

GSPK

Happy Gram

**From our homes to yours, we wish you the very best.
Welcome to GSPK Happy Gram #4**

We thank you all so much for sharing pictures, letters, FaceTime chats and Zoom Meetings to let us know that your families are healthy and well. These little gestures mean so much to us and warm our hearts. Now it's our turn! In this issue of the Happy Gram, the teachers and staff of GSPK would like to show you what we've been doing to pass the time away from you. We have all been very busy. Like you, we are making the most of this opportunity to pause, dive into old or new hobbies, evaluate our priorities and snuggle close to our families and fur babies. We hope you enjoy this little window into our world.

Sharing love and good times.

**XOXO,
The GSPK Teachers and Staff**





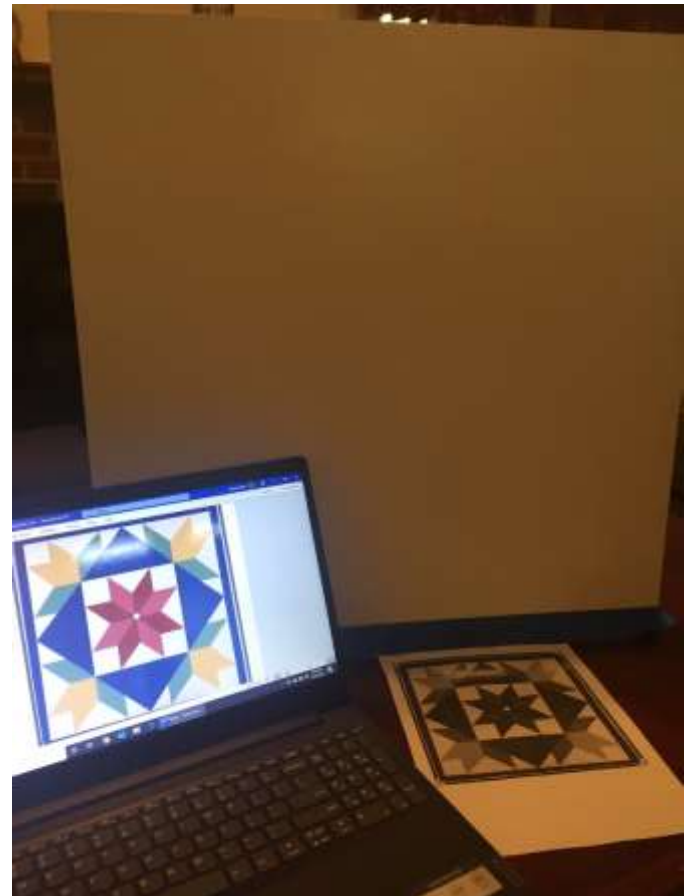
How Are We? We are Doing a Great Job!

★ Mrs. Reh and Mrs. Venable – Kindergarten



Mrs. Venable

"I am in the process of making a barn quilt painting to hang on my porch. Got the idea from Pinterest. The pattern is called Star and Tulips. I have painted the 2'x2' square and now need to transfer the pattern onto the wood, then the fun part, painting."



Mrs. Reh

"Mr. Reh and I make a good team in the kitchen! He makes our delicious sugar cookie dough, and I cut out the cookies, bake, and decorate them. Recently, we made Easter cookies. But this time, I decided I wanted to make them extra special, so I did my research and watched tutorial videos, and with a little bit of trial and error.....voila!"



★ Mrs. Luther and Mrs. Caraher - Junior Kindergarten



Mrs. Luther

“While being away from my friends at GSPK, I have been helping children and their families in a lower income neighborhood by packing and delivering snack bags on Wednesdays and Saturdays with my son, Benjamin, and my husband, John. The non-profit organization I am volunteering with is called Ignite, <https://www.ignitec3.com/>.”

Mrs. Caraher

“The past few weeks I’ve been learning about Zoom and Google Meetings, all the various reading and math apps for 1st grade, and trying to keep a very active boy from bouncing off the walls!”



★ Miss Janice - Assistant Director

“We’ve been doing some baking in our household. My girls are learning how to make their Grandmother’s delicious pumpkin bread, we made 8 loaves! That may sound like a lot, but it sure disappears quickly!”



★ Mrs. Ingold and Mrs. Clark – Pre-Kindergarten



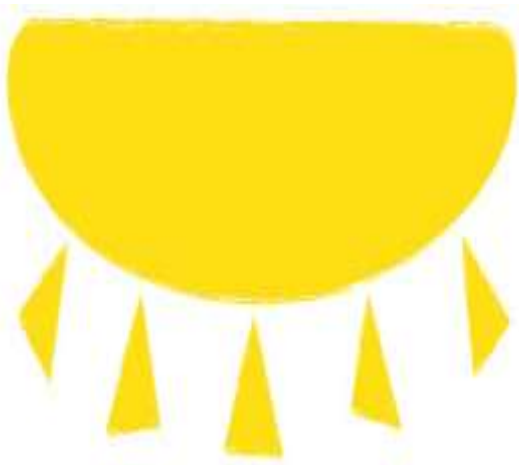
Mrs. Ingold

“I have been walking and watching the signs of spring pop up in my yard, and getting to know my web footed “grand-duck” Goosey! Here she is, all muddy from eating worms. She’s an egg machine and thinks she’s a dog! She’s the hardest working duck and takes good care of her mini-brood.”



Mrs. Clark

“We start our day with two to three hours of online classes. We explore nature, spend family time together and exercise.”



★ Mrs. Stathelson and Mrs. Jacks – Pre-Kindergarten

**Mrs. Stathelson**

“I have enjoyed spending time with my family and am holding on tight to my daughter who will be going off to college in the fall. We still don’t know where, but she has some really amazing choices. I’ve been teaching dance classes, jogging around the neighborhood, watching all the native and non-native flowers spring up in our backyard woods and catching up on my reading and knitting. Hope you enjoy our Easter family portrait. My daughter is quite the artist. Doesn’t it look just like me? (I made the one of Margaret in the middle.)”

Mrs. Jacks

Hi everyone! During this time, I have been doing art, gardening, writing, making creative videos of Fenix as well as entertaining my nephew Hudson and niece Norah. Here is a fun picture of me as a bunny shadow at Easter for Norah. She loves shadow play right now, and we hopped together while laughing at the shadows moving. We have also been tracing shadows that animal toys make when the sun is at a great spot. Hope you all are well!



★ Mrs. Royall, Mrs. Bridges, Mrs. Suarez, Mrs. Whithaus and Mrs. Stathelson
Three Year Olds



Mrs. Royall

“Easter is one of my very favorite holidays. I love the spirit of hope, renewal, and new life. And of course, ALL the critters like bunnies, chicks and lambs! In our house, dying eggs is a family tradition, and nobody is ever “too old” to join in the fun.”

Mrs. Suarez

“Here’s a picture of me working on my flowers and plants. I love planting flowers and caring for them. As we just moved into this house at the end of summer last year, it’s a blank canvas for me. My next goal is to make a raised vegetable garden! Since school has been out, I’ve spent a lot of time playing with the girls outside. A lot of bike and scooter riding. Taking our dog, Taco for daily walks.”



**Mrs. Bridges**

“While we have been out of school, I have been spending lots of time working in my garden. We found this friendly snail. I have also been taking lots of walks in my neighborhood and reading lots of books. I miss you!”

**Mrs. Whithaus**

“I will soon begin decorating the front of my doll house which I have had since I was about 9. It will be yellow with white shutters and all the shingles on the roof will be stained and glued on. The inside was decorated about 40 years ago Yes, it is old! It needs to be dusted, cleared of rabbit fur and then lots of renovation. Alfie the rabbit will have to put up with me during the process since it is in his room. He likes to stand up and look at it sometimes.”



★ Mrs. Whittaker and Ms. Bayes - Two Year Olds and Toddlers



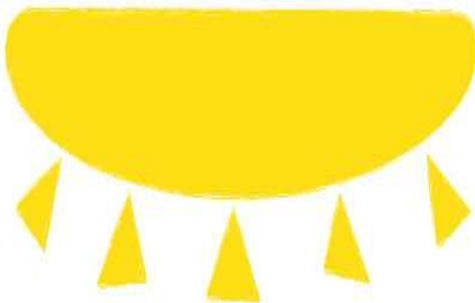
Mrs. Whittaker

"I have been doing a lot of hiking and walking. I love when a trail goes near water. Nature is beautiful and different depending where you walk."



Mrs. Bayes

"I have been spending my time exploring my Circuit machine making shirts, cups, bow ties!"





“Hi everybody. I sure do miss being at school and seeing all of you! While we have been out, my days didn't really change much. Gemma still stays with me every day since her mom works from home. We always have fun. Most days she does some of her school work that she loves. We go outside every day that we can and find things in nature, swing and slide, play in the sandbox, and ride her tricycle. She loved trying to catch bugs with her net. That was a new adventure. We have read books, played lots of board games, played with her dolls and T.O.T.S. nursery. She likes to help me cook. We also decorated my house for Easter and had a big egg hunt in the yard. Hope to see you soon!

**May the sun fill your days
with warmth until we play again.**

XOXO

