

Third Grade News

May 4, 2017

Number Twenty-Two

Upcoming Events:

Fri. May 5, 1-3: Colonial Gardening Science Lab

Fri. May 12: Grandparents and Special Friends Day

Tues. May 16: Montpelier Field Trip

Wed. May 31, 6:30 PM: Drama Showcase. Please see attached note from Dr. G.-H.

Tues. June 6, 2-3: Living Wax Museum

Wed. June 7, 3:10-4: Strings Performance

Science Lab

Tomorrow, the children should come prepared to spend the afternoon outdoors at the Dornin Science Center. The prediction is for rain!



Grandparents Day Puppet Show Schedule

We have been writing puppet shows about colonial apprentices. Here is our puppet show schedule:

10:15	Lilly and Jake *
10:30	Jaelyn and Calum
11:10	Caroline and Hunter
11:20	Molly and Landon
11:30	Winnie and Gavin
11:40	Allison and Henry
11:50	Grace and Mei

*Before the official start of Grandparent's Day, so that we can make sure families can see Spring Sings!

We will also have other activities in the classroom, including colonial games and PowerPoint presentations about family members. We look forward to sharing!

Williamsburg

What a great trip we had!

We worked hard, and took a lot of notes about the many colonial places we visited.



Sometimes the work felt like play. Half of us got a chance to mix clay at the brickyard. One group split shingles with a carpenter.

We learned a lot about the way people used to live. We saw the gaol cells and the governor's palace. We visited a wide array of trade and craft shops.

The children will soon choose what to be in our living wax museum.



Save the dates!
Preview Assembly
8:40 AM, Fri.
June 2
The Real Thing
2-3 PM Tuesday,
June 7



May 1, 2017

Dear 3rd Grade Families,

The 3rd Grade Drama class is proud to invite you to the Sheila C. Johnson Center for Performing Arts on Thursday, May 31st at 6:30 p.m. for a showcase of their drama work! The 3rd grade year in drama is an exciting one filled with new drama terms, techniques, and the creation of original characters, stories, and scenes. It is the first year of formal drama education at Hill School and, as of this moment, the only year the students will have a drama class once a week for the entire school year. The third grade drama curriculum gives students a more in-depth look at the artistic process in preparation for future performances at the Hill School and beyond. This introductory year focuses on how to work as an ensemble (the theatre word for “team”) toward shared artistic goals. Students have, and continue, to work individually and in small groups to create original characters and scenes to be presented during their 3rd Grade Drama Showcase!

Through drama games, exercises, and techniques such as *tableaux*, *pantomime*, *story drama*, and *improvisation*, students have spent the year creating believable characters and imagined worlds while they explored with costumes, props, and set design. We’ve also spent this year improving listening skills and focus, discussing the importance of following directions in theatre, and gaining greater self-confidence through creative expression. The third grade year has also been a time to use drama as a way to improve literacy skills; our drama program exposes students to the elements of dramatic story structure and builds upon their skills for creating meaningful and interesting original narratives. Together, students have used *body*, *voice*, and *imagination* (also known as “their actor’s instruments”) to conceptualize, organize, and refine their original ideas into dramatic work.

On the evening of May 31st we will ask parents to participate in our drama warm-ups and to meet and interview our original characters; we will also ask you to listen to us discuss the skills we’ve learned and why they are important for a performer and finally, to sit back, relax, and enjoy scenes created by the students themselves! **We also invite you to stay for a short reception with light snacks in the theatre lobby after the presentation to celebrate the achievements of our 3rd grade drama students.**

As always, please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions. We look forward to seeing you soon.

All the best,

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