

# Spring 2024 Administration Report

## Montessori Moments

*"Always Remember To be KIND!"*

Dear GMCS Families,

We have some exciting changes coming to GMCS! We are happy to announce the plans for a new K-2 playground, an expansion of the existing playground for grades 3-6, two outdoor learning spaces (south side), fencing along the road, and a storage shed.

Designed with feedback from our students, our new K-2 playground, will include a large structure that is divided into sections. Each section will feature various climbing functions with nets, ladders, and climbing walls. The playground will also have slides, spinners, and swings. It will be installed on the east side of the school.

We will also be expanding the existing playground using feedback from our students. It will include additional swings and the installation of slides. We will be paving the gravel parking lot to incorporate a half-court for basketball.

On another note, at GMCS we celebrate students who consistently display great behavior. As a part of our PBIS program, staff are on the lookout for students who demonstrate specific character traits. Each month, a different characteristic is chosen, and the students can earn special WOW dollars when they display that trait. At the end of the month, the WOW dollars are counted, and the teachers and students nominate two people from each class who are deserving of this award. The hope is to reinforce positive behavior so that students displaying these characteristics will be emulated by other students.

Here are the character traits that we focus on each month:

September --kindness

October--respect

November & December-- gratitude

January-- leadership

February--compassion

March--responsibility

April & May--perseverance

This program has been a huge success and promotes our mission at GMCS to develop the full diversity of human intelligence, instilling a lifelong love of learning, while nurturing the whole child.





## Perfect Attendance

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We would like to congratulate Noah Shoemaker for perfect attendance for all 3 marking periods!

[CONFIRM YOUR ATTENDANCE](#)

# Murals bring color to heart of GMCS



Gettysburg Montessori Charter School students let their imaginations run wild all over the multipurpose room walls.

Vibrant and intricate animal designs colored by students in their own style now hang high in the heart of the school.

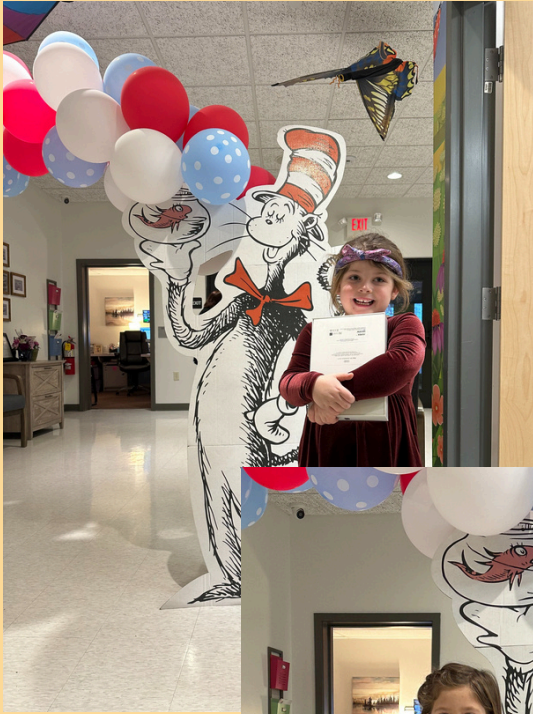
Words like creativity, compassion, curiosity, determination, and strength accompanying the designs embody what it means to be a student at Gettysburg Montessori Charter School.

The beige walls of the multipurpose room are adorned with digital murals of animals and will have one smaller panel with handprints like the school's logo.





# BOOK BLAST UPDATE!



**Book Blast is nothing short of FANTASTIC!**

**This program helps to combat problems with reading literacy. The students were really excited about the “treasure chest” prizes, which included, like a \$2 bill and half dollars. Thank you to everyone who donated to our first annual book blast program.**

**We had 897 books distributed to students at GMCS!**



# GMCS HAS TALENT!





# KINDERGARTEN



Students in Mrs. Fleurant's class celebrated winning an extra recess with a group hug.



Releasing our Butterflies!



Kindness party! Students planting seeds of kindness



Students enjoyed green eggs and ham during our Read Across America week.



Ready to celebrate the solar eclipse!



Game Day with 5th and 6th Grade!





# 1ST & 2ND GRADE



**“For the Love of Animals” assembly**



**STEM “Ski Project” (partning with with 3/4)**



**Creating Leprechaun Traps**



**Ready to Celebrate the Solar Eclipse!**



**Talent show “Swifties”**



# 3RD AND 4TH GRADE

3-4 has been busy with the science fair, talent show, spirit week, and solar eclipse!



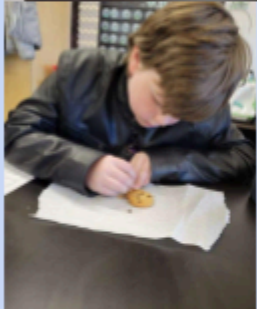




Students mined cookies to see if they could pick out chocolate chips using toothpicks.



Students learned about different types of governments around the world.



5/6

# GRADE BAND

Students used a multitude of methods to see if they could separate oil and water.





# LIBRARY



We read lots of books in library class including books about;

- Martin Luther King Jr.'s birthday
- Black History Month
- Women's History Month
- 100th Day of School
- Presidents' Day.
- Magazines (text features),
- Non-fiction outer space.
- Caldecott and Newbery awards winning books
- Author Spotlight on Dr. Seuss ( Read Across America)
- Fiction / nonfiction books on farming and agriculture (Ag. Literacy Week)



# WELLNESS



Students trying their best to hold a yoga pose during a workout video.



Students practicing using a lacrosse stick to throw bean bags before playing a lily pad launch game.



Having fun inside the parachute mushroom.



Students having fun during the parachute music "freeze activity"



# MUSIC



**Student in grade 3-6 have been working on recorders.**



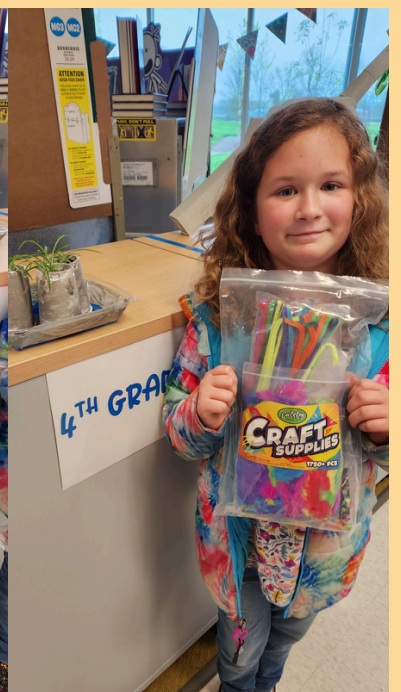
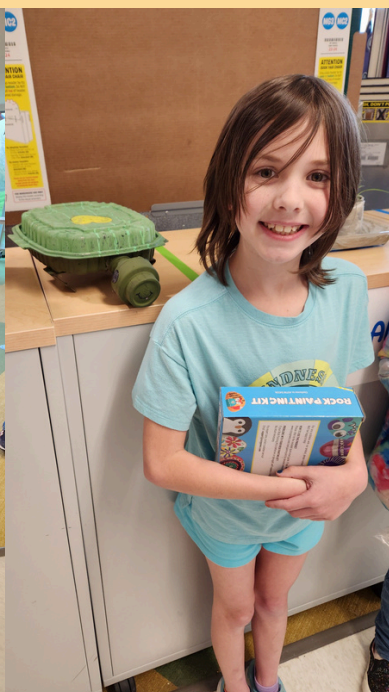
**Kindergarten is learning how to read and write music!**



**First and second grades are learning about “music form”**



# ART



2024 "Recyclable Art" Contest Winners!



# Technology

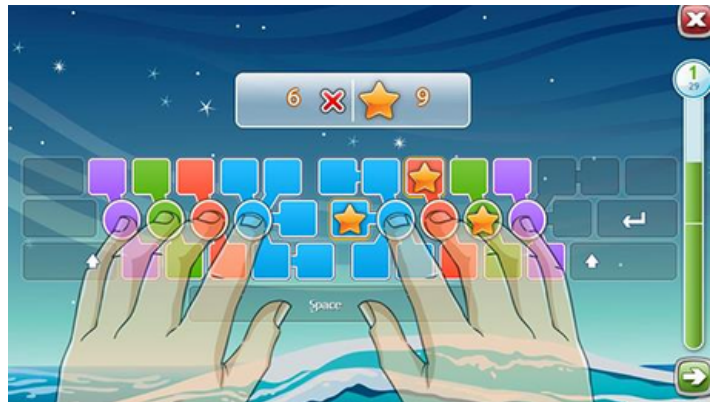
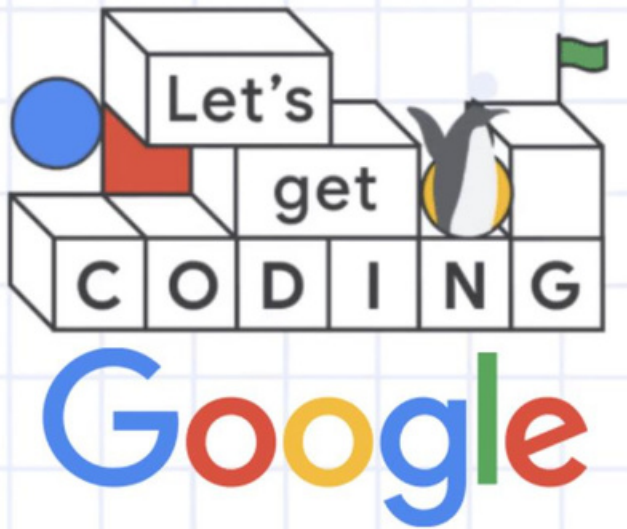
*"Typing, Coding, and Digital Citizenship, oh my! "*

Smart  
Alert  
Strong  
Kind  
Brave



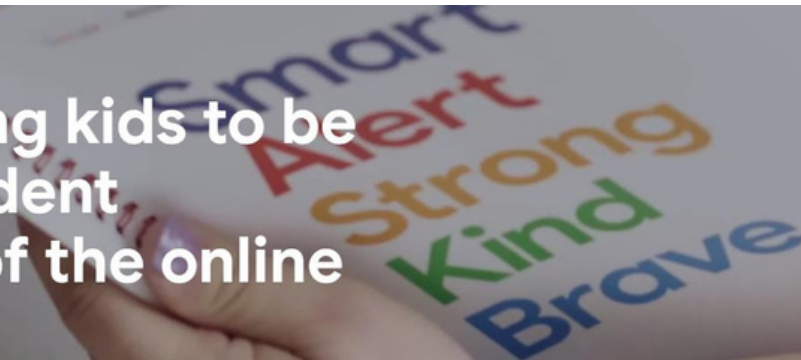
## CS First

A Code with Google PROGRAM



Be Internet Awesome.

Empowering kids to be  
safe, confident  
explorers of the online  
world.

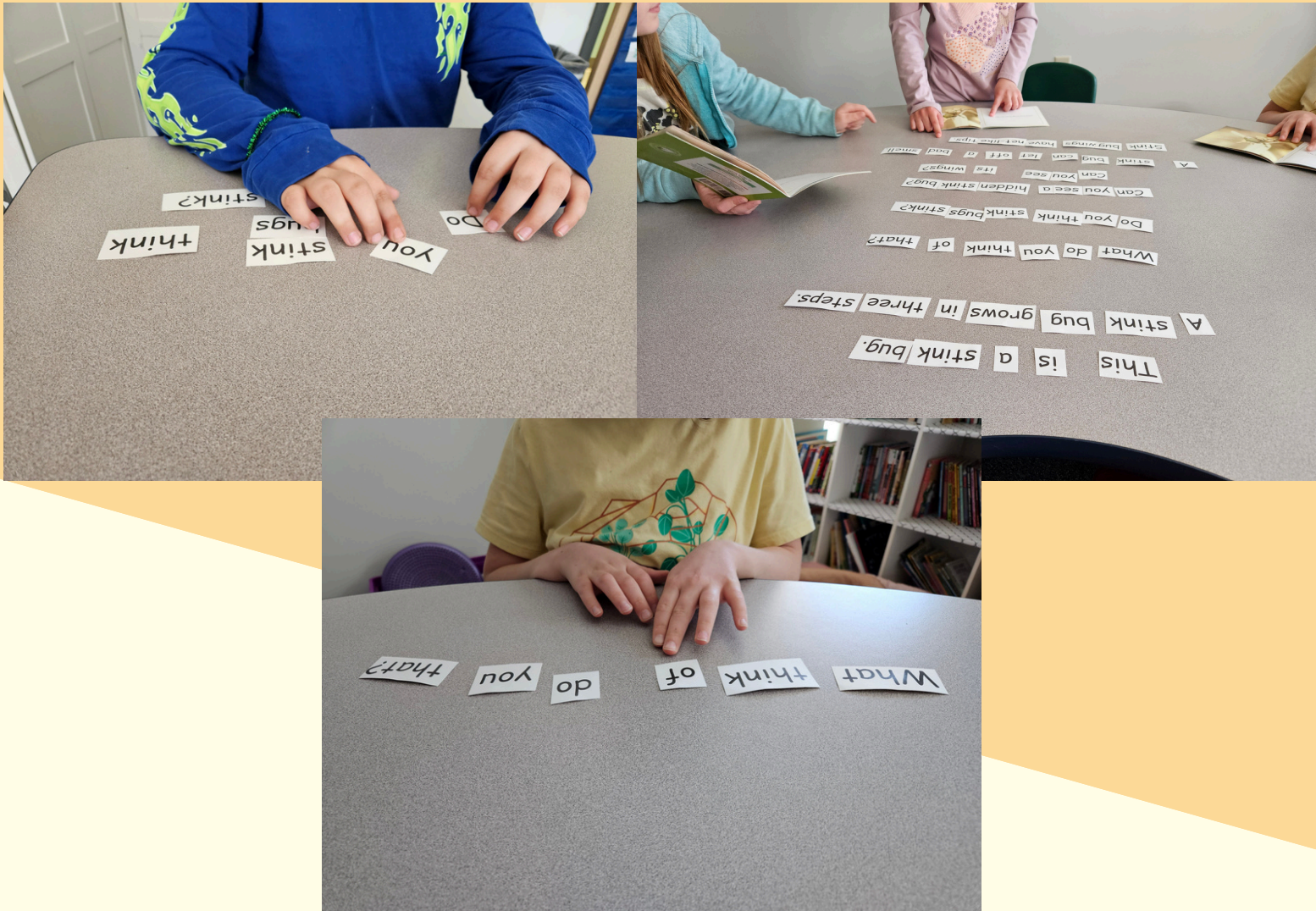






# RESPONSE TO INTERVENTION

In ELA, students learn about the sequential order of a story. First, they read a story. Second, the words from the story are used to make sentences. Finally, the sentences are arranged in sequential order.







HELLO  
*May*



# ***Save the dates***

**Staff Appreciation Week: May 6-10, 2024**

**ASPCA Collection: May 1 - 17, 2024**

**Career Day: May 10, 2024**

**GMCS Reunion: May 10, 2024**

**Field Day: May 17, 2024**

**Music Drama Club Event: May 14, 2024**

**Kindergarten Graduation: May 23, 2024**

**6th Grade Graduation: May 23, 2024**

**Last day of school - Half day - May 24, 2024**

**GMCS Skate night: June 19, 2024**

**GMCS Summer School:**

**July 22-25 & 29-01 from 9am - 11:30am**

**Please sign up May 20, 2024**





# Newsletter

Stay up to  
date with our  
monthly GMCS  
newsletters!



<https://www.gettysburgmontessoricharter.org/gmcs-news/>





## Summer Reminders from the Nurse

If you ran out of time this Spring...Summer is a great time to take care of appointments, vaccinations and forms! Any forms needed can be found on the GMCS website. Choose the "Student/Parent Info" tab, scroll down to "select Forms".

### Physicals:

Kindergarten and 6th graders need physical exam and vaccination forms signed and completed by their primary care provider and returned to GMCS by the start of school.

### Dental Exams:

Kindergarten and 3rd graders need updated dental forms provided to school.

\*Please note: We do plan to have the Family First Dentists return to GMCS in the fall. If you want to take part in this free program for dental cleaning, fluoride and xrays...it is fine to hold off on dental forms until then. This program meets the state requirements.

### School Day Medications:

New Medication Forms are needed each school year for Inhalers, Epipens, Emergency Seizure Medications and any other medications ordered by a doctor to be given during the school day.

Deliver medications and signed doctor's orders to the nurse the week prior to the start of school. Please call or email to schedule a time. It is important to give medications to the nurse in person. Do not send medications with students on the bus.

Please contact Nurse Chapman with any questions. Thank you!



# Gettysburg Montessori Charter School Calendar 2024-2025

August						2024	
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Aug 27 First Day of School  
 August 19-26 Room Prep /  
 Professional Development

September						2024	
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29	30						

Sept 2 No School / Labor Day Holiday  
 Sept 20 No School / Teacher Report

October						2024	
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Oct 11 Early Dismissal 12:00  
 Oct 14 No School/Teacher Report  
 Oct 29 End of marking period

November						2024	
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Nov 08 No School / Teacher  
 Report  
 Nov 27-29 No School  
 Thanksgiving Holiday

December						2024	
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Dec 02 No school  
 Dec 13 Early Dismissal 12:00  
 Dec 23 – Jan 01  
 No School/Winter Break

January						2025	
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Jan 1 Winter Break  
 Jan 17 End of marking period  
 Jan 20 No School/MLK Day /  
 Teacher report

February						2025	
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Feb 13 Early Dismissal 12:00  
 Feb 14 No School / Teacher Report  
 Feb 17 No School / Teacher Report

March						2025	
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March 7 Early Dismissal 12  
 March 25 End of marking period

April						2025	
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Apr 17-21 No School / Spring break  
 Apr 22-30 PSSA Testing

May						2025	
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May 9 Early Dismissal 12:00  
 May 1-8 PSSA Testing  
 May 26 No School  
 May 31 Last Day / Dismissal 12:00

	First day of school
	No School
	No School / Teachers Report
	PSSA Testing Window
	Marking Period Ends
	Early Dismissal for Students
	Last Day of School