**Farewell Tour Begins!**

GES opened our Farewell Tour on August 20 as we welcomed more than 730 students for the 2019-2020 school year!

We have some important changes this year to share with you. First, the USDA changed the way we handle free breakfast in the classroom. If your child arrives to class after the tardy bell, they may miss breakfast. If you are running late, please make sure your child has breakfast before they get here.

Also, after breakfast each morning, all of our classes will be having a morning meeting. This time gives all children a chance to feel heard and to build a sense of belonging in their classroom community. It is a time for sharing and a morning message to start off the day on the right foot. It is another reason to arrive at school on time.

**Glow Back 2 School Dance**

The Glow Back 2 School Dance, sponsored by the GES PTO, is for all students on Friday, September 13, from 2:30 to 4:30 in the gym. Our students will be able to see old friends and hang out with new ones! We’ll have refreshments and a professional DJ!

Tickets are $3 and must be purchased and turned in with the permission form by September 10. Pick-up after the dance will take place in the afternoon car loop accessed by Lewie Street and Apache Trail.

The permission form is coming home with this newsletter. Turn it in with $3 as soon as possible. This dance is going to be awesome!
Art is Smart

This year in art class, your student will be learning all sorts of amazing skills! They will learn how to think like an artist, how to visually read artwork, and how to connect their art skills with other school subjects. Students will work on a variety of projects both collaboratively and independently. They will also experience a variety of materials from clay to sewing and so much more! It is our goal this year for students to leave the art room with a strong capability to solve problems creatively.

Adventures in Third Grade

We had an amazing first week of school seeing our students’ smiling faces in the hallways. Our school has come back to life with laughter, excitement, and anticipation as we embark on a new adventure of learning in third grade.

Third graders are discovering how to build a reading life by choosing books wisely, talking about books with others, and using comprehension strategies. In writing, students are drafting true stories by thinking about people, places, and things that matter to them. This year in math, they will learn addition, subtraction, multiplication, and division. In social studies, they will travel the globe through our geography studies. It is so exciting to learn about the interesting people and places of the world. In science, we will be learning all about rocks, soil, landforms, electricity, and animals and their environments.

Rock on, third grade!