

Banyan School

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Upcoming Events

Event:	For:	Date:	Time:
No School	Memorial Day	May 24 & 27	
Spring Concert	All	May 28	1:00 pm
Jackal's Game	All	May 29	9:30 – 2:00 pm

MRS. WILSON'S MATH NEWS

IXL "Stats" for this year:

41,770 Completed Problems!!!!

814 Skills Mastered!!!!

955 Skills Proficient!!!

168 hours of practice time!!!!

Keep up the great work, students. Finish out the year strong!

A Memorial Day thought: As America celebrates Memorial Day, we pay tribute to those who have given their lives in our nation's wars.



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MRS. MICHEL'S SCIENCE NEWS

The 7th and 8th graders went on a wonderful trip to the Liberty Science Center. They saw an Imax movie that was called "The Wonders of the Night Sky". The students also observed animals in the Eat or be Eaten and Our Hudson Home exhibit. They also went through the Touch Tunnel where they had to use their senses to navigate an 80 foot crawl through a pitch black tunnel. The students also enjoyed the Infinity Climber. Fun was had by all.

Pet Day will be on Friday June 14th. This is a day where the parents and students bring their pets to school from 8:30 – 9:15. The parents will bring the pets home at the conclusion of that time.

MR. MCCARTER'S CLASS NEWS

As the end of the school year approaches **Writing Class** students continue to review and practice the many different types of writing taught over the school year. The students are always excited to see how far they have progressed in both style and comfort level when asked to write sentences or paragraphs on a variety of topics. Not only are the students excited, but so are all the teachers. We love seeing how far each individual student's skills have expanded, whether it is writing narratives, opinion, persuasive or explanatory pieces. Finally, I hope this time of year is when the students realize writing is not just work but can also be fun!

My **First Class** continues moving full speed ahead through the Wilson Reading curriculum. We have now begun substep 3.2 and at this rate should shortly be ready for 3.3, 3.4 and 3.5 by the end of May. By the beginning of June we hope to be moving to substep 4.0.

My **Math Class** students continue to explore math in all its forms. They are enjoying playing math games as a class, using the smartboard to make math come alive and exploring how math is used in our everyday lives and in everything we do. Math is everywhere, it is not just a class isolated from other subjects but a topic that constantly impacts all our decisions.

Finally, **Reading Class** has started our new book, "The Jungle Book". I cannot express how much the students are enjoying this classic story so far. Each student comes to class excited and looking forward to reading the next chapter. They are all very attentive and contribute to the class discussions, sometime competing with each other to answer the topic questions on the main idea of each chapter, the events unfolding in each chapter, and the themes playing out between Mowgli and the other animal characters.

MISS MITOFSKY'S CLASS NEWS

In my period 1 reading class, we have finished the Horrible Harry book. The class seemed to really enjoy reading that. We have talked about overall themes and making connections to the characters in the book. Next week, we will be starting fables and learning about morals and messages we can learn from stories. In my period 5 reading class, we have finally finished Hatchet. The class seemed to really enjoy that book. We talked about different scenarios and how we would react to the situations Brian was in. We are comparing ourselves to Brian to see if we would do the same things that he did in the book. In my periods 7 and 8 writing class, we are working on our research papers. Each student has picked a topic and they are learning different websites to look up information as well as come up with specific questions to research about their chosen topic. In math class, we are continuing to review concepts of money, greater than, and less than. We are role playing and acting out different scenarios of seeing if we have enough money in order to purchase something. Happy Memorial Day Weekend!