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Galer Gazette

“Home of the Gators”



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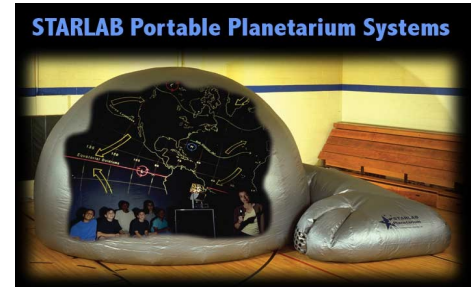
February 5, 14, 19 & 26, 2013

Galer’s vision statement is to provide a caring community where children are celebrated for their uniqueness to foster the development of autonomous lifelong learning.

PRINCIPAL’S CORNER

Parents,

I want to thank you for your reservations for the StarLab Planetarium. We have been overwhelmed with responses to experience this wonderful display, and all three show times are full. Look forward to seeing you on Tuesday.



Remember the Dates!

- Feb 11-15 - Star Lab Week
- Feb 14 - Candy Grams
- Feb 14- School Board Mtg @ Bolden
- Feb 15- No School/ Professional Development
- Feb 18- No School/ Holiday
- Feb 20- Interim Progress Report for K-2
- Mar 5- 1:30 Early Release

Mrs. W's Busy 1st Grade Class

We have been very busy in all academic areas this year.

Everyday the children work in Guided Reading Groups and visit work stations and work in many different areas.

Math brings weekly Math Problem Solving with a focus on utilizing the Galer Math Problem Solving Strategies.

In Science and Social Studies, we have been studying Plants and Animal, Life Cycles and Weather. We have also been learning about the Earth, Sun, and Moon. Soon we will visit the StarLab, where the children will learn about the Constellations.



Spanish FLES

by Mrs. A

Our Spanish class is offering something different, but fun for Galer students grades K-2:

Kindergarten is learning to identify parts of the face.

First grade is learning to write complete sentences associating objects and animals with their locations.

Second grade is learning the names of the rooms in the house.

Reuse in Ms. C and Mr. M's PreK Classroom

we entered the study “Reduce, Reuse, Recycle” we started things off with the concept of trash. Once that was established, we began to explore and question how trash could be reused. We took a closer look at boxes and the children discovered that empty boxes could be used to build towers. They also decided that they could be painted. Many empty food boxes were laid out on the table with a variety of colors of paint.

The project started out as a community project so the children moved freely around the table, adding paint to which ever box took their fancy.



Over the course of about a week, the children had the opportunity to return and add further layers of paint. They experimented with different types of painting tools and explored painting the inside, as well as the outside of the boxes.



Once they were dry, the children added their choice of colorful shape buttons.

CSI Goal #1

By the end of the school year, students will improve problem solving skills across the math curriculum by using problem solving strategies as measured by an increase in the percent of students proficient or above on select local assessments.

CSI Goal #2

By the end of the school year, students will improve reading comprehension across the curriculum by using oral and written language to retell information in sequential order as measured by an increase in the percent of students proficient or above on select local assessments.



Celebrating our School Counselor



Do you know what your child's School Counselor does? Your school counselor provides a comprehensive guidance program aimed at helping your child to succeed in school. This is done through monthly guidance lessons focusing on necessary skills such as learning skills, conflict solving, dealing with bullies, and handling emotions. There are also different small groups being offered such as using self control in the classroom and readiness skills for learning. The second grade classes get a time at the end of the first and second quarters to examine their progress and set goals to increase their achievement in school. In addition, new students are welcomed and groups are coordinated for students who have parents away.

Have you talked to your child's school counselor lately? My name is Jackie Griffing and I am available to speak with you on the phone or face to face for a conference regarding your child's progress at school. I am the case manager for our school's student support team which is a group that gets together to problem solve when there is a concern regarding a student. However, I can meet with parents at any time. Please feel free to call the school if you have any needs.

National School Counseling Week

CELEBRATE SCHOOL COUNSELING

