Peace Days: 60!!

It's not easy to earn 60 Peace Days, but all of Elementary School did! They know how to be Respectful, Responsible, and Resilient—the 3 Rs of GSD's Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports (PBIS) program—and did not have an office referral for 60 days! GSD wants to encourage and reward students for doing the right thing, so they all had a big pajama party on Friday. Students and teachers watched movies and munched on pizza and popcorn dressed in PJs and curled up in their individual blanket forts! They had an awesome time. Keep up the fantastic effort, everyone!

Pizza time!
Waylon loves to be silly!
Layla peeks out from her fort.
Kingsley on his throne. :)
Teacher Candace Heflin leads jumping jacks during a stretch break.

Teacher Rebekah Knisley chats with Langston.
Zaida and Markayla hang out.
Zaiden signs ILY.
Many blanket forts!
Langston in his fort.

Allie Kate LOVES pizza!
Students enjoy the movie.
Candace and the students enjoy time together.

Happy Veterans Day!
GSD gives thanks to all who have served!!
**Bilingual Play**

Next week, Shorter University’s Theatre Department will stage a bilingual play, *The Taste of Sunrise*. This play is different than the norm, because it is in both ASL and English! Signing actors will have an English-speaking “shadow” on stage and speaking actors will have a signing shadow. Even more exciting—GSD alum Dalton Kennedy has a starring role! High School dorm students will travel to Rome to see the play next week as part of our 175th Celebration. If you live in the area, I hope you will attend! Tickets for shows Nov 18-20 can be purchased from Shorter. Call (706) 233-7288 or (800) 868-6980, ext. 7288 or email: boxoffice@shorter.edu.

**SEL**

Social Emotional Learning sessions have recently focused on empathy. Learning how to recognize others’ feelings and show empathy is important, as is knowing how to express your own emotions in appropriate ways. Social Worker Jackie Blanchard created a board with suggestions for how to “Change your words, change your mindset” to encourage students to be resilient.

**Dorm Life**

Recently the High School girls dorm went to downtown Cave Spring to walk around and to see the old GSD campus. They saw the school, the dorm, and the cafeteria. Cool to see this history! Elementary and Middle School girls enjoyed a Halloween Party in the dorm. They had snacks and watched the movie *Raya and the Last Dragon*. Fun!

**Upcoming Events**

- **11/16 & 11/17** Dorm to Dollar General
- **11/18** Parent Involvement Day
- **11/18** Rome High School Leadership
- **11/18** Dorm trip to Shorter Univ play “A Taste of Sunrise”
- **11/22-26** Thanksgiving Break

**Figurative Language**

Figurative language, such as idioms and metaphors, can be a tricky part of learning language. But these students in Mallory Edge’s 10th grade Lit class are doing great! Elizabeth and Justin completed an interactive activity using the Smart Board to identify terms and match them to their definitions. Great work!
Learning in Action

The Georgia Department of Education’s vision focuses on educating the whole child. No two children are exactly alike, so we don’t use a cookie-cutter approach to teaching and learning. Learning at GSD incorporates art, physical movement, tactile activities, graphic organizers, on-the-job training, multimedia, and even some silliness! How does your child like to learn? Check out these examples of whole-student learning at GSD!

Kingsley has a nose for learning about the letter N!

Carson enjoys physical movement when learning.

Raybon can now make perfect frothed milk!

Eagan shows his artistic talents in ASL class. Students must follow directions in ASL to make projects.

Cameran looks pretty proud of his work!

Telicia created a flow map of the novel Frankenstein in ELA class.

Cute turkey art.

After reading about rainforests, 5th grade students are creating a model of the layers outside their classroom. Awesome!

Ja’Niyah and Raybon learn key job skills with Jo Nickelson in the Tasty Tiger Café.

Cole’s project shows his understanding of different terms related to kinds of imagery found with text.

Jaydon practices braille numbers.

Zy’Merria’s turkey is great!