



# Elementary Fish "Tales"



## From the Desk of Mr. Meyer...

Dear Parents,

Our second quarter report cards will be distributed on Friday, February 4th. The report cards are designed to give you a good perspective on how your child is progressing in the current school year. If you need clarification, please do not hesitate to contact your child's teacher. Together we can help our children achieve great things!

The following poem is entitled, "Report Cards: A Child's Point of View." The author is unknown.

Soon I will bring home a snapshot of myself. This picture will be a time exposure of me that's been developing during the past weeks. Considering my many likes and dislikes, my mood changes from day to day, I think it's a pretty good likeness of me.

When you see my snapshot, remember this is a report of someone near and dear to you. So, please don't get too uptight if you see a blemish. Please do not picture me as being better than other kids. Remember that all children do not learn to talk or walk at the same time nor do they learn to read and write at the same time. Please do not compare me to my brother, my sister or the kid next door. You can set goals for me, but please be careful not to push me to succeed at something that is beyond my ability.

I hope that you understand that my report card is a picture of my school progress. When you meet my teacher, you will learn many things about my life at school. My teachers know me at school. You know me at home. The "real" me is somewhere in between. When these two pictures blend with acceptance and understanding, I hope my "snapshot" will be a shining portrait!

Sincerely,

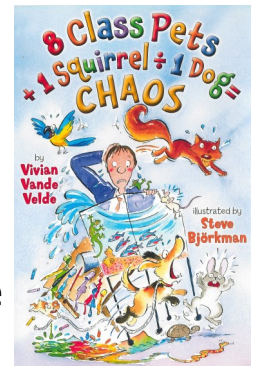
Marc Meyer

### Mark your Calendar:

- ✓ **2/7** Start of Kindergarten Registration @ DO by Appointment
- ✓ **2/8** BOE Meeting @ 7pm (HS)
- ✓ **2/21 - 2/25** Mid-Winter Recess - SCHOOL CLOSED

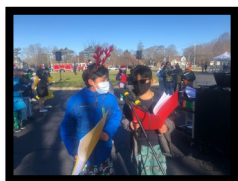
## HB Reads Together

The Reading Department is excited to report that HBES Reads Together was a great success! Teachers and children love this year's selection of *8 Class Pets Plus 1 Squirrel divided by 1 Dog=Chaos* by Vivian Vande Velde. This opened up great conversation and literacy activities across all grade levels as the entire school is reading this book! You can read more Squirrel adventures at home. Check out the author's website [www.vivianvandelde.com](http://www.vivianvandelde.com)!



## Music Notes

As we enjoy Winter, Third and Fourth Graders have kept their fingers warmed up by practicing piano. Kindergarten, First and Third Graders have moved into the lively rhythms of percussion instruments. Before the holiday break, Fourth Graders put on a great choral show. Their performance was part of the Winter Wonderland Walk, decorated by our wonderful PTA. Students in grades K-3 walked through the beautiful Wonderland, while listening to the Fourth Graders' live show! A lot of fun was had by all!



## Physical Education

This past quarter in Physical Education students have been practicing their soccer skills, played a variety of holiday and winter themed games including "Would you like to build a snowman? Students will be learning cooperative games in January and also participating in some low element obstacle courses.

As a safety reminder please have your children wear sneakers on physical education days.



HB students have been hard at work in STEAM this quarter. During the month of December, students in kindergarten through fourth grade participated in a CODING unit of study. We practiced coding using

different hands on robots including Botley, Code and Go Mouse and Ozobots. We also used an online coding program called CodeSpark. Learning to code may seem intimidating, but our students crushed it! We taught programming basics in a way that is highly engaging and most importantly FUN!

Young kids who learn to code get introduced to ideas such as cause and effect, thinking ahead, and how little steps add up to an amazing final product. Using CodeSpark was a fun and engaging way that helped HB students learn the basics of coding and creating algorithms. Students then tested their coding skills and gaming knowledge by building their own games and then sharing them with peers.

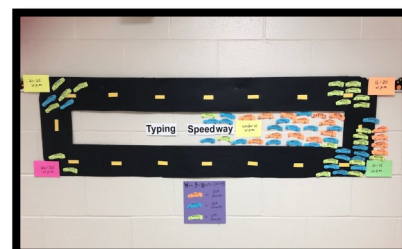
In the coming weeks, students will be introduced to new topics during STEAM. Kindergarteners will be learning about forces; First Graders will be studying the sun, moon, and stars; Second Graders will be learning about matter; Third Graders will be learning about fossils and animals through time, and Fourth Graders will be studying sound Waves.



## Technology News

Second, third and fourth grade students have been using typing.com to improve their wpm and accuracy while typing.

Kindergarten and first grade students have been using Seesaw quite a bit to practice technology skills. Students have been writing, taking photos, resizing photos, and drawing. Have your child show you what they've been doing on Seesaw!



Please follow us on Twitter at @HamptonBaysES so that you can see live feeds of what going on in the Elementary School!

## News from the Art Room!!

What a great turnout of Fire Prevention Posters. Thank you to all that participated. We had so many amazing posters that were handed in. However, only three students from each grade level were picked. The winners were announced in school and awards were given to them. The winners are: **Kindergarten:** Third Place Winner: Carlos Mejia Lopez, Second Place Winner: Joseph Fitzgerald, First Place Winner: Matthew Gonzalez. **First Grade:** Third Place Winner: Mariangel Roman, Second Place Winner: Lulu Liffen, First Place Winner: Lyanna Cruz. **Second Grade:** Third Place Winner: Morgan Tuthill, Second Place Winner: Logan De Benedette, First Place Winner: Nikki Zhang. **Third Grade:** Third Place Winner: Hudson Hanbach, Second Place Winner: Katherine Bonilla Morales. First Place Winner: Keylin Avalos. **Fourth Grade:** Third Place Winner: Leo Ferrufino Guillen, Second Place Winner: Manuella Ribeiro. First Place Winner: Camila Castro.

Art Studio of the Hamptons also gave one student in the Hampton Bays Elementary School a free scholarship to attend one of the art courses that they offer. The student that was picked was Marlynn Huerta-Potrero.



*Marlynn Huerta-Potrero*

## ¡Hola! From FLES

During the holidays, students kindergarten through fourth grade learned about cultural traditions in Spanish-speaking countries around the world. Students in Kindergarten and second grade read the story 'Twás Nochebuena' by Roseanne Greenfield Thong. While Kindergarten discussed their favorite holiday tradition in the story, second grade compared and contrasted the holiday traditions mentioned in the story to our very own. First and third grade learned about Christmas in Mexico. First grade read The Legend of the Poinsettia by Tomie dePaola and learned about the legend of the Christmas flower, while third grade learned about *Las Posadas*. Fourth grade learned about the Christmas traditions in Spanish-speaking countries around the world; Mexico, Puerto Rico, Uruguay, Costa Rica, Colombia, Spain and many more. Students in kindergarten through fourth grade also rang in the New Year in Spanish class. Fourth grade learned about the New Year tradition *Las 12 Uvas*, which originated in Spain and made their own 12 wishes in Spanish. We are read to take on Spanish fun this New Year!

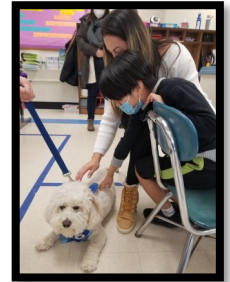
## First Grade Holidays Around the World

Over the last month, first graders studied countries around the world and their December holidays and traditions. They made crafts, read stories, and did research! Most importantly, they celebrated both their similarities and differences to other countries around the world. The entire experience was not only fun, but magical!

## Life Skills Academy News



This quarter in Mrs. Yakaboski's Life Skills Academy students had the opportunity to learn all about their community and different activities they can do in Hampton Bays. Students practiced dental hygiene and brushing their teeth to avoid cavities and sugar bugs! Students also learned all about reading and writing different story ideas. Students learned all about Winter activities as well as different arctic animals.



Students went on an amazing field trip to experience a movie theater! The Life Skills academy was also very fortunate to meet a therapy dog from "Love on a leash". The students LOVED meeting and spending time with the different therapy dogs and cannot wait to see them every week! The Life Skills Academy had a wonderful quarter filled with exciting activities, books, and fun games! We cannot wait to see what happens next!

## Student Council News

The Student Council had a great fundraiser in December to buy their Student Council t-shirts. We sold "Y-Ties", the no tie shoelaces. Thank you to everyone who supported the Student Council. The Student Council will be purchasing some playground equipment that we will donate for recess from our fundraiser. Student Council officers also set up the beautiful Christmas tree in the lobby for everyone to enjoy. We also planned the fun Holiday Spirit Week. Who doesn't like a pajama day before vacation?

## Library

Kindergarten, First and Second Graders have been working on *There Was a Cold Lady Who Swallowed Some Snow*. We read the book and are now in the process of making a paper bag puppet to hold all the items she swallowed. Third and Fourth Graders have been working on a creative writing activity. We read the book, *A Flake Like Mike*, and discussed how we are each unique in our own way. The students have designed their snowflake to represent them and are in the process of writing about it.

### Ms. Pen's Picks

*Polar Opposited* by Erik Brooks (K-4)

*The Thing Lou Couldn't Do* by Ashley Spire (K-4)

*How George Radium Saved Baseball* by David Shannon (2-4)

*Owling: Enter the World of the Mysterious Birds of the Night* by Mark Wilson (K-4)

*One Dog and His Boy* by Eva Ibbotson (3-4)

*Sanity & Tallulah* by Molly Brooks (3-4)



## Second Grade News!

We are having an exciting year in 2nd grade! During the month of December, the students were engaged in studying one of our favorite authors and illustrators, Jan Brett. She's the famous creator of the well-known story called *The Mitten*. A huge "thank you" to our Hampton Bays Elementary School P.T.A. for hosting a Winter Wonderland! It was so exciting to walk through the magical wonderland and meet some of our favorite winter characters! The students have been enjoying our interactive math curriculum I-Ready. It is amazing to see the growth in our math skills including, addition with regrouping and place value. In December, we welcomed volunteers from the Southampton Animal Shelter into our classrooms. We enjoyed learning how we can help support our local animal shelter. The students are looking forward to learning more about how they can make a difference in our community. In January, we enjoyed several new text sets including the Pleasure of Giving, Finding Beauty in the World Around You, and Exploring Different Cultures: Folktales. These texts highlight the importance of helping others and looking on the bright side. Our students have been practicing these skills inside and outside of the classroom. It's hard to believe we are just about at the 100-day mark! We are so proud of our students and all of their accomplishments thus far!



# Kindergarten

The month of December was very exciting in kindergarten. We had a visit from the North Pole, Santa! We also had a visit from Frosty the Snowman. We had a great time walking through the Winter Wonderland and hearing the chorus sing. We also enjoyed making holiday projects.



## Fourth Grade News

Our 4<sup>th</sup> grade students enjoyed walking to the firehouse and participating in The Journeys to Native Americans program. Students were able to apply the concepts they learned about Native Americans in class and acquire new ideas about this topic. A traveling Native American museum and an on-line presentation were components of the program that helped make learning fun for our students. The Native American unit is a fourth grade favorite.

In keeping with the spirit of the holiday season and in recognition of our troops, fourth grade students created holiday greeting cards for soldiers who are on active duty and away from home this Christmas. We are hopeful that our troops enjoyed the cards and know how proud we are of them.

## Third Grade News

In December, the third graders created and presented Google Slides to show and explain their family traditions. This project connected with the core curriculum and the Fountas and Pinnell reading program. During core the students listened to books that shared multicultural traditions from around the world. The students were fascinated and inspired by the traditions they read about that included children from other countries. The students selected any 1 or 2 family traditions that were important to them and their family. Some of the ones they selected included Christmas, New Years, Thanksgiving and birthdays. The students used their Chrome Books and technology skills to create the slides. They creatively inserted images to go along with their text and utilized the background and text features. In addition, students had fun selecting and applying animation to make their slides more interactive and come to life. Finally, the students proudly presented their slides and traditions to their classmates. We were impressed to see the students' creativity and technological skills applied in these amazing presentations!

# Citizen's of the Month

## November

### Life Skills

Martin Marulanda

### Kindergarten

Ethan Jimenez Pineda  
Ryland Clemensen  
Carter Orlando  
Mateo Bautista Gonzalez  
Jayden Flores Granda  
Carlos Mejia Lopez  
Rory Obert

### First Grade

Lyanna Cruz  
Matthew Alvarado Guzman  
Niamh Kelly  
Anahi Felipe Francisco  
Kellan Dalmasse  
Maite Gonzalez Reyes  
Alania Street

### Second Grade

Matthew Barreto  
Morgan Tuthill  
Brayden Lainez-Mejia  
Karen Pena Castano  
Mathias Correa  
Charlotte Cullings  
Jordan Mazariegos

### Third Grade

Olivia Postiglione  
Katherine Bonilla Morales  
Sheyla Gonzalez  
Selina Ljesnjanin  
Emeli Ochoa Hernandez  
Valentina Guevara  
Khloe Talmage

### Fourth Grade

Theodore Daugherty  
Izabela Gonzalez Escarcega  
Daniela Perez  
Jemely Mejia  
Janaeh Fowler  
Katherine Garcia Cano  
Hayden Wilson



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## December

### Life Skills

Dylan Martinez

### Kindergarten

Lucas Sarmiento Cuji

Sabrina Lattanzio

Veronica Caputo

Adele Valle Flores

Ariana Alvarracin Suculanda

Emma Lopez-Lascano

Kennedy Steudte

### First Grade

Sarah Holgado

Ayleen Chabla Rodriguez

Betsy Chavez

Samuel Suarez Agudelo

Sadie McMahan

Alejandro Henao Lasso

Erick Penaranda

### Second Grade

Evelin Marquez Velasquez

Logan DeBenedette

Danna Farez Solis

Adrian Hernandez-Reyes

Keily Augustin Ortega

Jacob Guevara

Bella Hernandez

### Third Grade

Kacper Talik

Grant Kurz

Thiago Eschverrey

Darien Gonzalez-Avila

Dylan Quesada Secura

George Rose

Vanessa Soroka-Sanchez

### Fourth Grade

Maeve Kelly

Dylan Bojadzic

Ryder Poulakis

Randy Soledad

Daniel Ferreira

Emely Uyaguari Gaonzalez

Zoey Danna

