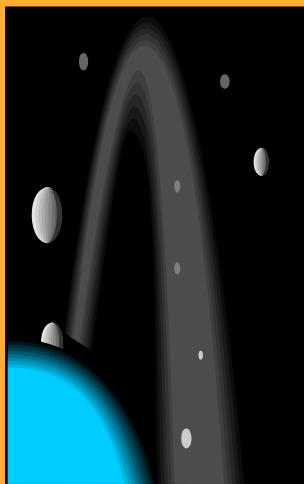


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Thanksgiving Feast!

On November 24th, Gillen Brewer held its annual Thanksgiving Feast. The Asteroids helped decorate the table by making different colored leaves that said what each student was most thankful for. The table looked beautiful with a decorative Thanksgiving table cloth, Thanksgiving plates and cups, and the students' leaves scattered about.

Parents, relatives, and the fabulous Asteroids dined on turkey, ham, stuffing, macaroni and cheese, noodle kugel, pumpkin pie, apple pie, cupcakes and cookies. It was

a delicious meal and everyone enjoyed each others' company. The Thanksgiving Feast is a great way to kick off the holiday season.



Kristin and her mom enjoying the feast.

Thanks to all the Asteroid parents and relatives who made this such a special and delicious day!



The Asteroids' Thanksgiving table.



Jaquan enjoying a turkey leg.

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Penny Harvest

Gillen Brewer participated in the annual Penny Harvest penny drive again this year. The Galaxies organized this year's penny drive and got kids excited about the "kids vs. staff" competition. The Asteroids did an excellent job

and collected approximately 20 pounds of pennies. Collectively, the kids donated approximately 180 pounds compared to the staff's measly 12 pounds. Later in the year the Galaxies and the Quasars will decide which organization to

donate the money to. The Penny Harvest is an excellent way for all students to participate in giving to those less fortunate.

Finish Up Friday!



Jane and the Asteroids playing the Chili Pepper game.

Each Friday, the Asteroids have “Finish Up Friday” at the end of the day. Jane Enright works with classroom teachers to plan fun games for the kids to play that help develop language skills. Jane has some fabulous games up her sleeve! In the Perception game, each child has a turn to dance in front the class ending in any pose he/she chooses. The dancer has to

hold the pose while each child tells the class what he/she thinks the pose looks like. This is a fun way to show that people have different opinions or perceptions of the same thing.

Another fun game is the Chili Pepper game. The class sits in a circle and passes a musical chili pepper around until the music stops. The child holding the pepper has to choose from

a variety of tasks to perform, such as making animal noises for kids to guess, letting another child put them in a funny pose, singing a song, etc.

Finish Up Friday is a great way to end the week with fun games that have the class working together and working on language skills.



Nichelle and DeVonni at the American Museum of Natural History.

Field Trip

The Asteroids and the Quasars took a trip to the American Museum of Natural History. The two classes worked in pairs on a scavenger hunt in the hands-on space exhibit. The kids looked for information on meteorites and planets. They also found out how many pounds they each

would weigh on Mars, Saturn, the sun, and the moon. The kids were then treated to the newest movie at the planetarium, *Journey to the Stars*, narrated by Whoopi Goldberg. This film explores the birth, life, and death of stars as well as constellations. Both classes had a great time! Thanks to

Andrea for organizing a fantastic trip!

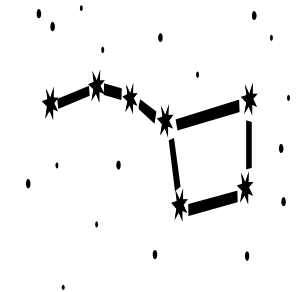


Photo Gallery



DeVonni making a PB & J sandwich.



Jonathan and his dad enjoy the Thanksgiving Feast.



Henry and Jonathan playing Uno.