

2009



GILLEN BREWER SCHOOL

QUASARS

November

The Quasars journey into outer space!



On Wednesday, Nov. 18, The Quasars and the Asteroids got to explore the Rose Center for Earth and Space at the American Museum of Natural History! First, the students did a scavenger hunt through the ground level of the center's space exhibit. Afterward, the Quasars saw an outer space show at the Hayden Planetarium. This planetarium is the most advanced facility of its kind in the world. The Quasars got to see their outer space science curriculum up-close and in color on this exciting field trip. For a closer look at the museum and its facilities, go to www.amnh.org/rose.



Studying Gillen Brewer

The Quasars are embarking on a Gillen Brewer Study. In this project your Quasar will learn about the history of the school and the roles of the people who work here. Each student will interview someone who works at our school, help build a scale model of the school building, and participate in discussions about how our school works. The Quasars have been learning about letter writing and interviewing as part of this project.

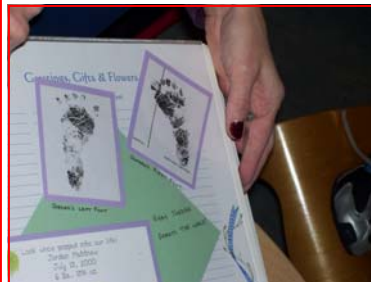
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Reminders/ Mini Calendar

- Parent conferences will be held from Dec. 7–Dec. 18. If you have a question about your scheduled time, contact Joe Surak at: Joe@GillenBrewer.com or (212) 831–3667 ext. 206.
- School closed Dec. 24–Jan. 1 for the Holiday Break.
- School resumes on Monday, January 4.
- School closed on Jan. 15
- Our Quasars are growing! Check your snack schedule for your family's week to contribute. Plan on **eight** items for your week.

Star Students in the Quasars

Throughout the year, each Quasar will be recognized as a “Star Student.” Each turn as Star Student lasts for two weeks. During this time, the Star Student has the opportunity to share his/her favorite book during a read aloud, be the teachers’ assistant, and bring in keepsakes from home to share with the class. Family members are also invited to come in and share a lunch time with their Star Student, read to the class or lead a special activity. Please keep an eye out for your Quasar’s time as Star Student!



Jordan Spindel was our first Star Student.



Learning about New York State in Social Studies

In Social Studies, the Quasars have been learning about New York State. After completing a unit on New York City, the Quasars have been making comparisons between the roles of the city and state governments. After finishing our New York State unit, we will be moving on to learn about The United States as a whole. Finally, our social studies unit will progress to learning about various aspects of Latin America.

A Feast to Remember

On Tuesday, Nov. 24, GBS had its annual Thanksgiving Feast. Parents, students, teachers, and Quasar team members shared heaping plates of seasonal food. Thanks to all who participated and contributed to making this a Thanksgiving Feast to remember.



Sharing traditions in Writers' Workshop

Traditions are an important part of every family. This month the Quasars shared their family traditions by writing about them in writers' workshop. Students shared their favorite moments, games, and customs and we all got the chance to learn more about each other. Ask your Quasar which tradition he or she shared in class!