



# The Gurdraza Gazette

December 7<sup>th</sup> – 11<sup>th</sup>

## Teacher Notes

- Please join us for our "Pennies for Pages" celebration in the gym on Thursday at 10:45. It begins with a play written by Mya, Emma, Sydney, Mary, and Melody which will be performed by Mrs. Podraza's class. This will be followed by a rotation to different classrooms with Kenyan activities.

### Questions/Comments:

Mrs. Podraza - [cpodraza@lisle202.org](mailto:cpodraza@lisle202.org)

Ms. Gurss - [agurss@lisle202.org](mailto:agurss@lisle202.org)

## Important Dates

**December 17** - "Pennies for Pages" Celebration 10:45

**December 18** - Winter Parties

**December 18 - January 3** - Winter Break

## Mrs. Podraza – Language Arts

The students will be learning about summarizing this week. The students will be practicing and performing reader's theater scripts based on folk tales from various countries. If you are interested in attending, they will be performed on Wednesday morning at 11:00 in Mrs. Podraza's room. The students will be working on their new persuasive essays on the topic of homework.

## Ms. Gurss - Language Arts

We hope to finish Number the Stars by the end of the week! The students have been involved in such wonderful discussions! We will start WWII choice novels after break. Students also will begin writing final drafts of their persuasive essays. After break will start ISAT practice. Our L.A. class also read over 60,000 pages for "Pennies for Pages!" Congratulations!

## Mrs. Podraza – Math

The students will continue Unit 4 which covers fractions. They will be learning about converting fractions to decimals and percents. They will also be learning shortcut for converting decimals to percents and vice versa.

## Ms. Gurss - Math

We continue to work on Topic 8-Geometry! We will work on polygons, triangles and quadrilaterals this week. I hope to give them a quick topic quiz/test so we can move on. Students will also begin Math Quest (Problem Solving Game) when we return from Winter Break. ISAT practice work will be coming home soon too. Please keep making sure your child has all their math homework in their backpack for the next day!

## Social Studies

The students will be finishing up activities about the first colonies in America.

## Science

The students will be completing the last lab of the Water Cycle Unit which is making a cloud.

### Wall of Fame

Mrs. Podraza Language Arts - Jorge, Gianni

Mrs. Podraza Spelling (100%) - Bryce, Aryaman

Mrs. Podraza Social Studies- Bryce, Andy, Ben, Emma, Aryaman, Katie, Mya, Cory, Mary, Sydney

Miss Gurss' Spelling- Cheyenne, Jorge, Annica, Kevin, Makanda, Mark, Parker, Shivangi, Steven Erin, Trevor, Jessica, Julia, Ben

Miss Gurss' Language Arts- All students passed their Vocabulary and Caesar's English quizzes!

### Character Counts Corner

**Skylar** – She helped another student to carry the lunch boxes upstairs. (citizenship)

**Ben** – He helped another teacher who was carrying a large stack of books. (citizenship)

**Caitlin**- Picked up all of Monisha's things on the floor when they fell out of her desk. (Citizenship) AND **Caitlin** found \$27 dollars in her desk which she turned in and gave to the rightful owner! (Trustworthiness) Good week for Caitlin!

## Weekly Vocabulary

We are reviewing old vocabulary words this week.

Miss Gurss' Language Arts Class-Caesar's English Stems/Vocabulary:  
exquisite, clamor, sublime, tremulous, allude - Quiz will be on Friday.

