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Godwin School

"Coming together is a beginning, keeping together is progress, working together is success."



Welcome Back

Godwin School isn't the same in the summer without the hustle and bustle of our students and staff. While we all need a little break to rejuvenate, I truly look forward to September when everyone returns to school. Back to School Night is quickly approaching on Tuesday, September 12. I hope you can attend to meet your child's teacher and learn about the grade level curriculum. This is such an important night because an abundance of information is shared about classroom procedures, expectations, assessments and means of communication. New this year, will be a Back to School Night for the Basic Skills Instruction Program on Wednesday, October 4. We believe that the Basic Skills Instruction (BSI) program is vital in helping your child meet grade level expectations. Our reading and math specialists will present information about their programs and share strategies to help your child at home. Parents will be notified if their child is in the BSI program around mid-September.



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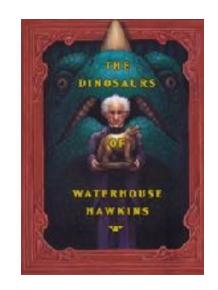


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The 2017 Golden Leaf Award Winning Book was

The Dinosaurs of Waterhouse Hawkins.

The Golden Leaf Award recognizes the students' favorite book from that school year. Ms. Carr, the Media Specialist, selected specific books throughout the year to highlight her chosen theme. This past year was biographies; through read-alouds, websites, geography, and photographs the students were immersed in each person's life. They discussed what made them noteworthy and how they persevered for their cause. The biographies ranged from Elizabeth Blackwell, the first woman to receive a medical degree to George Ferris, the creator of the Ferris Wheel to Annie Carroll Moore, a pioneer in children's librarianship to Lonnie Johnson, inventor of the Super Soaker and later a NASA employee...just to name a few. Ms. Carr selected a variety of famous people to intrigue the students and help them realize anything is possible. This was a large part of her



theme, anything is possible if you try hard enough. Don't give up, don't get discouraged, if you believe in yourself you can accomplish anything. Ms. Carr is eager to begin introducing students to new literature through this year's theme.....you'll have to wait to find out what is it.

MEET A GODWIN STAFF MEMBER.....

Who are the people in your child's school, in your child's school, in your child's school.....

Every issue will feature a staff member and provide an opportunity to get to know them. This month Suzanne Esposito is our superstar!! Suzanne is Godwin School's most veteran teacher with 26 years teaching in district. She currently teaches 2nd grade but has taught in both Highland and Godwin Schools in grades 2, 3 and 4. Suzanne believes in fostering connections with her students outside of the classroom. She attends students' games, recitals, and performances which lends itself nicely to conversations in the classroom.

Suzanne has two grown children; Amanda is a nurse and Andrew is an electrician, but her real baby is

her cockapoo, Abby. Suzanne is an avid Yankees and Giants fan and loves to attend games. She looks forward to Sports Themed Spirit Days so she can wear her team's apparel. Suzanne also enjoys cooking and hosting parties, she is a real people person and engages in conversation easily. Suzanne likes to spend her downtime at the beach soaking up the sun and listening to the crashing waves.

Godwin School is extremely fortunate to have Suzanne Esposito on staff. She is an integral part of the second grade team and a valuable member of the Midland Park School District.

