

# The GJM WAY

*March 2020*

## Family Picnic and Health Fair

March 6, 2020 will be an exciting day for our families. We will have Family Picnic Day and Health Fair from 11 am-1pm. Please plan to come be a part of this event as, we are excited to share our school with you all.



### Hoops for Heart

GJM students with High School students participating in Hoops for Heart.



### Learning to Read

Our third graders are growing stronger with their reading skills.



### Science Time

Our second graders learning about the types of clouds.

**You are capable of AMAZING things!**

## How Can I Help My Child With Math?

Helpful Tips for Parents and Guardians

Believe that every child can be successful in math. It takes good teaching, coaching, encouragement and practice.

- Talk about math in a positive way. A positive attitude about math is infectious.
- Encourage persistence. Some problems take time to solve.
- Encourage your child to experiment with different approaches to mathematics. There is often more than one way to solve a math problem.
- Encourage your child to talk about and show a math problem in a way that makes sense (i.e., draw a picture or use material like macaroni).
- When your child is solving math problems ask questions such as: Why did you...? What can you do next? Do you see any patterns? Does the answer make sense? How do you know? This helps to encourage thinking about mathematics.

- Connect math to everyday life and help your child understand how math influences them (i.e. shapes of traffic signs, walking distance to school, telling time, baking).
- Play family math games together that add excitement such as checkers, junior monopoly, math bingo, uno , have them make flash cards and use in the car or when waiting for something.
- Talk with your child's teacher about difficulties he/she may be experiencing. When teachers and parents work together, children benefit. ~adapted from Ontario Ministry of Education

## Counselor's Corner From Mrs. Jimenez

### Helping Your Child Plan for Post-Secondary School

Planning for post-secondary school is not something students do when they become a senior. College planning begins in elementary school. When children are young, parents should encourage them to be enthusiastic about school. Parents can also help children develop study skills, soft skills and a strong work ethic.

Here are a few things parents can encourage their children to do:

- Come to school on time and regularly
- Do your best in all your classes
- Acquire study skills and use them
- Complete homework
- Get involved in activities
- Explore careers
- Be responsible
- Volunteer

Working together can get students excited about their future.

## Upcoming EVENTS for March:

March 2nd- March 6th - Book Fair

March 2nd - March 6th - Reading TELPAS testing for English Learners

March 2nd- March 3rd - National Seashore Field trip for 3rd grade

March 4th - Texas Fest for 4th grade

March 5th - Cat in the Hat Performance

March 6th - Family Picnic Day and Health Fair open to the public

March 9th - March 13th - Spring Break

March 16th - March 20th - Listening/Speaking TELPAS for English Learners

March 24th - 3rd/4th Math Benchmark

March 25th - 3rd/4th Reading Benchmark

March 31st - 2nd grade Musical "Pajama Party" @5:30pm

April 7th - STAAR Writing testing - 4th grade PLEASE BE AT SCHOOL

## Nurse News

We are hearing a lot of information these days about viruses! Just remember, protecting you and your family remains the same for all cold-type illnesses.

Good and frequent handwashing continues to be a first line of defense to stay well. Lather well with soap and rub your hands vigorously for at least 20 seconds before rinsing them, is best practice.

Teach your children to wash their hands while singing the ABC song...that's about 20 seconds.

