

# Extra, Extra...EES News

What's Happening at EES...

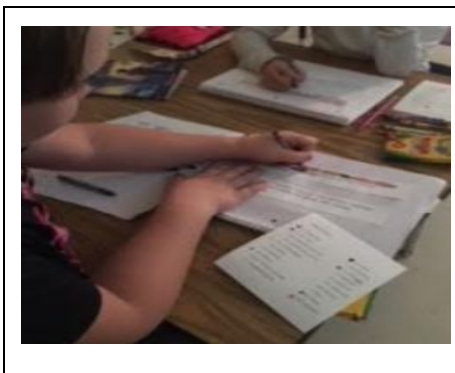
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## Ignite Grant



Under the guidance of Mrs. DeAnne Stenberg, EES 2nd graders learn a true life lesson in the development and planning process. The group pictured above with representatives from ETC worked together to plan for an outdoor classroom. The space is intended to provide an opportunity for students to learn about nature while enjoying the world around them. Although the group was not awarded the BIG prize, the check above will serve as our "seed" money and the planned project will not be forgotten. Currently, ideas are being discussed to break the plan into stages and to move forward with various parts of the project. Congrats to these individuals and a round of applause for a job well done.

## Increasing Independence & Initiative Thru Help Boxes



Pictured above a 3rd grader in Mrs. Payne's class uses a help box to identify parts of speech while working with a mentor sentence. Students were clearly able to communicate their thought process while working through the identification process.

## Donor's Choose



Teachers at Ellijay Elementary have achieved a lot of success in regard to getting individual projects funded through Donors Choose. Several teachers completed project requests for flexible seating items and another teacher requested Osmo technology. Pictured above students from Mrs. Rhonda Sanford's 3rd grade extension class demonstrate high levels of engagement using the new items.

## Let the Games Begin



In honor of the Winter Olympics, students in Coach Evans physical education class have been participating in several events that are modeled after the world level competitions. Pictured above a student from Mrs. Seller's 2nd grade class demonstrates the ice skating event using paper plates to make the activity more realistic. In the background of the photo several students are enjoying the bobsledding event and the basketball station. Other activities included hockey and curling. Students demonstrated high levels of engagement as they rotated thru the centers and were constantly exercising different parts of their body. In addition, the students learned about a current event.

## Celebrating with Slime



Students in Mrs. Stanfield's 3rd grade class reached their attendance goal and voted to have a slime party. In collaborative groups students followed the recipe and were able to make "galaxy" slime. There were 4 different colors of slime. Students used their knowledge of fractions and shared with their peers. Each student left with 3 different colors of slime. Mrs. Keener's and Mrs. Gearhart's class will host a slime party later in the month.

## Art Achievements



March is celebrated as Youth Art Month and is the kick off to the annual Gilmer County Student Art Exhibition. Over 50 EES students from 3rd and 4th grade art classes had their artwork chosen for the exhibit. Their work will be displayed alongside numerous other artworks created by students in Gilmer County. The exhibition begins on March 9th and runs until April 19th at Gilmer Arts Gallery, 207 Dalton Street.

## Upcoming Dates...

- 3/12...Lake Winnie Achievement Nomination Due
- 3/13...4th/ESOL Field Trip to Chattanooga Aquarium (Extended Day)
- 3/15...Spring Pictures
- 3/15...Mad Scientist Night at 6 pm
- 3/16...Teacher Workday
- 3/21...Shane's Night...STEM Program
- 3/22...2nd Grade field trip to New Echota
- 3/23...Q3 Report Cards go home
- 3/26-30...Cookie Dough Delivery (one day this week)
- 3/30...PBIS Acknowledgement Enrichment
- 3/30...Bit-N-Pieces Puppet Show...9 am/1 pm
- 3/27...School Governance Team Meeting @ 7:15 am in the Media Center
- 4/2-6...Spring Break
- 4/9-10...3rd Grade Field Trip to the Gold Mine
- 4/17...EES Color Run 6-7 pm
- 4/18...Shane's Night...Special Education Program
- 4/24...School Governance Team Meeting @ 7:15 am in the Media Center
- 4/27...Q4 Progress Reports go home
- 4/26...Georgia Milestones EOG Test...3rd and 4th grade ELA Section 1
- 4/27...Georgia Milestones EOG Test...3rd and 4th grade ELA Sections 2 and 3
- 4/27...PBIS Acknowledgement Enrichment
- 5/1...Georgia Milestones EOG Test...3rd and 4th grade Math (All sections)
- 5/1...4th grade Music Program @ 6:30 pm
- 5/9...4th Grade GMS Tour...time TBD
- 5/16...Shane's Night...Still Available
- 5/18...PBIS Acknowledgement Enrichment
- 5/16-22...GMAS Retest Window
- 5/17...Retiree Reception...ATO from 3-5 pm
- 5/25...Q4 Report Cards go home
- 5/25...Early Release Day...LAST DAY OF SCHOOL
- 5/28...Memorial Day
- 5/29-31...Post Planning Days
- 5/31...School Governance Team Meeting @ 1:00 pm in the Media Center