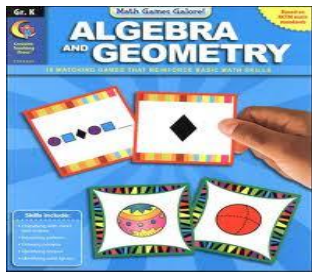


JOHN HILL SCHOOL

January 13, 2012



Mr. Smulewicz's Math Classes - Sixth grade students came back from their week-long break from school and began studying the coordinate plane. The students learned that there are four quadrants on the plane and learned how to plot ordered pairs (also known as coordinates) onto the plane and describe their location.

They then put their energy into illustrating on the plane translations and reflections, and naming the vertices of the image appropriately. Finally, they learned to recognize a rotation and describe its angle of rotation. Now that our work with transformations is done we will redirect our learning to input-output tables and how to graph functions on a coordinate plane. We will spend the next week or so linking algebra and geometry and taking even more steps toward understanding and appreciating algebra.

JHS Annual Spelling Bee - Mrs. Haight once again organized our annual Spelling Bee! Each homeroom held a classroom spelling bee and the winner moved on to participate in our 6th annual school-wide spelling bee. The homeroom winners were: Ilana Mina, Britney Wilson, Noah Rodriguez, and Kaigo Miles, from grade 4, Katrina Seeberger, Emma Sagerer, Aaron Wind, and Bisma Rahman, from grade 5, and, Jad El Sahely, Reem Aljawhary, Emily Chludzinski, and Hadjer Bakir, from grade 6. This year's winner is Hadjer Bakir and the runner-up is Emma Sagerer. Congratulations to all the participant's and to Mrs. Haight for a job well done!



Mrs. Nguyen's Fifth Grade Classes - The students have been reading the novel "Bud, Not Buddy" and they are going to be listening to "jazz" music, and making comparisons of the price of living "then and now".

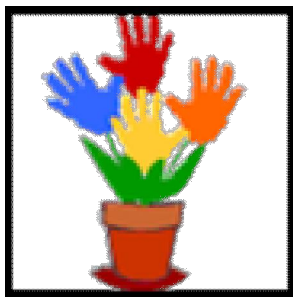
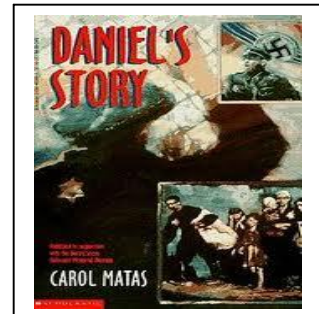
Together they will be creating a bulletin board dedicated to the novel in their classroom. The students have also been reading about important people in the world and practicing gathering information about them. The students are getting ready to begin working on Biographic Sketches for the upcoming "Wax Museum".

Mrs. Brown's Health Classes - This week in our fifth grade health classes we will be identifying the harmful effects of smoking on the respiratory system. With the help of the "Great Body Shop" student booklet, the students will trace the pathway of air through the respiratory system. They will then identify the physical effects of smoking on each organ of the system.



JHS Yearbooks - Yearbooks are now on sale and order forms have been sent home in Friday Folders. If you purchase a yearbook before May 4th, the cost is \$13.00. All orders after May 4th, the price goes up to \$15.00. Yearbooks are 40 full-color pages filled with memories of the 2011-2012 school year. Purchase yours today!

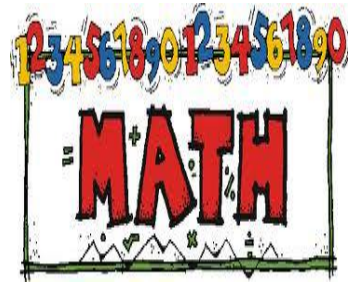
Mrs. Barrientos' Reading Classes - All reading classes are beginning a new novel, Daniel's Story. To gather some background information, students have been reading passages and discovering why World War I began and how the United States became involved. This information will help them better understand why World War II began. Students participated in a couple of pre-reading activities before beginning the novel. If you know a sixth grader, ask them if they know the causes of World War I or how the United States became involved.



Helping Hands Club - Throughout the month of January, Mrs. DeHart and the Helping Hands Club Members will be collecting "Canned Meats/Fish" (Tuna, Chili, Chicken etc.) for our local Food Pantry. Drop off baskets are located near each of the stairwells on the Library side of the building. Donations are greatly appreciated!

Mr. Davidson's Fourth Grade Math Classes -

Fourth graders have been working on Multiplication and Division. This has included working with math facts up to the 12 times tables, working with the zero property, identity property, communitive property, associative property and most importantly the distributive property of multiplication. In using the distributive property students know that by multiplying one factor by the expanded form of another factor and adding the products you will receive your new product. We have been working on long division as well with multiplication to check our work. We are adding NJ ASK materials in to prepare for the NJ ASK coming in May.



Mrs. Halliwell's Art Classes - Fourth grade Art classes

have begun a "Crazy Cactus" project. This artwork involves drawing, outlining, design, detailing, patterning, coloring, and painting. Creations are looking very unique! The fifth grade continues to learn about and practice using the Grid Drawing Method. This is proving to be challenging and everyone is working hard! Ultimately,

these drawings will become monochromatic paintings. Some students have already begun the painting stage of the assignment. Finally, the sixth grade has learned a bit about Andy Warhol's Pop artwork and is completing a project inspired by his repetitive work. During this assignment, students are practicing observational drawing and proper use of rulers. Students in all grades are engaged in higher level thinking by understanding the assignment and issues that arise, evaluating their own work and effort, and working toward problem solving and creating.

Upcoming Dates to Remember:

- January 16th - School Closed
- January 20th - 2nd Marking Period Ends
- January 27th - Report Cards go home in Friday Folders
- February 15th - 2nd Marking Period Honor Roll Assembly @2:00pm