



# Search Today



November 2019

## First Grade: Patterns

First grade Search begins by exploring patterns in literature. Patterns can take on many forms in literature, such as rhyming and structure. Levi, wrote his own story, inspired by his older brother, to include A-B patterns. Great work, Levi!



## Second Grade: Changes

Second graders started the year by discussing changes all around us before digging into weather. We learned how the Earth's axis and revolution impacts seasons around the world and how the water cycle affects our daily weather changes. After completing weather, we explored changes in points of view! Each student created a unique mask and wrote a story to explain their characters. We took turns guessing the mask's true identity. It was interesting to see that even though we were all looking at the same mask, we viewed it differently. 😊

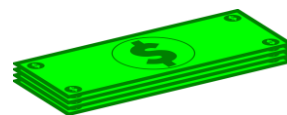


## Third Grade: Relationships

In third grade Search, we discover how a relationship is any connection we have with people, places or things. To align with October and Bully-Prevention month, we began by reading 'The Hundred Dresses' and discussed how bullying parallels today to when the book was written... nearly eighty years ago! After discussing the book, classes started to write their own bully-prevention script. Mrs. Wright-Aker's class is making a movie while Ms. Dockett's and Ms. Kirby's classes will be performing a play. Be sure to check Ms. Spiegel's blog site for performance updates!

## Fourth Grade: Systems

This year's fourth grade classes kicked off the year a little differently than previous years. We started the year with our big project instead of wrapping up with it: creating our own businesses! Fourth graders discussed various economic themes and searched through children's literature for them. We have just started planning what our unique STEM product is going to be and are in the beginning stages of building. Our goal is to come together with all fourth grade Search students across the county to have a Market Day and 'sell' our products! Stay tuned for updates!



## Fifth Grade: Structures

Caves, natural bridges, and volcanoes... oh my! Fifth graders have been learning about natural structures. We started with some challenges based around caves and natural bridges but have expanded to structures of the Earth. Students researched about various topics relating to the Continental Drift Theory and created avatars to teach about their findings. Avatars are posted on Ms. Spiegel's blog site for your viewing pleasure. ☺ We also traveled with fifth graders from BGE to the Science Museum of VA to view and IMAX feature about volcanoes. We still have some more exploring to do before we move onto manmade structures, so stay tuned for what we do next!



### Family Game Night

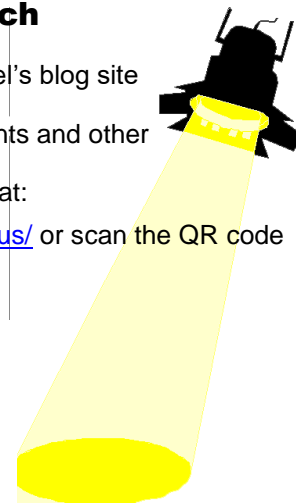
**Who:** Search Students and Families

**Where:** Bowling Green Elementary School

**When:** December 12<sup>th</sup> from 6:00-7:00 PM

## Let's Keep in Touch

Be sure to visit Ms. Spiegel's blog site for updates, announcements and other information. Visit the blog at: <http://cspiegel.blogs.ccps.us/> or scan the QR code below!



## Remind Text Updates

In an effort to send Search information or reminders out in a timelier manner, I have created a Remind account for my LCES and MES families. To join online, follow the link specified for your child's school.

*For LCES registration, visit:*

<https://www.remind.com/join/lces19-20>

*For MES registration, visit:*

[remind.com/join/mesearch9](https://www.remind.com/join/mesearch9)

## Breakout Boxes

Breakout Boxes are classroom 'escape room' games we play in Search to exercise critical and creative thinking as well as developing problem solving skills. We wrapped up the month with a ghostly challenge and the students did great!



## UVA Saturday Enrichment Program

Launch your potential! The Saturday Enrichment Program hosted at UVA engages students with the potential for high ability in high quality learning experiences designed to expose them to topics and ideas that are beyond those they might get in their typical classroom environment. This program serves students currently enrolled in grades K-5 (must be 6 years old by January 18).

**Past offerings include:** Cell Biology, Create a Mobile Phone App, Greek Theater, Meteorology, Architecture, Fluid Mechanics, Abstract Art

Visit their website for this year's class offerings, more information and to apply:

[www.curry.virginia.edu/sep](http://www.curry.virginia.edu/sep)

### 2020 Program Dates:

- January 18
- January 25
- February 1
- February 8
- February 15
- (snow date: February 22)

### 2020 Program Times

9:00 AM – 11:00 AM or 11:30 AM – 1:30 PM

**Program cost:** \$195 plus a nonrefundable \$25 application fee. Scholarships available.

**Applications are available NOW and are due by December 1, 2019.**

*Need-based Financial Aid available.*



## Game Donations

Over time, some of our games have had considerable wear or are missing pieces. We would love to refresh our game selection prior to our Family Game Night. If you are able to donate any of the following games, it would be so appreciated! All games can be found on Amazon.

- Kanoodle
- Rush Hour: Traffic Jam Logic Game
- Rubik's Race Game
- Qwirkle
- Keva Contraptions
- Shape by Shape (Creative Pattern Logic)
- Blokus
- Bananagrams
- Snap Circuits Snaptricity
- Zoob Builders
- Blink
- Shadow Mysteries

