



March 2024 - Edition 2

# GLA SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



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## Happy March!

Happy March! We're excited to share our second edition newsletter with you, filled with valuable tips and updates. We hope you find it both informative and enjoyable.

We want to express our gratitude for your ongoing support. Your child's presence in school is crucial to their educational journey, and we truly miss our young leaders when they are absent. Please ensure that your child is here and present to make the most of their learning experience.

## GLA EVENTS March

- 3/4-3/8 - Read Across America Week!
- 3/8 - School Store Open!
- 3/8 - ENL Celebration!
- 3/11 - Superintendent Writing Contest Due!
- 3/13, 3/20, 3/27 - March Wacky Wednesdays
- 3/15 - PTO Game Night
- 3/20 - Literacy Night - 5:30 - 7:30pm
- 3/25-3/29 - Spring Break! District Closed
- \*Blue and Gold Fridays every Friday\*

## April

- 4/2 - 1/2 Day for Students
- 4/10 - District Closed - Religious Holiday
- 4/11 & 4/12 - 3 - 5 NYS ELA Test
- 4/23 & 4/24 - 5th Grade NYS Science Test

# Tips for Learning at Home

## Be a Home Reading Coach!

Research shows that students who read for one hour every day have a much better chance for success in school and beyond. The more time your child spends reading from books he or she can and wants to read, the better reader he or she will become. We need your help!

Your child should read for at least 30 minutes per night.

Your child can read and count anything she or he chooses to read.

## Responsibilities of a Home Reading Coach

- ☆ Turn off the TV, phone, computers, and games. Eliminate distractions.
- ☆ Read with your child, or observe him/her reading, for 30 minutes. (For children working at 1R and below, taking breaks may be necessary.)
- ☆ Think and talk about the books afterward.

## Tips from 3rd Grade

Multiplication in third grade is an important concept in our math. Students have learned many ways to get to an answer by drawing models such as arrays and equal groups. They need to spend time reviewing their facts weekly to reach mastery. These are integral to the math that comes later on in the year. There are many ways you can help your child achieve this. There are many free online sites that they can go on. We use Reflex math in school weekly to help students achieve this.



# What are our leaders up to at GLA?

During Literacy Week, our Leaders who created their books were highlighted on the morning announcements! Our GLA Authors will be invited to showcase their books to families during literacy night on March 20th. Come and support our young authors!



Notes from the Health Office



Click this link to be updated on helpful tips from our Health Office.

# More Helpful Tips!

## 5th Grade Families

Friday Night Lights is an opportunity for 5th to 8th grade students to get together after school on a Friday evening in a safe space. The program will take place at South Middle School and will be offered from 3:00pm to 7:00pm on the following dates: April 5, 12, 19, 26; May 3, 10, 17, June 7, 14.

Register by March 18th!

## NECSD Spelling Test Art Contest



[Click here for more information!](#)

## Social Work Newsletter



[Click this link to be updated on helpful tips from our school psychologist and social worker!](#)

