



Goosehill Primary School

Weekly Notes- March 28, 2014



Dear Parents,

This is the time of year when teachers and parents reflect upon how much the children have learned since September. The most compelling evidence of growth appears in their writing. When we think back to September, our kindergartners were just learning to string letters together to represent words. Now they are writing *How-To* pieces, giving their audience instructions for how to do things like climb the rock wall, blow bubbles, and take books out of the library! They are very proud of their ability to teach others. Alex shared his book, *How-To Ski*, at our Spirit Day Assembly on Wednesday and we saw many faces nodding in agreement with the steps he'd written. Emma also shared her advertisement for the *Fix-It Box for Recess Toys* she created.

Our first graders have been writing reviews where they share their opinions on topic such as books, movies, and games. At our assembly, Alexandra read her book review *The Chocolate Touch* and Grayson read a review of his favorite holiday, *April Fool's Day*. Charlie shared his wonderful review of Goosehill Primary School and then Mrs. Kotzky led us in singing the Goosehill School with pride. First graders have also written to persuade an audience and many have received responses. Nicolette wrote to Miss Pat in the cafeteria to request that she add veal parmesan to the menu. Miss Pat wrote a response to Nicolette and explained that while veal could not be an option, she will add chicken parmesan to the April menu. The children are certainly learning how to influence people through the written word!

Thanks to the GPFA, we will enjoy a visit from a very famous children's book author, Alyssa Capucilli, next week. The children have been reading her books and studying her work in their classrooms and in the library with our School Library Media Specialist, Mrs. Fraiberg. Mrs. Fraiberg helped the children craft questions to ask Ms. Capucilli, such as how she gets her ideas for stories, what her favorite book is, and how she makes her writing so great. We are looking forward to an exciting day!

Next week our first graders will be going on a science field trip to the CSH Fish Hatchery where they will learn about animal habitats and more about the turtles they are raising through the *Turtles in the Classroom Program*. The children will have another opportunity to visit the hatchery in June when they release their turtles.

The kindergarten dance is Thursday, 6-7 p.m. We look forward to seeing you for a fun-filled evening!

Have a wonderful weekend!

Mrs. Herschlein

