



# Goosehill Primary School

Weekly Notes- November 14, 2014



Dear Parents,

Our math series is a program aligned with the New York State Common Core Learning Standards called **EnvisionMath**. The program engages our students through the use of math stories, video, math manipulatives, and cooperative problem solving. An introductory video illustrates the day's focus and is followed by the teacher-directed lesson. Next, the teacher may use interactive software to explore the topic further or involve the children in hands-on activities. A segment of guided practice is followed by a period of independent work or math games when the children apply what they have learned. The teacher also plans math learning centers so that the children have additional time to practice the skills they are learning. Throughout the math period, the teacher meets with small groups and individual students to guide and support them in their work. Finally, homework is assigned so that your child has the opportunity to apply his/her skills at home and engage in additional practice.

At Wednesday's GPFA meeting one of our kindergarten teachers, Mrs. Cooper, provided tips for parents to help support their children with math homework:

- Read the directions with or to your child. This is most important, as sometimes the reading level of the directions is above the child's grade level.
- Read through the math booklet that is sent home- especially the Home-School Connection section.
- Make flashcards of the vocabulary---or just use it in conversation!
- **Play the game.** This is a wonderful way to help your child practice what s/he is learning.
- Get the highlighted book from the library and read it to your child.
- Log on to the website and watch the video with your child.
- Assemble a box of handy materials and tools such as manipulatives (counters—such as pennies, checkers, beans), a ruler, a blank ten frame, etc.

In order to provide you with more information and ways to support your child's developing math skills, teachers are sending home a letter today containing instructions which will enable you to access the online portion of the **Envision** program. Once you log on, you will click on the word **Explore** in the top right corner. Then click on a topic your child is studying. Click on **View** to view the video introducing the topic and then **My Books** and the **Open Book** icon to see the student materials. There is even a Glossary with visual supports to help you define mathematical terms for your child.

The teachers and I hope that this resource will help you support your child. Remember, if your child seems to have difficulty with a concept, please let the teacher know. We do not expect you to re-teach concepts to your child! If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Sincerely,

Lynn Herschlein

### Dates to remember

- **November 19<sup>th</sup>**- Spirit Day! Wear school apparel or school colors.
- **November 20<sup>th</sup>**-Parent Reading Workshop- How Parents Can Support Children's Reading Comprehension Skills

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### **Exciting Parent Event with Dr. Shefali Tsabary- Wednesday, December 10, 2014 at 7PM** **At the Cold Spring Harbor Jr/Sr High School Performing Arts Center**

Dr. Shefali Tsabary, a clinical psychologist, is a renowned international speaker on parenting. She is an author of two parenting books and has made several appearances on *Oprah*.

**Please pre-register at [www.csh.k12.ny.us](http://www.csh.k12.ny.us)**

Pre-Registration: \$10

Night of Event: \$15

**PRE-REGISTRATION IS STRONGLY ENCOURAGED**



**see flyer**

### **Notes from the GPFA**

Thank you to all who attended **Parents Night Out**. It was a wonderful evening and a very successful fund-raising effort on behalf of Goosehill. Through your support, we raised \$8,600! Wow! A special thank you to our event Chairperson, Kim Testa who made this event amazing! Thank you also to all our volunteers who worked so hard to make the evening a success: Maureen Chapey, Amy Koenigsberger, Kara Attalienti, Jennifer Cahn, Christiane Franzese, Jill Seiman, Amanda Light, Mel Saladino, Stacy Neri, Alysa Kitchin, Randa Reford, Heather Savarese, Jeannine Henvey, and Chloe Henning.

Calling all BAKERS! **The Goosehill Holiday Dessert Bake will take place on December 12th**. Volunteers are needed to bake/buy holiday treats to be included in holiday baskets for the Goosehill staff. Please check your email for a link to sign-up via Volunteer Spot. Please contact Tala Gitto ([twashton@washtongitto.com](mailto:twashton@washtongitto.com)) or Becky Bonventre ([rebeccabonventre@gmail.com](mailto:rebeccabonventre@gmail.com)) for more information.

The **Green Committee** has been teaching the children about recycling during Monday lunch periods. Other learning activities will be implemented throughout the year.

Each class will participate in a **Thanksgiving food drive** in conjunction with Helping Hands Rescue Mission in Huntington Station. Each child will be asked to donate one dry food item and \$1 to put towards a turkey gift certificate. The children will decorate boxes for the items to be stored, and they will talk about the importance of helping others, especially during the holiday season. Participation is voluntary. We think this is a wonderful opportunity for family discussions about charity and good will towards all.

Don't forget to keep sending in **Box Tops and Labels for Education**! Every dime helps!

### **Message from SEPTA**

Our next 2nd cup of coffee is Friday November 21st at 9:30 in the Community Room at Goosehill. Please join us!!

### **ASPIRE Center for Learning and Development: Proactive vs. Reactive College Transition for High School Students with Disabilities**

Is your teen thinking of attending college? Are you feeling stuck and aren't sure how to best prepare them for this transition? In this talk, staff from *ASPIRE Center for Learning and Development* will review what you and your teen need to know in order to make this transition a successful experience. Students with disabilities CAN succeed in college! Come find out how!

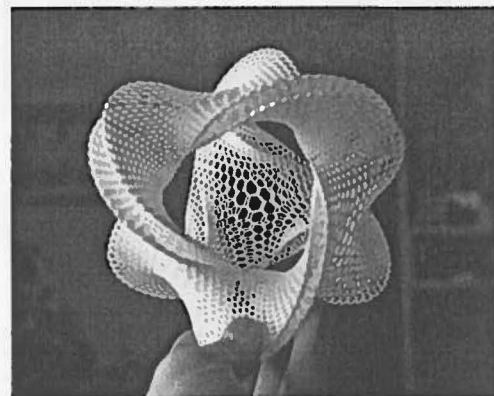
Speakers: Monica Arevalo, MS, MHC and Maureen Holohan

**For Kids & Teens! *Programs from Cold Spring Harbor Library's Youth Services Department. Registration Required!***

### **3D Printer on Display**

**Visit us in the Children's Department this week to see the Suffolk County Library System's traveling 3D printer!**

We will be giving demonstrations of this new technology from Saturday, November 15– Friday, November 28. A reception will be held on Wednesday, November 19th in the Hands-On Learning Center from 4-6pm. Light refreshments will be served!



**SIGNATURE EVENTS**

### **Save the Date!**

**Ballet Long Island- Nutcracker Act II**

**Sunday December 7, 2014 3:00 PM to 4:00 PM**

**Make plans to enjoy this seasonal favorite at your library!**

**Registration is required.**



**For more information about any Kids or Teen Programs or for program registration, contact a Youth Services Librarian at the Cold Spring Harbor Library - 631-692-6820**

**For Adults! *Programs and Services from Cold Spring Harbor Library's Information Services Department***

## **What You Need to Know Before Buying a Digital Camera Wednesday, November 19 at 7pm**



### **Open to adults and young adults!**

There are more products on the market than ever before to create digital images – cameras, lenses, flashes, filters, accessories, bags, computer software, and more. What should you get?

Learn what's available and what you really need to capture the type of images you want, just in time for the holiday season.

**For more information about any Adult Program, contact Information Services at the Cold Spring Harbor Library at 631-692-6820.**