

## April News

**Kindergarteners** have been very busy learning at home. Some highlights have been listening to teacher read-alouds, virtual class meets, outdoor math addition, a science walking curriculum, and house hunts for the weekly word study pattern. In reading, students are using Epic Books and Raz Kids to read daily. They are also engaging in a variety of lessons about observing characters carefully by what they say and do. As writers, they are being clever using a book character to write a new story! Their creative minds are busy at work all around. We are forever grateful for the support from each of our families as we navigate this new way of teaching and learning!

**First Grade** has enjoyed our virtual get togethers to interact with our classes and see the faces we miss so much! We have been utilizing many forms of technology to create video and audio clips to help our students better understand the concepts in our daily lessons. This week we have asked our first graders to record themselves reading on Raz Kids so that we can hear the progress they are making at home. We will be sending an audio message back to them once we have reviewed their recordings. We appreciate all of the support from our parents during this unique time. Thank you!!

**Second Graders** are doing a wonderful job utilizing their Google Classrooms to access daily assignments. Google Classroom was not something used in school with the students before the closure, so we are so proud of our students and thankful to our parents for their support in making this transition to distance learning seemingly seamless. Second graders are enjoying using padlet for morning meeting shares as well as having Google Meets. We thank our students' families for their continued involvement and positivity and send our well wishes that they are all healthy and safe.

**Third Grade** students are developing some savvy computer skills as they become familiar with new instructional tools including: Loom, Flipgrid, Google Meet, and Zoom. Readers have been enjoying fairy tales, fables, and most recently myths. Writers are adapting a classic fairy tale to make a new version! Mathematicians have been working on area and perimeter. In science, we have just started our life science unit, and this week we celebrated Earth Day. We are so pleased that through the effort and generosity of all the Lincoln Lions, third grade citizens reached their community service goal, and we will be sponsoring a seeing eye dog through The Seeing Eye organization.

It was very satisfying for students to learn that when everyone works together, wonderful things can happen. Without your amazing support at home, distance learning would not be possible. Parents-we so appreciate your flexibility as we all do our best to adjust to the challenges of this change.

**Grade Four** students are adjusting nicely to this new learning. Teachers are using a variety of techniques and technologies in our Google Classrooms such as Loom, Show Me, Flipgrid, and Padlet, plus small and large group Google Meets, helping all stay connected. In LAL, the students have all published their literary essays and completed their Reading Across Genres Unit. Up next is historical fiction reading and nonfiction writing, after doing research on each family's heritage. Mathematicians have been using Kami which is a digital pencil and paper and Show Me to watch mini lessons to complete assignments. Metric measurement then area and perimeter is next. In science, we are studying plant structures and are engaging in a self-directed project. We are so proud of your children and can't begin to thank you for your support, patience, and most importantly, kind words during this extremely challenging time. Be well and stay safe!

**The Fifth Graders** have been sharing thoughts about their book club books with their group members online and using Open Library to access a second round of books. They are exploring social issues using online videos to learn completely new concepts. Students will develop claims about the real world viewed in stories. In math, we have been working with decimals- the focuses will be multiplication, division, estimation, and real world problems. In science, Students are learning what plants need to grow, parts of the food chain, and also ecosystems. Students have been engaged in learning throughout the content areas using a variety of technologies include Google Classroom, Google Meet, Loom, Video and audio recording, and a variety of other resources. Thank you for all your support at home!

### **PE Update**

"Hey Lincoln parents! I hope everyone is staying safe, healthy, active and sane during these crazy times! Through interactive fitness-based activities, workouts, creative challenges, and activities, the ultimate goal is to keep our students engaged and having fun while staying active with a purpose at home. Also tune into our Wyckoff PE YouTube channel for two YouTube Live activities or workouts each week Tuesday and Thursday at 1PM.

### **Art Update**

Students have been working hard on their at home art exploration. Each week students have been provided with various at home art making choices ranging from sculpting, building, drawing, collaging, painting and weaving. This week, artists from each elementary school within our Wyckoff school district have been given numerous choices for flower/plant making approaches. Each flower choice has been taught by one of our Wyckoff art teachers. These flowers are being hung in windows and doors throughout our town to spread signs of hope, positivity and growth during our time apart.

### **Media**

We're doing virtual read alouds in classes! 5th grade has been finding new books to read and sharing book recommendations on [Biblionarium.com](http://Biblionarium.com). 3rd and 4th grades are reading and writing poetry in celebration of National Poetry Month.

### **Computers**

Kindergarten students have been working on the math games on ABCYa. They were introduced to a new website called Fun Brain and have recently started coding using Kodable.

In first grade, students have been working on coding, (lightbot, Kodable and [Code.org](http://Code.org)), competitive math games where they can play against other (Arcademic Skill Builders, and ABCYa games).

Students in second grade have been working on keyboard, coding and worked on their All About Me Google Slides presentation. Second grade students were also introduced to a new website called Room Recess.

There will be a Student Council virtual meeting on Friday, May 1 at 11:00 am.

### **Music**

Our Lincoln Lions have been trying their best to demonstrate their appreciation of the arts through Distance Learning. Here are some examples of what has been taking place: Students in grades 2-5 have been utilizing Seesaw and it's wonderful tools to be inquisitive and collaborative performers. Students have demonstrated how creative they can be using recycled materials to create new instruments, practicing repertoire for our recorder concert, utilizing Google doodle to compose new music influenced by Bach and other composers, and preparing for our Dear Edwina production by recording

themselves while receiving teacher and peer to peer feedback.

Our Lincoln School Chorus will be preparing a pre recorded concert to share with our community. Make sure to stay tuned @mrvilleneuvemus for more information.

Our Kindergarten and First Grade Lions are exploring musical concepts utilizing PBS music games and creations. Our Kindergarten Cubs will be collaborating with Mr. Villeneuve in singing our Lincoln School song for their Kindergarten Celebration.

### **Spanish**

K-1 Students are learning about foods they like and don't like ME GUSTA no ME GUSTA

2- will be starting to use FLIPGRID as one of the new apps. They have been learning about sports names in Spanish and which one they like to play more.

3-Started using FlipGrid last week. They record themselves with the answers in Spanish from the assignment. Now they will start using SeeSaw in Spanish.

4-5 Students are using SeeSaw in Spanish for the first time. They have also been doing some Kahoot games as a review. They are learning about different foods in Spanish and speaking about their likes and dislikes in Spanish. We will start also using google meet in the future.