

Eagle Eye on GSS Elementary Program – Mrs. Higgins

4th & 5th Grade Students Explore and Learn

Grade 4 students spent much of their time learning about the causes, composition and types of **Volcanoes**. They started by focusing on the earth's interior and volcanic formation, then ended by learning about the process of how volcanoes function and the engineering associated with predicting eruptions. Students learned from in-class demonstrations, and by participating in mock magma toothpaste volcanic eruptions. Students created their own desktop volcanos to learn about clues that predict a volcanic blast.

Grade 5 students blasted into outer space! Students embarked on a journey through the **Solar System** during which they investigated celestial bodies and participated in a gravity experiment encompassing a **hands-on chair** motion exercise. Students created their own planets and explored planet placement in relation to the luminous body we call the Sun.

In **Grade 5**, students in **Religion** took on the roles of investigators and reporters. They researched how God reveals himself to us. They used the Holy Bible, the Scriptures, and real-life experiences to investigate the mystery of the Most Holy Trinity. They ended the marking period on an imaginary trip to Galilee where they interviewed the disciples who witnessed the miracle of Jesus Calming the Storm. Students used Google Docs and Chromebooks to create, edit and publish their own newspapers to share the Word.

In **Grade 5** students in **Math class** developed and enriched their Mental Math skills. They learned place value, word form, expanded form and decimal placement from the hundred-thousands place to the hundred thousandths place. Students recognized and explored new multiplication patterns and tables with a focus on problem solving.

Grades 4 and 5 students blasted off to a great start in the first marking period, and are headed toward a successful landing in the new year!

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*4th & 5th Grade SCIENCE:
Studying the Solar System, Gravity & Volcanoes*

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Thank you to the **Collingswood Fire Department** who visited GSS during last month's "Fire Prevention Month" to raise student awareness about fire safety and home safety plans in the case of an emergency. They also took the time to teach the students about all the interesting components on their **FIRETRUCK!**



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