

**Teacher Reports - February 28, 2023**  
(and Highlights from family newsletters)

**Maria Gibson, Grades 1 & 2**

A graphic titled "Mrs. Gibson's Classroom News" with the date "W/C 02/27/23". It features a central orange box with the heading "This week at a glance:" and four sections: Morning Circle, ELA Centers, Math, and Social Studies, each with a brief description of classroom activities. The graphic is decorated with stars and a plant icon.

**Mrs. Gibson's Classroom News** W/C 02/27/23

**This week at a glance:**

**Morning Circle:** Character Traits: Gratitude, math concept review looks at the open number line and splitting strategy to add numbers upto 100. Vocabulary review has Grade 1 reading, speaking and writing sight words and sentences and Grade 2 reading, speaking and writing vocabulary words from Reading A-Z.

**ELA Centers:** We are choral reading books At the Rodeo (Level E), Bake Sale (Level F), The Grand Canyon (Level K) and Color Blindness (Level T). Students are working through the meaning of words in their vocabulary lesson. At the writing center Group 1 is writing sight word sentences and Group 2,3 and 4 are writing two paragraphs.

**Math:** Second Grade students direct instruction this week is Unit 3, Module 1 looking at the open numberline and splitting strategies to add and subtract two digit numbers upto 100. First grade students will be working with a partner on workplaces 3D Tower Race and 3E Cats and Mice

**Social Studies:** This week we will be finishing the unit on History, communication over time and we will begin Cultural Literacy and the many diverse cultures there are.

**Art:** A 3D Bee Hive Craft

**Natalie Shoptaw, Grades 3 & 4**

Double shout-out thank yous to all of the grown ups who helped us with our recent class party, and our field trip to Mendocino for the Chinese New Year Parade and book shop experience! We could not have done any of it without them!

Our upcoming Field Trip to Luther Burbank Center (LBC), Santa Rosa is fast approaching because February is a short month! Monday, March 6, (a week from tomorrow) we are scheduled to attend a live performance of Lightning Thief at LBC in Santa Rosa. This week in class, we will be closely examining professional audience behaviors for attending live performances.

After this week off, we will be reviewing paragraph formation using TEE strategy; we will also be crafting paragraphs including a "show what you know" paragraph regarding Clara Barton. I hope this week all students will finalize the construction of their balloon powered cars so they can be brought home. We will also be shipping off for publishing our local history book. More on that to come.

Our annual Science Fair is at the end of March. For grades 3-4 this is a homework assignment. I'll be sending the display boards home this week. Students pose a question that is testable, test their question, track the data, and share results using the display board. On Science Fair Night, all classrooms have the display boards available for viewing. All classrooms' displays are accessible to all visitors.

## Dani Krebs, Grades 5 & 6

**Mrs. Krebs 5th/6th Grade Classroom News**

### In the classroom

It was so great to see everyone back after break! This week the 6th graders are taking a math test, and the 5th graders are starting to learn about decimals through manipulatives. I also sent home the science fair boards.

### Upcoming Events

- Science Fair March 29
- board meeting Feb. 28th
- Field Trip Thursday March 2nd.

### Extracurricular

- Basketball starts 3/1

### We're going on a field trip!

I sent home permission slips for our field trip for this Thursday. The people in charge of the field trip require the liability waiver signed and the permission slip itself. If you are able to chaperone I also need you to fill out my permission slip as well.

## Mike Lang, Grades 7 & 8

Our core curriculum is finding its path, once again. We are reading an excerpt from some various novels in our MyPerspectives curriculum. Our Perspectives Unit is allowing us to see the adversity that some people go through, looking at physical disabilities and other impairments, such as blindness. We are able to study Helen Keller, which is a great opportunity to see what she had to go through with all the adversity in her life.

In our other core subjects, we continue to attack new learning. In Mathematics, we are studying the Pythagorean Theorem, which is our first major venture in Geometry. In Algebra I, we continue to challenge ourselves to break down complex concepts into more relatable, foundational skills. Our McGraw-Hill curriculum is taking us to Early Rome, as we learn about the early beginnings of their republic. Lastly, we are continuing our study of genetics in our Dimensions curriculum, in addition to choosing our Science Fair projects.

Our electives continue to bring us fun opportunities to learn new skills. We are finalizing the first episodes of our class YouTube Channel. We are very excited to take on this new adventure as a class and the product should be awesome! We are also continuing to learn CPR and First Aid in Health, which is a great skill to have. Our life skills course has included some quality class discussions around how to stop bullying and harassment and we're also learning some new group communication skills.

Lastly, we have some exciting activities coming up. Our school president will tell you about some fun activities that our Student Council has planned. In addition, our field trip with Ms. Natalie's class to Cal Poly Humboldt is coming up in one month. This will be an exciting trip to tour a college campus and get to see the Marine Biology center and do some hands-on learning.

As always, I'm very appreciative of this community and encourage anyone to reach out with any questions. This is a great group of students we have and I look forward to each day that I get to work with them.

Mr. Lang