Storytelling in ASL is a key part of Deaf culture (just like in other cultures). ASL teacher Julie Burton told a story titled “The Invisible String” her elementary class. Telling stories in ASL allows the students to see the story as it unfolds and can be used to build literacy skills. The students loved the story!

Students are engrossed in watching the story. Students with Julie and parapro Jane holding a string.

Middle School Math

Middle schoolers in Tiffany Pauling-Brown’s math classes are not wasting any time learning new skills! Sixth graders learned how to find the mean of a data set, 7th graders worked on finding zero pairs while adding integers by using manipulatives, and 8th graders are on their way to mastering solving equations using scales. Georgia’s new math learning standards (K-12) are challenging, but our Tigers are up to the task!

Layla calculates the mean of her data; Xander shows his completed equation; 8th graders diligently working on assignments.

Octavious uses manipulatives; Cole does a calculation; an example of a scale equation problem.
Cool Science

Everyone knows science is cool, right? GSD students love science because there are so many hands-on activities. In Lower Elementary, Jamie Anderson’s students learned about the properties of matter. They made hands with each finger representing a different texture. What a great idea! Sydney Boucugnani’s 8th graders got to experience the law of conservation of energy (energy can never be created or destroyed, only converted) up close and personal in a demonstration! Some fun videos on our socials!

José prepares to let the ball swing; Noah waits for the ball to swing back to him; Itzel tries not to flinch when the ball gets near her face; Jenelle isn’t sure the ball won’t hit her (it won’t!).

Art

Middle and high School students enjoy their art connections class with Tracy Hedrick. They have worked on several projects already!

Justin and Zaida both made art with hearts; José, Itzel, and Zaida made a paper chain; Noah works on his painting; José’s painting of hands.
Kaylyn Nix and Bryce McRae go way back—all the way back to when Bryce was in Kaylyn’s 2nd grade class. Now he is in her 6th grade Social Studies class. Wow, time flies!

Leslie Jackson captured a beautiful GSD sunset.

Volleyball is back!!
Come out to support our Lady Tigers!

Volleyball Schedule

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Upcoming Events

- Tues/Wed 8/22 & 23: Dorm to Dollar General
- Tues, 8/22 Volleyball team to watch Coosa game, 5 pm
- Thurs, 8/24 Volleyball Students vs Staff, 3:45 pm
- Mon 9/4: NO SCHOOL for Labor Day Holiday
- Mon 9/4: Residential transportation
- Tues 9/5: Classes resume

Be sure to keep up with everything GSD this year!
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Contact GSD Family Engagement Coordinator Marie Dickinson at mdickinson@doe.k12.ga.us or 706-331-6314 (call/text/videoapp).
PBIS

Remember the 3 Rs! GSD follows Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports (PBIS) for teaching and modeling appropriate behaviors in different settings around the school: classroom, hallway, restroom, dorm, cafeteria, etc. GSD’s PBIS program focuses on Respect, Responsibility, and Resilience. Last week, the 3 Rs were reviewed so the school year will start out successfully. Modeling and reminders will continue throughout the year. You can support your child by practicing and expecting the 3 Rs at home, too! One idea: discuss what respect and responsibility look like during meals, bedtime, car rides, etc. Need more ideas? Contact Connie Morris at cmorris@doe.k12.ga.us.

At GSD students are expected to:

Be Respectful! All students are expected to treat all other members of the learning community with respect.

Respect is demonstrated through behavior and communication.

Respect means following directions from adults the first time they ask.

Be Responsible! All students are expected to be responsible for their behavior and learning.

Being responsible means learning from your mistakes.

Being responsible means taking care of your things and your school.

Be Resilient! All students are expected to try their best.

Being resilient means doing your work in class and participating, even when it’s hard!

Being resilient means not giving up.