

George Grant Mason School

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The COVID-19 global pandemic has impacted our children in profound ways that affect their education, achievement and social emotional wellbeing. The 2021 Tuxedo Summer Bridge & EdCamp Program responds to what we know our children need, whether that's summer education with peers or learning support for a strong September start.

Nicole Scariano
Superintendent of Schools, IA

*****REGISTER NOW THROUGH JUNE 21, 2021*****

[Register your child by completing this application](#)

Registration is on a first come, first serve basis with district resident students prioritized. Families who reside out of district are strongly encouraged to apply during the registration window. Please contact interim Superintendent of Schools, Nicole Scariano (nscariano@tuxedoufsd.org), with any questions about registration or the summer program.

Program Overview

- It's not a summer school, it's a summer educational program for students K-12
- 100% in-person, there is no hybrid or remote option
- 6-week program: Wednesday, July 21st - Friday, August 27th
- This is free for all Tuxedo school district residents including Tuxedo public school students, students currently tuitioning in, private school students, and homeschool students
- If room allows, it will be available for out-of-district students

Missed the May 18th informational session for families? Copies of the brochure and course interest survey are available at the GGM and GFB main offices.

Why?

- Increases a child's confidence in themselves as learners and ability to learn and achieve great things
- Supports a child's transition from hybrid and remote schooling back to full in-person schooling
- Provides opportunities for supported practice and relearning collaborative problem-solving and relationship building skills
- Builds sense of classroom community over the summer for the first-day-of-school excitement feelings we all know and miss
- Engages children in experiential learning through [Tuxedo's Community-As-School Project](#)
- Hands-on experiential educational and social-emotional learning curriculum that addresses learning loss from the COVID-19 global pandemic



Upcoming Events

June 1-4 In-school instruction

June 1 Board of Education Workshop at 7pm

June 7 Asynchronous Remote Learning Day

June 8 4th Grade Written Science Exam

June 8-11 In-school Instruction

June 11 Field Day

June 9 PTO Meeting at 7:15pm

June 14 Asynchronous Remote Learning Day

June 14 Moving Up Ceremony for Grade 5 at 11:30am

June 15-18 In-school Instruction

June 15 Kindergarten Graduation at 10:00am

June 15 Coffee with Nicole

Join interim Superintendent, Nicole Scariano for coffee at our virtual café from 8:30 to 9:15am

June 17 Board of Education Regular Meeting at 7:00pm

June 18 Last day to order yearbooks

June 21 Asynchronous Remote Learning Day

June 22-25 In-school Instruction

June 25 Last Day of School

Pre-K: Mrs. Sayles

We have such an exciting year in Pre-K! In June we will continue to work on learning our lowercase letters. Pre-K students will write the letters and say the sounds the letters make. In math we will explore 3 dimensional objects and compare items according to size. We will learn about oceans and ocean animals and talk about the beach! In June we will celebrate our fathers and other important men in our lives. Pre-K students will learn about pool, beach, and water safety. We will read and write about Summer.

Kindergarten: Mrs. Rush

Kindergarten continues to learn and grow each day! We watched our caterpillars grow into butterflies in May, and we are awaiting our transition into first graders! Kindergarten is gearing up for their graduation in June and looking forward to our visitors from the Two-by-Two animals that will visit us in June. We have been learning about animals, life cycles and how animals adapt and change. We are excited to learn even more about the animals that will be visiting us! Kindergarten has had a very exciting year and the excitement will continue throughout our last month of school.

First Grade: Mrs. Matthies

Greeting Families! June is going to be an exciting month for first grade! In ELA/Science we have been working on our planet reports! The friends continue to work on their planet projects at home! They will be sharing what they learned about the planets in their planet presentations! We have learned so much about the planets. For example we have learned that even though Mars is a red planet, it is a very cold planet! We have learned that the rings around Saturn are gases that collect around it when they are released. We are also learning about the sun, the moon and the dwarf planet Pluto! We have learned different songs about the planets! It's been so much fun! We are going to finish out the unit by going on a field trip to the Liberty Science Planetarium! We are all super excited! Additionally in ELA we will be working on poetry! We will be learning about different poems such as Haikus and rhyming poems! This is probably my favorite topic to teach in ELA! Expect the friends to come home with all sorts of writing ideas! In social studies we are learning about how to spend money and how to save money! We are also learning about wants and needs and the difference between the two! Families, you would

be really shocked on how some friends really need "video games, and smelly markers"! Lol! In math we have been learning about greater than and less than. However, now we are extending that concept to two digit numbers! We are comparing the numbers and additionally we are subtracting and adding them! It's going to be a busy month. Last but not least, in phonics we continue to learn about inflectional endings and how they can change the tense of a word. An example of this is "look, and looked"! As usual families, thank you for all you do! You guys are the best!

Second Grade: Mrs. Blume & Ms. Klimowich

Second Grade students have continued their bird study by recently getting outside of the classroom and taking a field trip to the Bronx Zoo! Students visited the Aquatic Bird House and Sea Bird Aviary to see a flock of Caribbean flamingos, puffins, pelicans, scarlet ibis, little blue penguins, kiwis, Inca terns and Magellanic penguins. Students also visited the Birds of Prey exhibit to visit eagles, owls and vultures. Students were able to see that these birds of prey are clear descendants of ancient dinosaurs.

During the month of June, second graders will be starting a dinosaur study. Students will learn more about how the modern birds we just visited at the zoo are descended from a group of two-legged dinosaurs known as theropods. Members of the theropod dinosaurs include the Tyrannosaurus Rex and Velociraptors. Similarities between birds and dinosaurs include hollow bones, claws and placing eggs in a nest to keep them warm. Scientists believe that some dinosaurs (meat eaters) were covered in a feather like substance, though the physical evidence may not be present in all fossils.

As part of a program called Trees for Little People, students were able to plant Sycamore seeds which are presently in our classroom refrigerators to mimic the dormant state of winter before germination occurs. After 20 days the seed plantings will be removed from the refrigerator for the germination and sprouting process to begin and they will be sent home with the students to find a place to plant. We were very lucky to be a part of this environmental education nonprofit program which provides teachers with free tree growing kits for each student!"

Third Grade: Ms. Stasiak

Can you believe it is already June? This year has

gone by so fast, and the students continue to do an amazing job! In Math, we will review the concepts we have learned and then apply them to complete a math project. For their project, the students will plan out their own dinosaur park! In ELA, we will end the year with a class novel. As a class we will read the book Mr. Popper's Penguins. As we read, we will apply all the literary concepts we have discussed this year. In Science, we will start a unit on Simple Machines. We will discuss each simple machine and explore Rube Goldberg Machines. In Social Studies, we will continue to study the different states. Each student will pick a different state and build a parade float to represent it! It is hard to believe the year is quickly coming to an end. I will miss my fabulous third graders! Look out fourth grade, here they come!!

Fourth Grade: Mrs. Rota

Fourth Grade has been hard at work!! We just completed our novel study of the book Frindle by Andrew Clements. The students enjoyed reading about Nick, his friends, and the new word he invented. We will continue to review our ELA skills during these last few weeks of school and work on some projects that will help us reinforce what we have learned.

We enjoyed a Community as School event with 3rd and 5th Grade recently when the folks from Mad Science came in for a day. It was an exciting time for the students as they learned about States of Matter and Energy. Everyone had a good time! We will be learning about electricity and magnetism in the coming weeks.

In Math we are learning about Measurement -this is our final chapter for the year. Once we finish, the students will apply the skills they have learned by working on some projects. It is a good way for the students to see math at work all around them.

The students have had a great year despite the challenges we have all faced. They should be proud of themselves!!

Fifth Grade: Ms. Finrock

As June begins, we are wrapping up our last unit on fractions and are going to be moving into measurement. We have also been learning about the states and characteristics of matter. We were lucky enough to have Mad Science of the Hudson

Valley visit us and show us awesome experiments! In ELA we are reading "The Chronicles of Narnia: The Lion, The Witch, and The Wardrobe," and we have some very strong feeling about the characters. June is a bittersweet month for 5th grade as the students growth is showcased and they are preparing to transition into GFB.

Spanish Class: Mrs. Golden

In Spanish class, all classes will be finishing up their units and reviewing all that we have learned to close out our school year. I can't believe that the year is almost over. I am so proud of all grades for having been so flexible during these times. Despite all the hurdles they have all learned so much.

Art: Mrs. Lyons

We will be concentrating on birds and birdhouses in PreK, Kindergarten and grade 1 in art. In 2nd grade, we are drawing teddy bear Still Lifes and working on silhouettes. 3rd and 4th grade are practicing water color in insect drawings. Fifth grade is working on art and geometry.

Multi-Subject: Mrs. Donnelly

GGM Yearbook News!: The 2021 GGM Yearbook is on sale now! Don't miss out on this one-of-a-kind memory book of this very memorable year! This special edition includes many unique features such as:

- The Pros and Cons of Distance Learning at GGM – 2 students from every grade, from Pre-K to 5th grade, were asked what they liked and didn't like about distance learning. Their honest answers (along with their pictures, of course!) are featured.
- The Game of GGM LIFE: Covid Edition is a game board that chronicles the twisting and turning timeline of the last year for GGM families.
- A Typical Day in a Not-So-Typical School Year – a comic book style story told from the perspective of a confused GGM student who shows readers what a typical day looks like at GGM during this wacky school year.
- Can You Guess Who is Behind the Mask – starring GGM students and staff . . . and a few unexpected "celebrities"!
- Distance Learning Vocabulary Crossword Puzzle and an Eye-Spy like game!

All of these features and MORE for only \$30, which includes tax. This is definitely a yearbook you don't want to miss. You will keep this book for decades and be able to look back fondly (yes, fondly!) at this crazy school year! There are a limited number of yearbooks available and we often sell out! Order your 2021 GGM Yearbook today - books will be distributed the week of June 7th.

2 ways to order: Cash/Check (made out to Tuxedo UFSD) OR Online @ yearbookforever.com

Questions? Email Mrs. Donnelly @ ndonnelly@tuxedoufsd.org

Multi-Subject: Ms. Stokrocki

In our ELA class we read, wrote, and compared/contrasted literature on scientists and then began our 5th grade novel study, *The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe*, by C. S. Lewis. The students are learning the five elements of plot, point of view, and characterization. Thanks for all you do. Please ask your student, if you haven't already, what their thoughts are about this novel.

Library: Mrs. Mui

During Digital Literacy, students in grades K-3 continued to read a wide variety of books in celebration of Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month and Mental Health Awareness Month. We focused on our growth mindset and celebrated our individuality! In grades 4 and 5, we worked on research projects which included skills such as locating multiple sources of information, evaluating information, and giving credit to our sources. During the month of June, we will all be working on motivating each other to read by sharing favorite authors, books, and series through book reviews and book trailers! Be on the lookout for more information on ways to continue reading this summer break!

Physical Education: Mr. Brunner and Mr. Landro

The weather is nice and the students are outside for physical education! For this month we will be prepping the students for some of the events we will be having at our Field Day event on June 11th. We will be practicing different games like potato sack races, drumstick races, and different beanbag toss games. Up until now students have

been doing different types of "noddle tag" type games.

Music: Mrs. Rao

June will be a review for ALL grade levels, with an addition of original work by ALL students to celebrate what they learned over the school year.

3rd and 4th grade will be adding to the aforementioned above their final work on recorders and new found music expertise.

2nd and 5th grade will be adding to the aforementioned above by producing more of their original rhythm beats for their own music composing.

PreK-1 will be adding to the aforementioned above more singing and new dances to get ready for Summer time fun and games with family

The orchestra has begun their last songs of Canon In D for review of the composer Pachelbel, and the choir has begun their last song of A Million Dreams to bring together their repertoire of great songs for various genres of music.

PTO On the Go

Thank you to everyone who came out for our Board & Brush event and supported the PTO! Last month we held our first outdoor book fair and it was a huge success! There's still time to order books online if you weren't able to visit in person. Teachers will be emailing home the link to our online fair. This month, the PTO is sponsoring a visit from The Ice Factory truck at Field Day on June 11th and we'll be having our last meeting of the year on June 9th. (Details will be coming home soon.) The PTO is looking for new board members for next year as Susan Mitchell and Michelle Calcaterra will be retiring. If you are interested in joining our board, please reach out. The PTO cannot exist and the events we sponsor will not happen without the volunteer effort of parents. We hope you will get involved! Thank you!