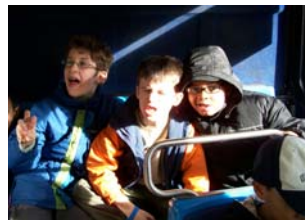




Penny Harvest Update: Students Win!

The Galaxies led the school in this year's Penny Harvest. They made posters and gave presentations encouraging the rest of the school to collect as many pennies as possible for this year's Staff-vs.-Students challenge. The students beat



Eli, Marco, and Troy ride the bus to TD Bank

the staff with a remarkable 200 lbs of pennies to the staff's meager 12 lbs! The Galaxies showed true leadership by bringing in nearly half of those pennies themselves. Marco collected over 60 lbs of pennies in his building alone! In the spring, Gillen Brewer students will decide which charities to donate the money to.

The Galaxies celebrated the end of the Penny Harvest with a field trip to TD Bank,

where they had a chance to sort coins in the Penny



Rafael collects his prize at TD Bank

Arcade. They also hosted a Penny Harvest party in their classroom. The Quasars, Asteroids, and Neptunes all joined the Galaxies for the celebration and award ceremony.

Thanksgiving Feast

Gillen Brewer held its annual Thanksgiving Feast on November 24th.



Rafael and Eli enjoy some of the delicious foods at the feast.

The Galaxy families put together a wonderful meal of traditional Thanksgiving foods, which the students, their parents, and Galaxy team members all enjoyed together.

The Galaxies, who have been learning all about the difference be-

tween wants and needs in Social Studies, decorated the table with placemats illustrating their "True Riches", which included things like family, health, and safety.. They also put together a video presentation in which each student talked about the things they're thankful for.

Inside this issue:

Welcome Galaxies	1
Social Studies	2
Language Arts and Math	2
Specials	2
Galaxy Gallery	3

November/December Birthdays



- Benny — November 2*
- Rafael — November 7*
- Max — November 26*
- Dovid — December 16*

Language Arts, Math, and Social Studies

You've probably noticed the Open Court Readers in your son's backpack over the last few weeks; the Galaxies have begun working with these readers to improve their comprehension and understanding of story structure. The



Open Court Readers are full of rich stories and the Galaxies will continue working with them throughout the school year.

In Writing, the Galaxies have been learning about how to expand on their ideas by coming back to

their writing later on. We've been working on rereading, revising, and adding more detail to our writing. We have also been talking about characters and dialogue, including how to use quotation marks in our writing.



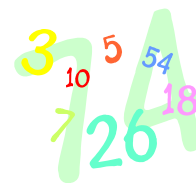
In January, the class will begin trying their hands at realistic fiction.

In Social Studies, the Galaxies completed a unit of study in December about how people in communities work together to meet their needs and wants. We

learned about goods and services; different kinds of resources; and how things are produced. In January, we will begin talking about how communities change over time. The students will learn how to use and create timelines.



The Penny Harvest provided lots of opportunities to practice many math skills, including counting by 5s and 10s; and counting change.



Specials

On October 26th, the Lincoln Center Jazz Ensemble performed for several classes at Gillen Brewer. The Galaxies were lucky to have the chance to listen to this amazing group of musicians who demonstrated the range of different sounds and styles present in jazz music. The per-



The Galaxies listen to the Lincoln Center Jazz Ensemble perform.

formance really brought to life what they've been learning about jazz in music class!

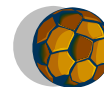
In art, the Galaxies have been creating all different kinds of drawings and paintings with Kate using a variety of mediums. They've worked with charcoal, paint, and pencil, to name a few. They've also built many different kinds of sculptures.



In Technology, the Galax-

ies have begun using a color-coded typing program called "Paws Junior", which is designed to move students away from the "hunt and peck" method of typing. The Galaxies have been working hard to build both speed and accuracy!

When we return from vacation, the Galaxies will no longer have basketball at Asphalt Green. Instead, they will be playing soccer on Wednesdays and Fridays.



The Galaxy Gallery



Troy shows his receipt from TD Bank



Dovid and his grandmother eat together on Grandparent's Day



Benny collects his money at TD Bank.



Marco savors his meal during the Thanksgiving Feast



The Galaxies and their families enjoy the wonderful food at the Thanksgiving Feast



Dovid and Troy play on the slide at Asphalt Green Park



Max counts change with the cash register



Benny and Dovid work on charcoal drawings in Art class