



Beazley Building Blocks

Building A Strong Foundation of Learning

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Kindergarten

In a den near L.L. Beazley school there is no denying.
Through the long, cold winter sleeps a lion.
Cuddled in his cave, with his eyes shut tight,
He sleeps through the day, and he dreams through the night.
The cold winds blow and he watches the kindergartners grow
But the lion snores on..
K students found the Gingerbread Man and studied map skills along the way.
We practiced counting by fives and tens - Hip Hip Hooray!
As the kindergartners blossom, the winter weather was awesome.
But the lion snores on.
The students studied holiday traditions and the difference between what we want and need.
And you will be amazed to know how many words we can read!
We hoped the snow takes a turn. The kindergarten students continue to learn.
But the lion snores on.
With the excitement of the new year, we counted backward from number 10.
We studied the properties of water and wondered where the snow had been?
The January wind was breezy, Kindergarten is so easy.
But the lion snores on.
Bar Graphs and Picture Graphs are what we love to do.
We even went on a field trip and saw the movie Frozen 2!
The winter weather is still here.. Let's give those Kindergartners a great big cheer!
As the lion snores on.

First Grade

First grade is on the go! The third nine weeks will offer opportunity for growth in many areas of learning.

- Celebration of the 100th day of school
- Telling time and determine the value of coins up to 100 cents
- Participate in a school fun-run
- Study famous Americans and influential people of our Commonwealth
- Enjoy a visit from the Maggie L. Walker National Historical Museum via travel trunk for a visit back in time

Second Grade

Second Grade is right on time...

Telling time and writing stories
Reading fiction and sharing glories

Making connections as we go
Summarizing like a pro

Animal habitats and adaptations
Famous Americans like Jackie Robinson

Fractions and temperature to the nearest degree
Measuring things like you and me

Excited for what is in store!
We can't wait to learn some more!

Third Grade

Third grade continues their quest to build stamina and practice important test taking strategies as the year progresses.

We have worked hard on multiplication facts and appreciate your continued support at home with practicing for fluency.

A Peek at the 3rd 9 Weeks:

Math: Fractions, measurement, area, and perimeter.

Reading: Reading strategies to strengthen comprehension in reading both fiction and nonfiction texts.

We are very excited about our upcoming Field Trip to see **Unsung Heroes** at Swift Creek Mill Theatre on February 27th.

Fourth Grade

The Fourth Grade has been working hard reading Nonfiction texts, practicing multiplication and long division, learning about Force and Motion and Electricity, and continuing our study of the regions of the United States. We have also been concentrating on improving our writing through Writer's Workshops.

Upcoming Skills will include the following:

- **Reading:** Poetry and Grammar
- **Math:** Customary and Metric units of Measurement, Elapsed Time, and Area and Perimeter
- **Science:** Plant Anatomy and Life Processes and The Solar System
- **Social Studies:** Regions of the United States

You can help your child at home by:

- Encourage your child to read or reading with your child each night
- Review Multiplication Facts

Fifth Grade

Last Quarter, our fifth graders took part in a Tech Field Day presented by PGHS students and teachers. Students were given the opportunity to use Ozobots, create catapults, use a heat press and so much more! This was an amazing experience for our students and such a huge success!

This third nine weeks we will focus on Poetry and Figurative Language in Language Arts. Math focuses on Perimeter, Area and Volume, Metric Measurement, Circles, Angles and Triangles. In science we will be studying Oceans and Plant and Animal Cells. VA Studies will be focusing on the Civil War and Reconstruction Period.

We are also anticipating a Colonial Williamsburg Field Trip in the 3rd Quarter!

Don't forget to keep up the good work with AR!

Math Interventionist – Ms. Steele

3rd grade: Fractions and measurement will be the biggest units for 3rd quarter. Students will learn how to represent, compare, add and subtracting fractions. They will also learn to read temperature, estimate and measure length and volume, as well as area and perimeter!

4th grade: Measurement is the largest unit in the 3rd quarter, but area, perimeter, elapsed time, equality and adding and subtracting decimals will also be taught and practiced. Measurement will focus on estimating and measuring length and weight, while also finding equivalent measurements.

5th grade: Measurement and geometry will be the major focus in 3rd quarter. Measurement is focused on practical problems and the metric system, while parts of a circle and classifying and measuring triangles take over geometry! Area, perimeter, volume, and transformations will also be taught and practiced!

Practice: Sign on to Clever (from the Beazley website) to access IXL. Don't be afraid to work on skills in the previous grade as there are many overlapping skills!

Reading Interventionist – Mrs. Dingas

We continue working hard on essential skills to help children become successful and confident readers! We will be focusing on strategies they can use in all of their reading!

At home reading tips

When children can choose what to read, they are more likely to enjoy it! Keep materials other than books at home too! Magazines, maps, newspapers, games, and puzzles are great resources that focus on critical thinking!

Ask your child questions about the book they are reading!

- "Is this story fiction or nonfiction?"

- "What would you do if you were in this story?"

- "Would you recommend this book? Why or why not?"

Check out these great websites!

Parent Resource for read aloud stories- <https://readaloudrevival.com/>

Hear celebrities read stories aloud! - <https://www.storylineonline.net/>

Parent Resource- <https://readingpartners.org/blog/back-to-school-reading-tips/>

Tech Tidbit – Ms. Audino, ITRT

Beazley celebrated Computer Science Education Week with [Fifth Grade Tech Field Day](#) and an Hour of Code for all students!

Fourth Grade Coding Club doubled in participants and will continue to explore algorithms and programming concepts weekly! Coding is not just for class or clubs! Start your own creative coding project using [Scratch](#) or BrainPop's Creative Coding topics at home! Fourth and fifth graders, use your [CS First](#) Class account to explore awesome projects assigned to you!

Computer Science Standards continue to be integrated into core content areas of reading, math, science and/or history in classrooms across campus, strengthening students' digital literacy and resulting in deeper learning!

Be sure to visit the [ITRT Page](#) for a wealth of resources, including interactive activities for remediation and/or acceleration in all content areas!

PACE & SOAR – Mr. Herzing

PACE students are currently publishing their newsletter articles, and the first edition will be sent home sometime at the beginning of the third nine weeks grading period. Look forward to hearing stories about the various clubs, art projects, library updates, and much more to come! We will begin our long-range projects soon working with computer sciences. SOAR students and new nominees will be screened in March. I will send home information to those students as testing approaches.

For more information, visit our Facebook Page: PG PACE or the school's website.

Thoughts from Administration

Amanda Clay, Ed.D ~ Principal

Greetings Beazley Families!

It is hard to believe that we are half-way through our school year! Our staff and students have been working diligently during the first semester. Please review your child's report card and discuss their academic progress. If there are areas of struggle, contact your child's teacher to find ways you can partner with us to support academic growth. Education is truly a team effort between the school and parents. We hope you will join us on the evening of March 5 for Beazley Night to Shine. This year's event will feature various stations and STEM activities for parents and students to complete together. Our goal is to allow you an opportunity to learn and have fun with your child that night. We appreciate your partnership and look forward to an amazing second semester here at Beazley!

Counseling Corner – Ms. Collier

In January - February, we will begin a K-5 lesson series on CONFLICT RESOLUTION. We will work on solving problems peacefully and resolving conflicts independently.

- Emotion Management
- Tattling vs. Reporting
- Use "I" messages
- Listen first
- Use teamwork to find a solution
- Talk to an adult when no solution can be reached

Important Dates & Events

January 28-February 5: Boosterthon Fundraiser

February 3-7: National School Counseling Week

February 4: Grades 3-5 Honor Roll Assemblies

February 5: Boosterthon Fun Run

February 7: K-2 Recognition Assemblies

February 18: Pre-K Field Trip to Children's Museum

February 18: Chick-Fil-A-Night 5-8pm

February 26: Interim Reports go home

February 27: 3rd Gr Field Trip to Swift Creek Mill Theatre

February 28: Black History Month Play

March 2-6: Book Fair

March 3: Muffins in the Morning (female students) 7:30am

March 5: Beazley Night to Shine 5-8pm

March 10: Spring Pictures

March 24: Scaly Adventures

March 27: End of the 3rd Nine Weeks

Resource Roundup

PE

- We would like to congratulate all students selected for "Beazley Bullets" this year.
- Thank you for your support of our "Y-Ties" fundraiser! It was a huge success and will go towards new equipment in the PE room!
- Hometown Heroes 5k and Fun Run info will be coming in February.

Music

- Chorus will be performing at "Spring Fling" on Saturday, March 14th. Time of performance will come soon

Art

- Student Artwork will be on display at Spring Fling March 14th.
- Art classes will learn about the printmaking process in the coming weeks.

Library

- The Spring Jungle Book Fair will be held March 2-6 as well as the evening of March 5.