

G.V.E.S. NEWSLETTER # 24

Specials Request

As you are probably aware, we adjusted our master schedule at the beginning of the year. As a result, each grade level receives an extended specials class every 7th day. During this extended period, our specials teachers have been working very hard to create problem and project based learning activities that are connected to literature the students have read or are reading. Our 4th and 5th grade students just finished up a fantastic set of popsicle bridges. Many of these bridges supported over six pounds of weight. Our teachers are eager to begin their next projects and are looking for donations of materials (or money to purchase materials). In particular, they are seeking:

- Markers and/or Paint
- Cardboard or scraps of cardboard
- Cereal Boxes
- Shoe Boxes
- Toilet Paper Rolls
- Paper Towel Rolls
- Different Sized Cans (no soda cans)

Thank you in advance for your support of these exciting projects our students and teachers are completing!

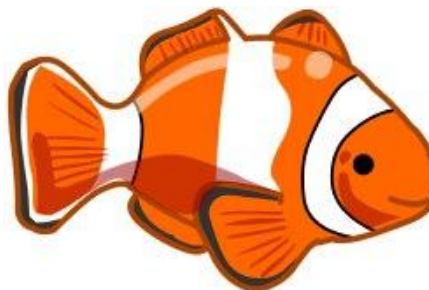
Reading for Education

Last semester, the school completed a simple fundraising program through the company "Reading for Education." In this program, students completed address booklets and turned them into the company who then mailed magazine order forms to each address provided. As a result of your efforts, the school earned over \$500.00 through this simple, yet effective fundraiser. The same company has offered us another opportunity to participate in a simple fundraiser. You'll find a packet of information attached to this newsletter. Essentially, you open the packet and read through the information. From there, you log on to their webpage and provide email addresses of friends and family members who might be interested in shopping through the school store. You'll receive a "code" on the webpage that you then put on the participation slip and return it to your child's teacher tomorrow. Not only does the school receive 50 cents for each e-mail address, we also receive a percentage of any sales that is made through the webpage. I've used this company for several years for simple and effective fundraisers and have a lot of confidence in them. I appreciate your consideration in completing this fundraiser to help support the school! Any child who returns one of the completed confirmation slips tomorrow receives one of those super cool light-up emoji rings!

Joke of the Day

Q: "Why do fish live in salt water?"

A: "Because pepper would make them sneeze!"



"Just keep swimming!"

Interesting Information

As you are probably aware, our students in grades 3-5 will soon be taking their annual end of year Standards of Learning (SOL) assessments. The following grades will take these tests:

- 3rd Grade – Math and Reading
- 4th Grade – Math, Reading & VA Studies
- 5th Grade – Math, Reading & Science

In general, in order to receive a "fully accredited" status from the VA Department of Education, the school must maintain a 75% pass rate in all of the Reading assessments and a 70% pass rate in all of the Math, Science, and VA Studies assessments.

As we finish the last two six weeks of school, we are EXTREMELY confident our kids are going to do GREAT on this test. We really do view it as an opportunity for our children to "show-off" all they have learned throughout the year.

All the adults in the building at GVES are committed to keeping the environment light and fun as we work hard to learn everything we need to know. We appreciate any support parents can offer us at home throughout the end of the year!

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