

Green Isle Community School News

November-December Highlights

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Arlidazzle– GICS staff and families participated in the Arlington Arlidazzle parade on December 3rd. Thank you to all the families that walked with our float!

It's Christmas, Carol– Our winter program was a huge success!

Thank you to everyone that came to support our students. They worked hard to learn their lines and the songs! Way to go kids!!!

Thanksgiving Wishes
The week of Thanksgiving the students delivered Thanksgiving Wishes to the residents of Green Isle. This is a fun tradition that we do annually.

Conferences Our November conferences

were fabulous. It is always nice to meet with the parents to talk about their student's progress.

Classroom Parties

Classroom had their winter class parties on Wednesday, December 21st. Students watched the movie RIO in the afternoon.



GICS Wants YOU!!!

*We are always looking for volunteers. Please call Serenity if you are interested in helping out during the school day!

*Please bring your Box Tops, Milk Lids, etc in to help our school!

Upcoming Events

Winter Break

Winter Break will be from December 22-January 2nd. Classes will resume on Tuesday, January 3rd. See you all then!

Family Fun Night- Science

On Friday, January 6th we will have our 2nd Family Fun Night. There will be a Science Fair meet-

ing from 6:30-7 and then fun station will follow until 8:00 pm.

DRA Testing

Students in grades K-4 will be given the DRA test for the second time in January.

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Kerry-(Preschool) Monthly Highlights-By: Mrs. Ann Czarnecki

In November and December the preschoolers have been focusing on counting, number recognition, and pre-math skills such as sorting, matching and ordering. I've also been working individually with each student to practice writing his/her first name.

Our weekly theme books have been The Napping House by Audrey Wood, Fox in Socks by Dr. Seuss, What Comes in 2's, 3's, & 4's? by

Suzanne Aker, Feast for 10 by Cathryn Falwell, The Three Little Pigs, and The Night Before Christmas by Clement Clarke Moore.

The highlight of the month was our winter program on December 21st. Our class voted on the songs and poem that were performed in front of an audience of parents, friends, and the GICS student body. The preschoolers did a GREAT job.



Monaghan-(Kindergarten) Monthly Highlights: By: Mrs. Terry Kroehler

The months of November and December are fun and exciting in the Kindergarten class. We love holidays! During the month of November students prepared for Thanksgiving by learning about the Pilgrims and Indians. They made Pilgrim hats and Indian vests and turkeys in a few different ways. In Math we are now focusing on our "tricky teen" numbers. We have learned eight sight words and are working on learning how to read and write stories. As part of Reading time we

focus on one letter each week and get to make and eat a fun "cooking" snack each week. Astronaut Pudding for A week was definitely a highlight. Our sensory table has sand in it and our Dramatic Play Center has been a Bakery, Puppets, and is now a Wrapping Station for the holidays. We are very excited about our Winter Program and have a special song we get to sing. Happy Holidays to your home!!



Limerick-(Grades 1-2) Monthly Highlights

By: Mrs. Julie



Grams &

It has been a busy few months in our classroom. We have been working hard in Math and Reading. The progress the students are making continues to impress us!

Mrs. Kristy Konopacki

During writing we have been working on writing letters. I hope that you were able to read our Santa letters in the local newspapers. We started our letter writing unit by writing a letter to a friend. We have been busy these past two months. The kids learned about families and how they each of us has our own special family. The kids interviewed a grandparent and a parent to see how we are the same and different from one generation to another. After Thanksgiv-

ing, we started traveling around the world to learn how different countries celebrate Christmas. We had a fun time discovering where American traditions came from.

We had fun in P.E. playing 3 Pin and other throwing games. We just started our scooter unit. This unit will continue after winter break. From all of us in grades 1-2 at GICS HAPPY HOLIDAYS!!! See you in 2012!!!



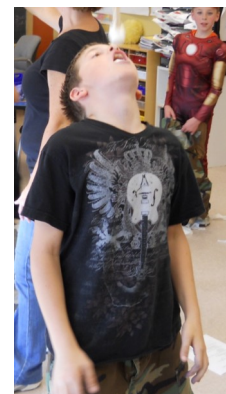
Galway-(Grades 3-4) Monthly Highlights-By: Mrs. Kristen Strauss

Well 2012 is almost upon us here at GICS. The students have worked so hard and have grown so much and we still have the rest of the school year. November and December are busy times in the classroom. We are trying to get Units done before Winter Break, practicing for the holiday program, making art projects and playing in the snow!

In November students began and finished their United States of America projects. Students each chose 2 states to do research on. They researched things such as; state motto, population, points of interest and many more fun facts. Along with research, students were required to draw a map of their states and label; bodies of water, rivers, interstates, etc. During research time, students also memorized the location of all 50 states! Another big hit was our Fall Costume part which we had at the end of October. The fall party



In these photos Sean is wrapping up Adam and Bo is bobbing for marshmallows!



planning committee planned a swell time....as you can see from the photos! We continue to do Rocket Math to help students memorize their basic math facts.

Our book club books for November and December are; The Miraculous Journey of Edward Tulane, Heroes of 9/11, Shipwreck: The Island Book One, and Lawn Boy.

Donegal-(Grades 5-6) Monthly Highlights-By: Mr. Dan Chies

Mr. Chies' class has been hard at work the last two months. We finished a "human body" science unit in early November and now everyone knows where to find their scapula! We also went through our **free** boxes of stuff from Xcel Energy; they contained energy-saving things like fluorescent light bulbs, low-flow shower heads, and a low-watt night light. The class filled out surveys for Xcel Energy, and we should get \$50 to participating! Sweet! In math, 5th and 6th grade started tackling the dreaded 'fractions', and I have been pleasantly

surprised. In book club, groups have wrapped up the latest theme, which was 'family and growing up'. It included titles such as "Pictures of Hollis Woods", "Superfudge", "The Westing Game", and "Ruby Holler". Westing's conclusionary performance was one that the class will remember for a long time! In Phy Ed, students practiced throwing for accuracy, and that led right to football! Set Hut!! Our class secretly worked on crafting books for our younger reading buddies that were given as Holiday presents. Reading has covered a lot of stuff about

westward expansion and pioneers! (Jedediah Smith was one cool trapper!) Let's not forget—the arrival, the departure, and the new arrival of the classroom fish! \kids making fish faces/



STUDENTS IN THE SPOTLIGHT



Beau, Trevor, Lauren and Maggie

Each week different students are in the spotlight in their homerooms



Adam, Dominick, Bryton and BoGarett



Natalie, Henry, and Cadence

January 2012

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1 Happy New Year!!	2 No School	3 Welcome Back!	4	5	6 6:30-8pm Science Family Fun Night	7
8	9	10 MNCS Helpers	11	12	13 Golden Hearts Visit	14
15	16 DRA Testing	17 DRA Testing	18 DRA Testing	19 DRA Testing 5:30 Board Mtg.	20	21
22	23 No School Teacher Workday	24	25 MNCS Helpers	26	27 K-4 Mill City Museum 5-6 State Capital	28
29	30	31				



Lily practicing writing 3s in shaving cream with Kody.

Gene and Marge Herd playing games with students at the Elder's Lunch hosted by Mrs. Grams' homeroom



Thank you for choosing GICS!!!



Henry shows his Sunflower Snack

Audrey is mummifying Shanise!



A mini-shot of Mrs. Strauss' camouflage



Ben with his first IRP project—the book cube!

