

JOURNEY JOURNAL

December 7, 2018



Important Upcoming Dates:

Dec 17-19: Festive Music play performed in foyer during Overture!

Wednesday, December 19: School Spelling Bee for grade level final candidates, 3pm

Friday, December 21: Fine Arts Holiday Concert, 830am

December 21-January 6: Winter Break!

Monday, January 7: School resumes!

A Message From Our Health Office

Just a reminder: Please call Bernadette Godley in the Health Office at 847-486-7712 if your child is going to be out sick, going to arrive late for school, or is going to be picked up for early dismissal. Thank you.

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Upcoming Weekly Schedules: December 10 - December 21

Mon - 2345
Tues - 1234
Wed - 5123
Thurs - 4512
Fri - 3451

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JOURNEY TEAM BOOK DRIVE!!!

TREMENDOUS JOB, JOURNEY FAMILY!!



We collected 736 books!!!

Festive music to be performed in the main foyer during Overture Period! Come early to listen.

Monday, December 17: Orchestra

Tuesday, December 18: Band

Thursday, December 20: Choir



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Band:

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Orchestra:

Mr. Gardner	jgardner@glenview34.org	657-2008
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Classroom Notes:

Language Arts (Mrs. Lindner) – Happy Winter to all of our students and families! Writing class has been truly inspirational this week as we began our study of heroes and the journey they all take - either in classic literature, modern literature, or real life. We used the protagonists from our science fiction stories as well! Now, we will apply our knowledge of the hero to our Reading book FREAK THE MIGHTY and also to a personal narrative that we begin next week. I look forward to discussing the heroes in our lives today and teaching how to craft this topic around a personal narrative. Please continue to chat with your children about the topics of writing and their other classes as well. It's so important for them to see how the topics covered in school are part of our daily lives. Enjoy the next couple of weeks filled with holiday joy and cheer! Here at Attea, we love to share in the season! Finally, Happy Hannukah to our Journey families who celebrate!

Language Arts (Ms. Biller) – Happy December, Journey Families! I hope you all enjoyed the Thanksgiving holiday with family and friends! Everyone has been doing a fantastic job in transitioning from our focus on plot elements into preparing to begin reading our shared novel, Freak the Mighty. We began after Thanksgiving with our first Book Chat of the year to review our understanding of plot and practice summarizing a novel students have read this school year. It's the first time they were being assessed (formatively) on their oral speaking, so we

took a lot of time to learn ways to support ourselves with a personal visual aid, and we learned how to practice using it effectively. Students did a wonderful job on presentation day!! Ask your child about theirs!

This week and into next, students have begun working in small teams of 4-5 students. We began by learning and practicing discussion strategies (how to contribute positively, and how to listen actively). Each team has been working on preparing a presentation to share out in class about an assigned article that will give everyone background knowledge before we begin reading the book. Then, Tuesday next week, we start the first chapter together!! Please be aware, if your child did not order his/her own book, use of an electronic version is expected, with annotations. Feel free to contact me if you want to order one of our extra books for your child!

Language Arts (Ms. Caputo) - Ms. Caputo's reading and writing class is continuing the System 44 curriculum in the "School Matters" module. We started writing a college application essay, focusing on qualities that colleges look for in prospective students. Everyone's reading and writing skills continue to grow, and Ms. Caputo is super impressed with our progress!

Language Arts (Mrs. and Mr. Buzzard) - My name is Scott Buzard and I am "guest teaching" in Mrs. Chow's classes while she is on maternity leave. Mrs. Chow will be returning during the last week of February. I am celebrating my 46th year in District 34 middle schools, as I began teaching at Springman in 1973. Over a thirty-nine year career I taught social studies, language arts, and physical education at Springman before "retiring" in 2012. Since then I have served the district as a long-term substitute for extended teacher leaves. My wife, Barbara Buzard, also retired from a long teaching career at Springman in 2012, and we have often combined forces to fill those positions.

Barbara taught writing and reading at Springman and also has a degree in drama, radio, and television. By the end of this year between us we will have completed 21 long-term positions since our retirement, about evenly split between Attea and Springman, including two previous gifted positions. While I am the teacher hired to fill this particular position, she will be volunteering in the classroom with me until February when she begins another maternity leave at Springman. I will then join her there to finish out the year. We enjoy teaching together and the students benefit from working with a second experienced teacher.

We are currently completing a writing piece titled "The Storm Paper." It is a descriptive writing experience utilizing a "camera eye" view that focuses on particular skills. These include eliminating passive verbs and replacing them with active verbs, the use of participles, varying sentence starts, shifting adjectives out of order, and transitions. For our first reading lessons we read a pair of short stories and then considered how the authors used four techniques to reveal the character of people in each story. We are now just beginning a unit on Greek Mythology, led by Mrs. Buzard. We will be considering the following questions: "What are the qualities of the gods and goddesses?", "How does myth explain human behavior?", "How does myth explain elements of the natural world?", and "Why does myth endure?" The unit will include reader's theater and also crossover assignments in writing.

Please do not hesitate to contact me at sbuzard@glenview34.org if you have any questions. We are enjoying getting to know your children and look forward to the next three months with them.

Math (Mrs. Biller, Ms. Moon, and Ms. Kroeze) - All of my students have access to math IXL on their IPAD. It is the same program that they used last year in 5th grade. So if there is downtime at home, please have your son/daughter work on it. In **common core**, students just took their math test on two variable relationships. Next week, we will work on multiplying fractions. With

that unit, students may work on math IXL (6th grade) K1 to K13. In **single acc.**, students are learning how to multiply fractions. With that unit, students may work on math IXL (6th grade) K1 - K13. In **double acc.**, students are learning about ratios and rates. Specifically, how to simplify fractions in ratios. Monday will be their topic test. With that unit, students may work on math IXL (7th grade) J1 - J14.

Science (Mrs. Weinzierl) – Recently, our Journey Team scientists have been working to complete our final unit of the Properties of Matter Curriculum (an introduction to chemistry) with a Lab practicum test and a written test. By the end of next week the students will have been assessed on analyzing and interpreting data on the properties of substances before and after they interact. The students will also be able to determine if a physical or chemical change (reaction) occurred. The students have done a wonderful job reviewing and preparing for the tests. Before leaving for winter break, we will investigate how to properly use a microscope before we begin our 2nd curricular topic, "Cell Processes"!

Social Studies (Mr. Leinbach) – This week we began learning about the growing differences between the North and South regions of the United States during the years 1820-1860. This time period focuses on the events leading up to the Civil War, the growing tensions between the North and South, the impact of slavery, and eventually Southern Secession. While working on this topic, we practiced "close reading" of the text, took guided notes on a concept map, and brainstormed key terms in an alpha box to refine and enhance our understanding. Great job in social studies girls and boys!