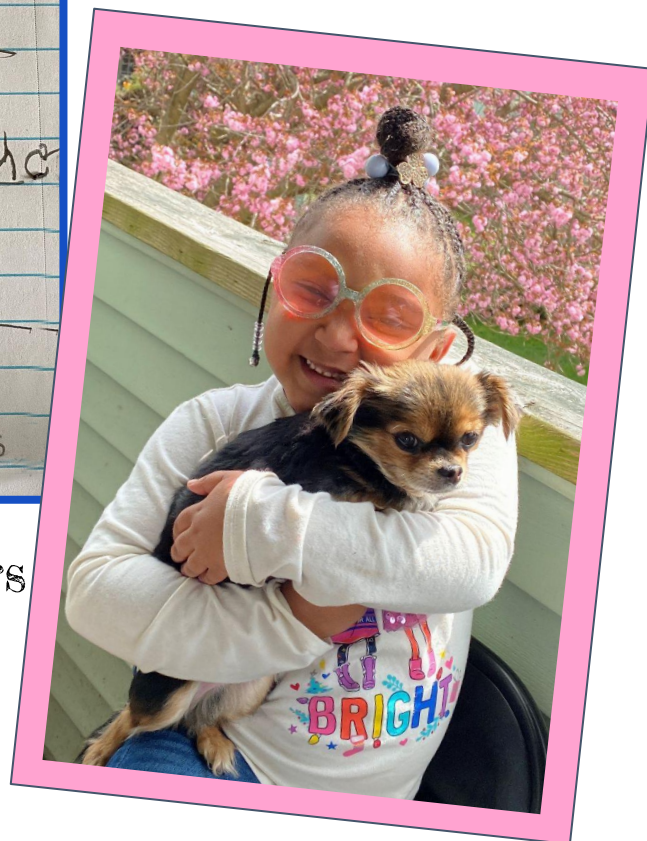
Fondly,
The K team



Kindergarten: The Best Things!



Alayah Saunders



I can get to learn new things everyday. I love drawing and coloring in Art class and Wacky Wednesday. I also love the go noodles dance and break time.

Hannah Supapudee

Kindergarten: The Best Things!

The best thing about being
a Kindergarten is learning,
play, creative. I got friends,
I have a kind teacher
Mrs. Sharp.

Roni Aslam

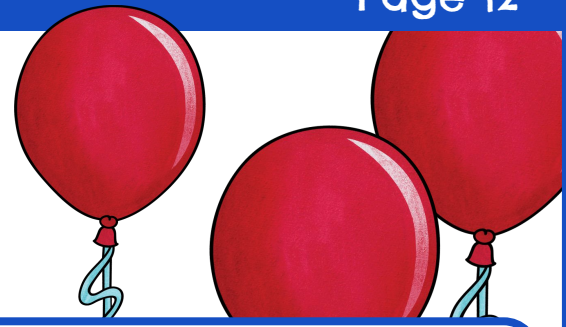
Roni Aslam



Ivanna Roman-Lopez

Ivanna Roman-Lopez
Best thing about been a
kindergarten
I like Specialist time
Also I like story time.
I enjoy lunch time.
And I like making new
friends. And have good
teachers.

First Grade



My favorite thing about being a first grade teacher is helping my beginning readers become amazing readers!

Mrs. Hernandez - Room 2

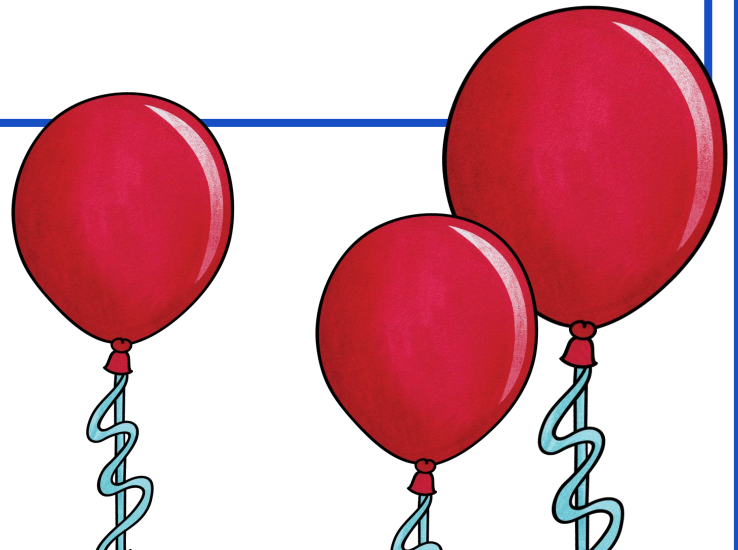
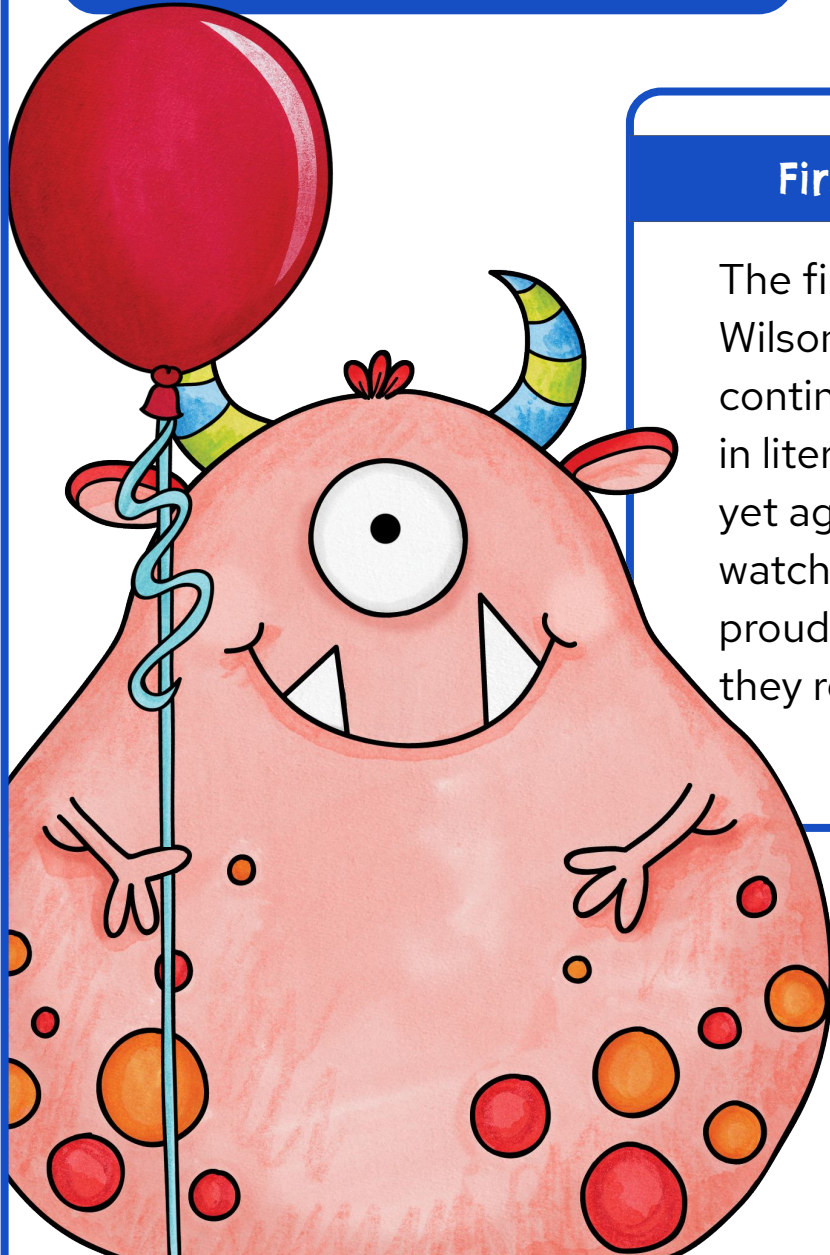


My favorite thing about being a teacher at Wilson is watching my students become readers!

Miss Roberts - Room 3

First Grade News

The first grade team would like to thank our Wilson families for all of the support they continue to give towards students' success in literacy. Our 21 Book challenge was a hit yet again. Teachers and students at Wilson watched and cheered as all first graders proudly marched in our parade to show that they read 21 books or MORE!

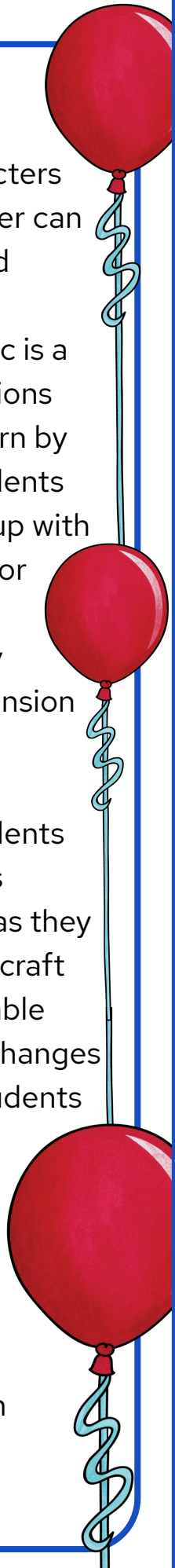


First Grade News Continued

In Reading students will use a venn diagram to compare and contrast characters from different stories. We will read about Vashti and discover how a character can change throughout a story. We will read a story about things kids can do and identify text and graphic features. Being able to identify these features and understand how they help support students' understanding of a story's topic is a first grade goal. You can support your student with this skill by asking questions like, "Why do you think the author included this picture?", "What can you learn by looking at this photograph?", "What did you learn by reading the text?" Students will have to infer and predict to identify story elements. We are wrapping it up with "The Kite" from Days with Frog and Toad, "A Boat Disappears" from Inspector Hopper, and "Mia Hamm, Winners Never Quit." Students are now reading increasingly more text independently. Continue to support your students by reading for at least 15 minutes each night and use the supporting comprehension questions on the back of their reading logs.

In Math will be heading into Unit 8, Changes, Changes. During this unit, students consider the concept of change from several different angles. The activities throughout the unit help students make the link between time and change as they investigate some of the changes they can make to materials such as paper, craft sticks and ice cubes in a second, minute and hour. They will explore predictable changes in numbers, using a function machine. Students will also consider changes in location as they learn to fold and launch paper gliders through the air. Students will create, test and modify their gliders and attempt to better their flight distances. Finally, students will explore some of the ways they have grown and changed since they were born. Unit 8 is a perfect culmination to the school year, blending math and science in an engaging way.

Thank you families for your support throughout this unique school year. We truly appreciate all of your efforts with getting your child logged on to zoom each day, navigating schoology with us and keeping our home-school connection strong. We hope you have a safe and fun summer break.

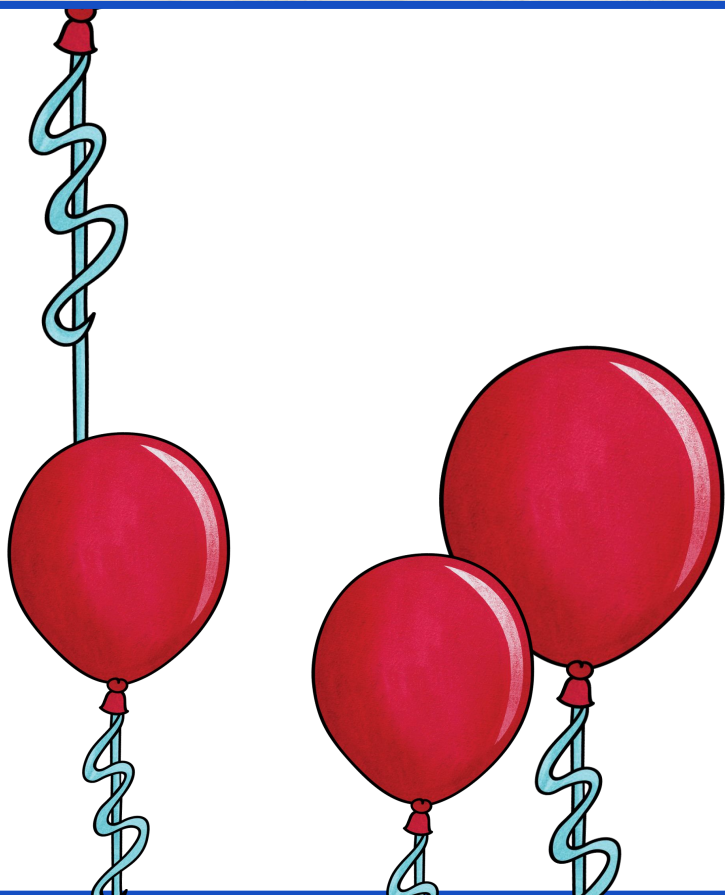


First Grade: The Best Things!

I like 1st grade because Ms. Roberts teaches me new things. I also like 1st grade because in math we learn about fact families.

The last thing I like about 1st grade is learning about science because it is something we did not learn in kindergarten. These are the best things about 1st grade to me.

Isabella Grace Bishop



Second Grade



The best thing about teaching 2nd grade is former students coming back to see you because you made a difference in their lives.

Ms. Deppe - Room 10

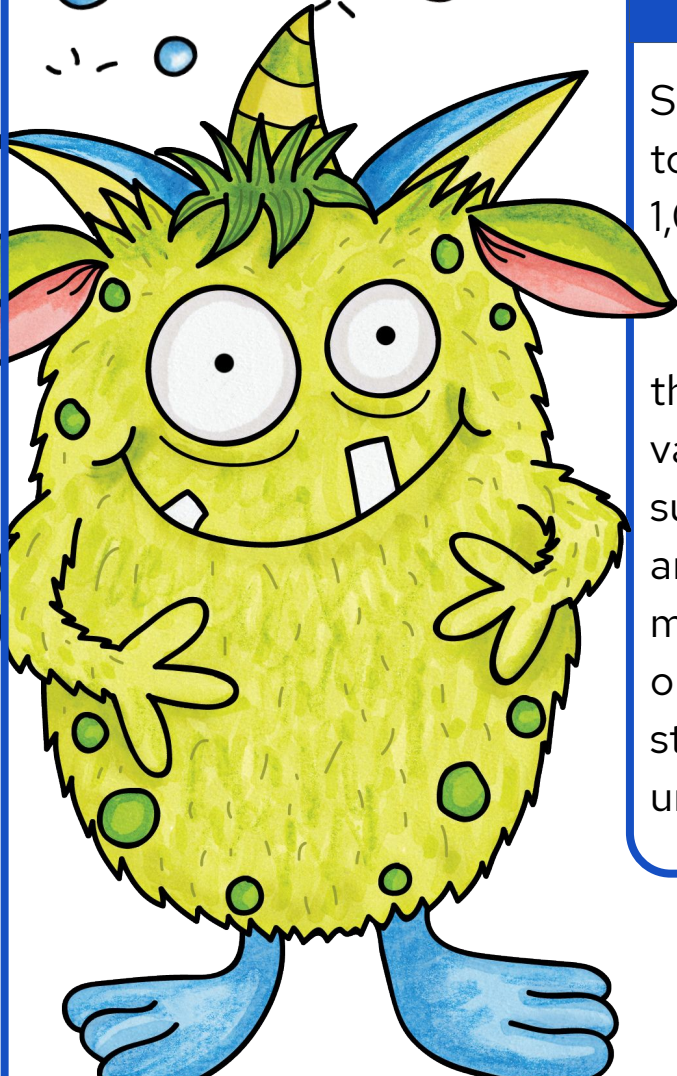


The best thing about teaching 2nd grade is that it is never boring... there are new adventures every day.

Mrs. Monroe - Room 11

Second Grade News

Second grade students have been working hard to solidify their understanding of place value to 1,000. They have practiced adding and subtracting in multiples of 10 and 100, both on and off the decade. This has prepared them well to build a solid understanding of place value that will support their ability to add and subtract two and three-digit numbers. Students are moving from using concrete models such as manipulatives to drawing hundreds, tens, and ones. They will eventually be able to utilize the standard algorithm with conceptual understanding.



Second Grade News Continued

The students in second grade are practicing building fluency and improving reading comprehension. Repeated readings of grade level text help students to build their high frequency word bank and practice decoding words. The more they practice, the better they will become at reading text. Practice at home would be beneficial to all students. Reading high interest materials such as picture books, chapter books, and magazines help to increase skill and build a lifelong love of reading. I-Ready lessons also help students to increase the skills they need at their level to support fluency and comprehension. Those students who complete the required minutes of i-Ready lessons show growth in these areas.

Our authors enjoyed taking on the role of informative writers as they researched and completed reports on insects. They used their paragraph writing skills to compose complete paragraphs informing the reader of facts related to body parts, habitats, life cycles, and other details about various creatures. Next, they were able to hone the skill of writing persuasive essays. They each wrote a travel brochure designed to persuade people to visit Newark, Delaware. Once you read them, you will want to hurry to Newark to try the great food, shopping, and activities that this town has to offer.

In science, we have explored the world of engineering through the study and design of bridges. Students have learned what engineering and technology are and what engineers do. They had several opportunities to apply the engineering design process and envision themselves as engineers. Through the building of model bridges, students got to troubleshoot and learn from errors as well as understand the role of materials and their properties in solutions to these problems.

Our study of economics in social studies covers information about businesses and the many jobs those businesses offer in a community. Students explore production methods through a simulation game, and they learn about taxes, decision-making, and how money flows in an economy.

We have been very busy in second grade!

Second Grade: The Best Things!



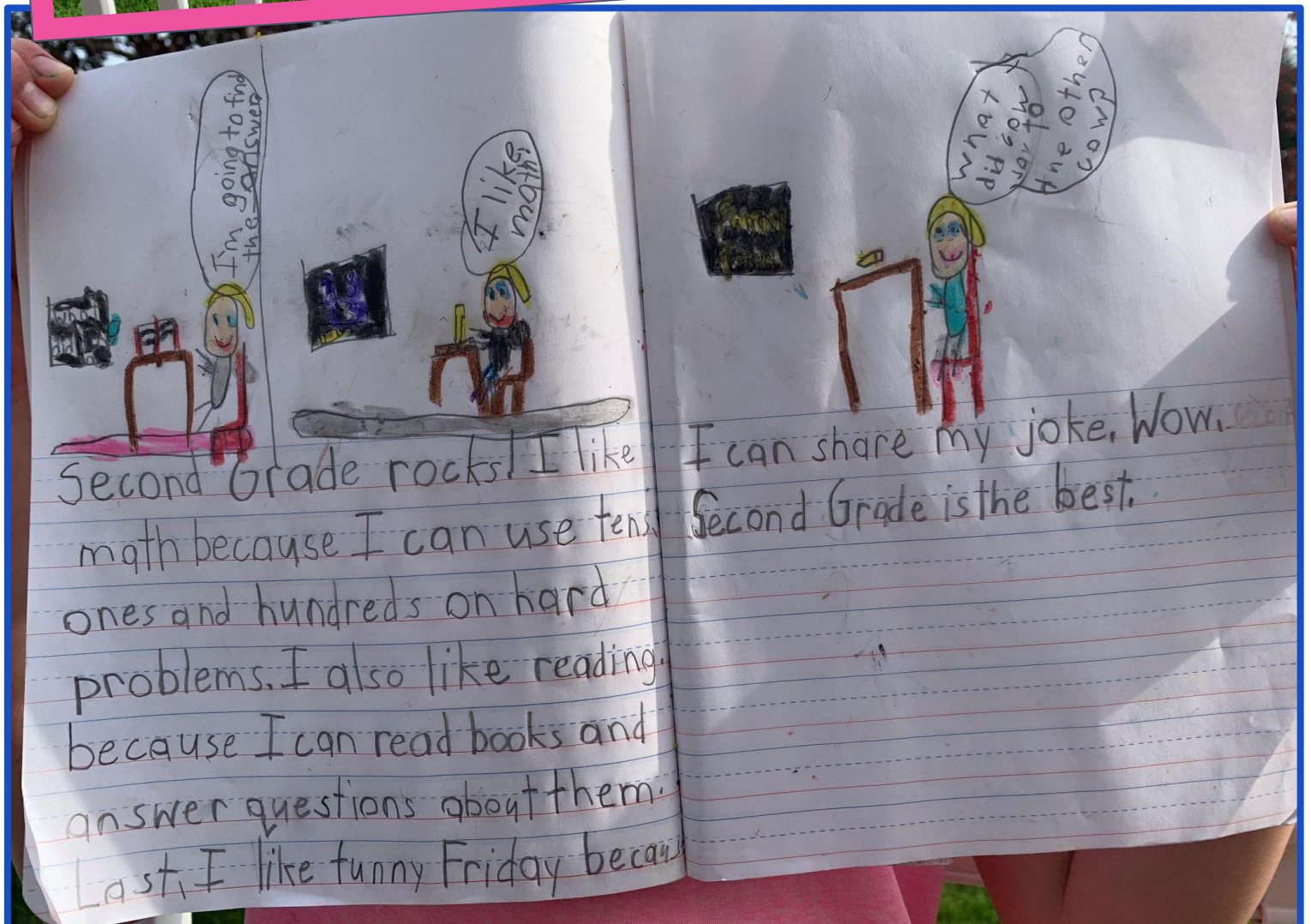
Derek Elwood



Second Grade: The Best Things!



Emma Carey



Third Grade



My favorite thing about being a 3rd grade teacher at Wilson is teaching my students and watching them grow into awesome fourth and fifth graders!

Mrs. Forman - Room 29



The best thing about being a third grade teacher is having great discussions with my class.

Mrs. Wilson - Room 31



Third Grade News

We can't believe it is May and we are thinking about wrapping up this interesting school year!

In ELA, we have continued our focus on comprehension, grammar, and vocabulary. We have read many fiction and nonfiction stories from our Journey's books. We are also including many picture books as read alouds.

Third Grade News Continued

In math, we will be finishing up our last units. We will continue to work on multiplication and fractions. Please encourage your student to practice their multiplication facts at home. It will be so beneficial to them if they are fluent with these facts going in to fourth grade.

We are working on a new science unit now, Inheritance and Traits.

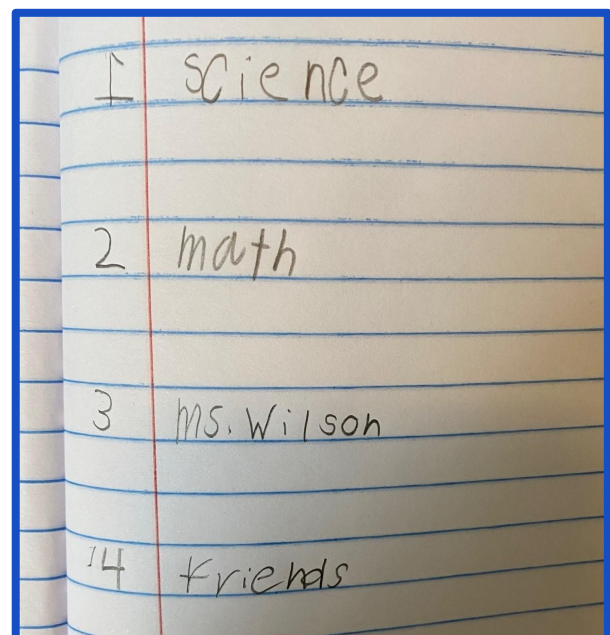
We will end the year with a social studies unit on Economics.



The best things about third grade:



Emma Arroyo



Third Grade: The Best Things!



Maleah Valentin

The best thing
about being a
3rd grader is
that you can
Play Bigo
with mifreds!

Mishal Aslam

The best thing about being in 3rd grade is
that I get to meet new friends, learn
new things, doing fun activities with the
class, having specials like art class and
P.E. class, and I also like that my teacher
Miss Wilson is kind and generous to the class.



Third Grade: The Best Things!

Tamara Jalea Grier.
The best thing about
being a 3rd grader
is reading and math. My
favorite books are
about animals.



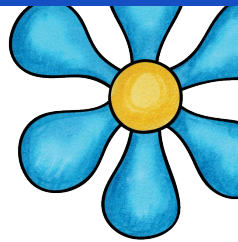
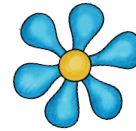
Tamara Grier



Leila Thomas-Rahman

The best thing
about being a
third grader is
when we get a
new bucket filler
every day.

Fourth Grade



The best thing about being a 4th grade teacher is learning about crayfish and bess beetles in science with an awesome group of students.

Mrs. Gillo - Room 25



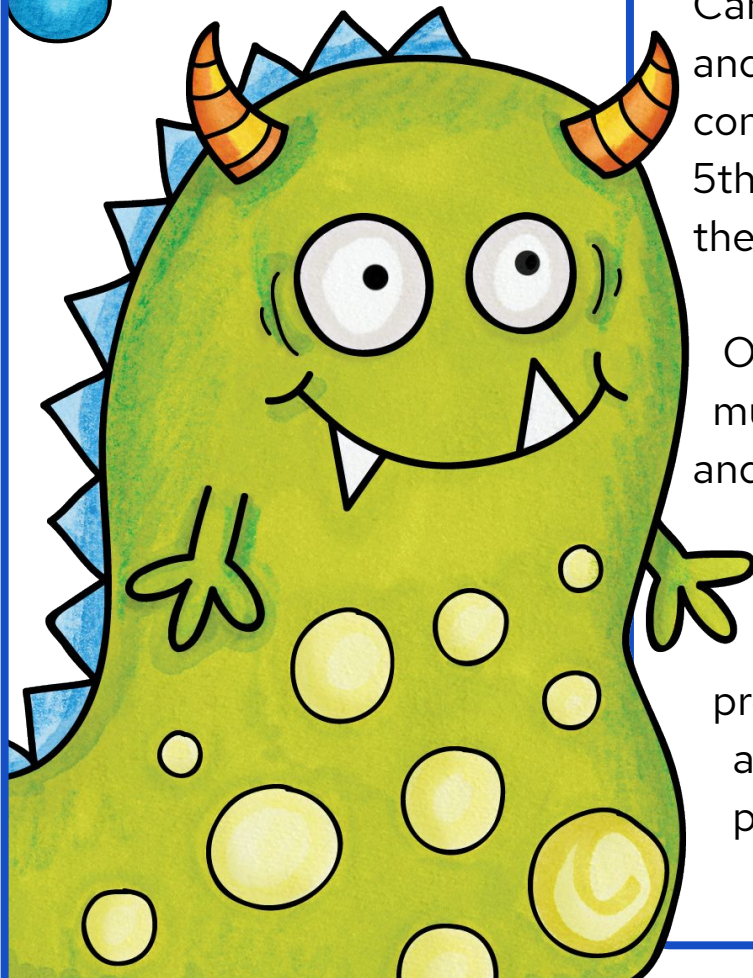
The best thing about being a 4th grade teacher is reading some awesome novels with an awesome group of students.

Mrs. Van Aulen - Virtual Academy

Fourth Grade News

Can you believe it? The year is almost over, and it seems like it just flew by. We are continuing to work hard to prepare our future 5th graders for next year all the way up until the last day of school.

Our current math unit focuses on multiplication and division of whole numbers and fractions with a focus on the use of ratio tables to do the calculations. We recently finished a unit in geometry where we learned to measure angles with a protractor as well as name types of angles and triangles. We also learned to measure perimeter and area.



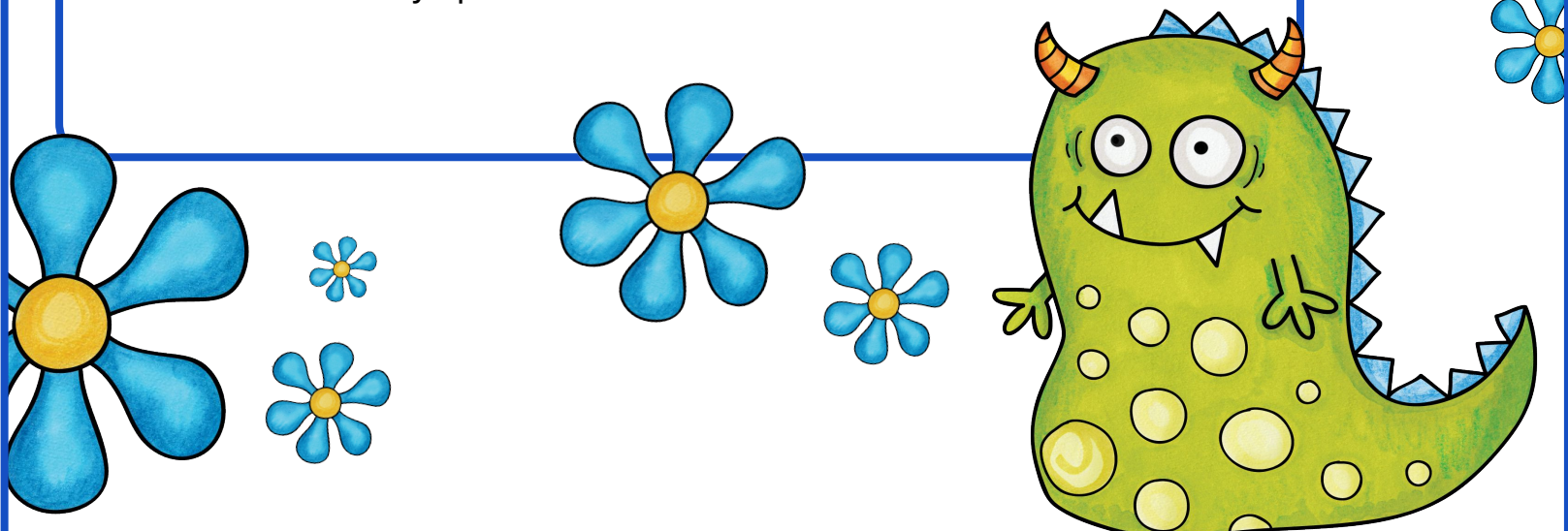
Fourth Grade News Continued

We have just started our final reading unit for the year. This unit will review many skills we taught earlier this year, with an emphasis on author's purpose and text structure. We continue to practice adding evidence to support our responses to reading, both written and oral.

We are very excited to begin a brand new science unit "Vision and Light," part of our new science curriculum. In this unit, students will become "conservation biologists" as we explore a real world problem and work together to identify possible solutions. This unit will reinforce some of the concepts from our "Structures of Life" unit that we did at the beginning of the year.

We are hoping to integrate our writing and science with a fun "Who Would Win" project. Students will use their skill for writing to inform to write a Who Would Win book. Their book will focus on the structures the animals have that would enable them to survive in an ultimate "Who Would Win" encounter.

As always, we truly appreciate your help and support. Please contact us with any questions.



The best thing about being a fourth grader is...

... feeling grown up and having so much fun!

Devon Rainier



... listening to the Six Minutes Podcast with Mrs. V and learning new things.

Javiya Stansbury



... making new friends and learning things I didn't know.

Layla Soares

...seeing your friends and making new ones.

Hailey Markward

Fifth Grade



Mr. Nielsen
Virtual Academy



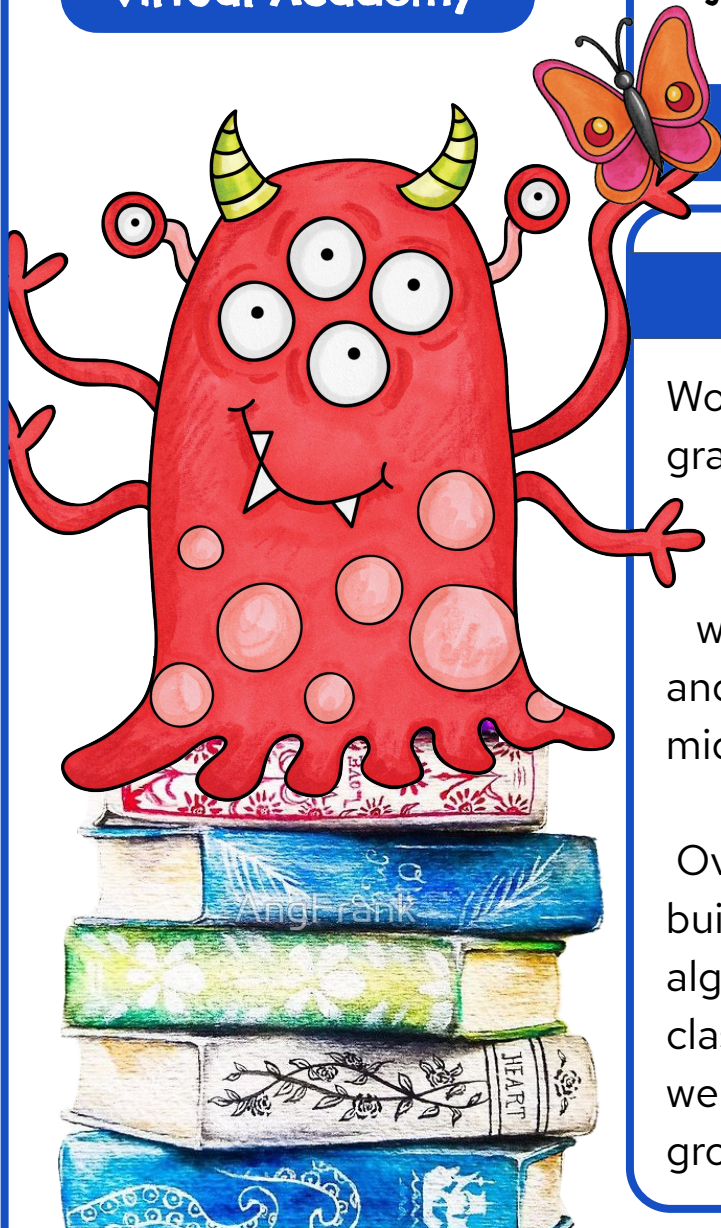
My favorite thing about being a fifth grade teacher is being able to read & discuss novels that reinforce the importance of being appreciative of the things we have! I also enjoy celebrating with my students as they finish their elementary school experience! Holding a Promotion Ceremony is always special!

Mrs. Montanez - Room 23

Fifth Grade News

Wow! It's the fourth marking period of fifth grade! In just a few months, your child will be making a huge jump in his/her educational career. Mr. Nielsen and Mrs. Montanez have worked through all the challenges this year and will continue to prepare your child for middle school.

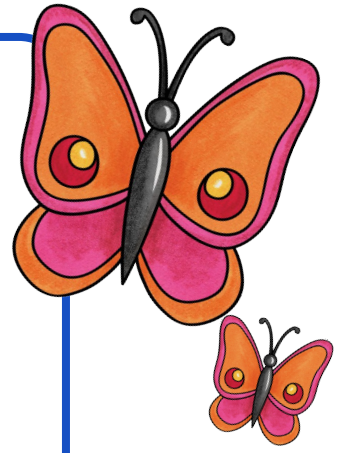
Over the last marking period, we will be building the foundations of geometric and algebraic thinking. We will be studying and classifying 2 dimensional shapes. In addition, we will be working on identifying and creating growing patterns.



Fifth Grade News Continued

In writing, fifth graders are beginning their final type of writing which is to instruct. Your child will be writing a how to set of directions and in addition will be performing a demonstration speech. We have begun the Civics unit in Social Studies and are learning the difference between rights and responsibilities. In addition, our scholars will closely examining the Bill of Rights and how the amendments guarantee rights for all US citizens. Lastly, we will close out the year with our science unit on Matter.

We are currently discussing end of year activities for our fifth graders. Details will be shared shortly. The logistics of hybrid and a virtual fifth grade need to be addressed. We will definitely be having a promotion/awards ceremony to recognize the Wilson Class of 2021! We can't let them leave Wilson Elementary without honoring their accomplishments and showing them how special they are to us!



Fifth Grade: The Best Things!



Richard Sielari

The best thing
about being a
fifth grader is
recess because I
get to play and
hang out with my
friends.



Mrs. Roarty
3/4/5 Teacher

My favorite thing about being a teacher at Wilson is working with incredible students and staff!

My favorite thing about being a teacher at Wilson is the look on a student's face when he finally gets a concept.



Ms. Brennan
2/3 Teacher



Mrs. Fraczkowski
K/1/4/5 Teacher

My favorite part of being a small group teacher at Wilson is that I often get to work with students for more than just one year. 🐾 I love watching my students grow as learners.



Ms. Miller
Physical Education

The best thing about being a physical education teacher is giving kids the skills and resources to be healthy!

Wacky Wednesday, 9:05 AM

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/8789760346?pwd=ODIROUTsM3JGZ0Q2QW42TDhHMWRmUT09>
Meeting ID: 878 976 0346 Passcode: 6MwLbp

The best thing about being the Librarian at Wilson is getting to interact with all of Wilson's students. I also enjoy watching them grow as thinkers and readers.



Ms. Henry
Librarian



Ms. Wendy
Speech-Language
Pathologist

My favorite thing about being a Speech-Language Pathologist at Wilson is watching the students I work with become AMAZING, KIND, SUPERSTARS!