I can’t believe how quickly time flies as we are quickly approaching the end of another wonderful school year. There are many cool and exciting things that have taken place over the last couple of months. The 1st graders participated in an activity called Vowel Town. Vowel sounds are difficult to learn. Pathways to Reading places the vowel sounds onto a vowel chart called “Vowel Town”. Vowel Town is a mnemonic (picture) created as students learn the mouth shape and mouth action for English vowel sounds. Through vowel town activities first graders learn vowel spellings, how to correctly pronounce the vowel sounds, and how to discriminate between vowel sounds. Below is a picture of the entire first grade class as they worked together to produce their Vowel Town.  

- Dr. Smith

ON MAY 9TH, THE 3RD GRADERS PARTICIPATED IN A FIELD TRIP TO GLEN HILLS where they had the opportunity to meet Mr. Rogers and to meet the current 4th grade teachers. During this time frame, the students learned about the structure of 4th grade, had an opportunity to ask questions related to 4th grade and were able to tour Glen Hills helping them feel good about transitioning to GHs next year.

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STAFF APPRECIATION WEEK

Two weeks ago we celebrated Staff Appreciation Week and I would like to send a Shout Out to the PTO for surprising the staff. When arriving to work on Monday morning, every staff member was greeted with a beautifully decorated door. Each door reflects each individual staff member’s personality and/or things they enjoy or are passionate about. I also wanted to publicly thank the PTO for all of the amazing food they provided us with throughout the week.

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SUMMER ACADEMY

Are you looking for fun things to do in the summer? The District’s Summer Academy program offers a variety of academic, social and play based courses that your son or daughter can participate in between June 24-July 25, 2019. Please note, registration for Summer Academy closes on May 31, 2019. Families are welcome to register online by visiting https://www.glendale.k12.wi.us/district_links/departments/student_services/summer_academy

It has truly been a pleasure to partner with families this year. I would like to wish everyone a happy, healthy and safe summer. - Dr. Smith