



# Goosehill Primary School

Weekly Notes- May 20, 2016



Dear Parents,

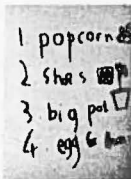
During a recent unit of study, our kindergarten and first grade students learned and applied high level skills as readers and writers of informational text. They learned about the purpose of nonfiction writing (to inform/teach an audience) and all about its features, such as headings and illustrations with captions.

Our teachers designed lessons to teach our young students how to listen for information and remember the most important facts. They chose interesting, yet simple books to read aloud and engaged the students in discussions about what they were learning. Then they helped them to record key details in their own set of "notes." The notes included sketches, labels, and key vocabulary words to help the students remember "what the author is teaching me." Eventually, the students learned to use their "notes" to compose "All-About Books" on the topic.

The children enjoyed drawing and writing about what they'd learned. They wrote using the "voice" of an expert---teaching their readers "all about" the information they'd learned from a book. The teachers and I marveled at their ability to recall information and retell it in interesting ways! We especially loved to examine the rich detail many of them included in their drawings.



Over the course of the year, our teachers have engaged their students in a study of many different genres--narrative, poetry, procedural, persuasive and informational writing. They have read stories, poems, and articles aloud to help their students understand the many ways writers share their ideas. I know you must be proud of the growth your child has made as a writer this year! I will include suggestions for ways to engage your child in writing at home over the summer in my notes next month.



Enjoy the weekend!

Warm regards,

Mrs. Herschlein

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### DATES TO REMEMBER

- May 25<sup>th</sup>** GPFA Parent Welcome Tea 10:00
- May 26<sup>th</sup>** Spirit Day- Wear School Colors or GH apparel!  
Kindergarten Students Nature Hike at CSH Fish Hatchery  
Current First Grade Parents- Second Grade Parent Orientation at LH and WS 9:30
- May 30<sup>th</sup>** Memorial Day-No School
- June 1<sup>st</sup>** First Grade Field Trip to CSH Fish Hatchery
- June 2<sup>nd</sup>** Field Day **Kindergarten- 9:30-10:45**      **1<sup>st</sup> Grade- 11:15-12:30**
- June 6<sup>th</sup>** First graders visit LH and WS
- June 14<sup>th</sup>** First graders attend Symbols of America performance

