

Patriot Pride

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PRINCIPAL'S CORNER

Proud Patriot Families,

Thank you for all your support as we continue to navigate the twists and turns accompanying the start of this school year. There is nothing like being together again. Our staff was so excited to meet their new students and see the return of familiar faces. Students are doing an admirable job observing safety guidelines. The purpose of these guidelines is to keep our students and staff safe.

The number one way you can help us keep our staff and students safe is to continue following the COVID 19 protocols sent home earlier this year. If your child has COVID like symptoms, please do not send them to school. If your child or a member of your household are awaiting test results, have tested positive, or have come into contact with a person who has tested positive, they should not come to school. If any of these situations applies to you or your family, please contact the school. We will help you determine your next steps including quarantine information.

In addition to keeping all students and staff members safe, maintaining high standards and academic excellence, caring about the whole child, and supporting our families are our top priorities.

I encourage all our parents to sign-up for Parent Portal, as we will send interim reports and report cards home electronically again this year. Regularly logging into your Parent Portal account will help you stay up to date with your child's learning experience.

I truly hope you are keeping your head above water and keeping an optimistic attitude out there! I know the times are tough as we continue facing COVID as well as the cold and flu season headed this way with the cooler months approaching. Please continue to stay safe and know we are here for you at CPE. We can do anything together.

Lastly, I encourage you to connect with us on our school Facebook page, webpage, and through the Remind application. A strong home-school connection is one of the best indicators of student success.

We look forward to learning with you this year and for your continued support.

Sincerely your principal,

Mrs. Dardis

Upcoming Events:

**September 20 – October 4
– Otis Spunkmeyer
Fundraiser**

October 6 – Fall Pictures

**October 18 – Teacher
workday – no school**

**October 25 – Electronic
Report Cards**

**October 27 – Student
Early Dismissal**

**October 29 – PBIS
Leadership Event – Drop
Everything & Read with
popsicles**

**November 11 – Veteran's
Day Holiday – No School**

**November 19 – PBIS
Leadership Event – Arts
& Crafts**

**November 22 – November
26 – Thanksgiving
Holiday**



GRADE LEVEL NEWS

Kindergarten News:

Kindergarten has spent the first few weeks of school learning school procedures, classroom routines, and making new friends! We are working hard at learning all our letters and letter sounds, counting, and recognizing numbers 1-10, and we are beginning to learn our sight words. Please continue to work with your child at home to help them develop and master these skills. Please practice reading sight words daily. Students will be tested weekly. Practice reading sight word phrases daily. Students should be able to identify, read, and write the numbers 0-10.

First Grade News:

In language arts, first graders learned to identify and describe main story elements, such as the characters, setting, and sequence of events. They are learning how to write about the beginning, middle, and end of the story using these main story elements. In the coming weeks, first graders will learn how to identify the topic and important details of a text. In math, students are reading and writing numbers to 100 in standard form, expanded form, and word form. They explored place value concepts using tens and ones and used strategies to decide whether a number is greater than, less than, or equal to another number. Students will begin to learn how to add and subtract numbers within 20. Continue reading and practicing math facts with your child at home. Students can also log in to Smarty-Ants and Freckle Math for some extra practice.

Second Grade News:

Welcome back! We are so excited to begin 2021 and jump into a fun year of learning. In math we will be starting a unit in measurement. We will have a lot of hands-on activities during this unit. In Science we are learning about weather and how it affects our daily lives. In Reading we are working on identifying the main idea by using key details in the text. We will also be continuing to review author's purpose. Please continue to read at home with your child every night and continue to work on the weekly words that are sent home in the newsletter.

Third Grade News:

Third grade is always a tough year, but this bunch is up to the task! In Reading, third graders have been working hard on determining and describing connections within the text, as well describing how characters change within a story and their motivations. In Math, students have been practicing their base-ten skills; adding/subtracting within 1000, rounding to the nearest 10 or 100, and solving 2-step word problems. In Science, students are exploring the natural world using the scientific method. Coming up in the next month students will be given opportunities to explore properties of matter, multiplication, and division, as well as finding connections and main ideas in nonfiction texts. Parents, soon we will be sending home communication about Fall conferences to update you on your child's progress.

Student Leaders

These students have exhibited the seven habits for the month of August.

Kindergarten:

Mrs. Horton – Sky Hernandez
Ms. Marotti – Everly Wilkes
Mrs. Richardson – Cory Williams-McClain
Ms. Rogers – Ellie Moneda

1st Grade:

Ms. Arnold – Avery Donaway
Ms. Delisle – Kaiden McGill
Mrs. Portillo – Colton Lewis
Mrs. Steele – Kaylee Campbell

2nd Grade:

Ms. Grant – Sienna Autry
Mrs. Hollingsworth – Ames Nuttall
Ms. Pierce – Sofia Key
Mrs. Watler – Henry Stover

3rd Grade:

Mrs. Amezcua – Sarah Chavarria
Mrs. Gramza – Dawson Lott
Ms. Lockhart – Isiah Sullivan

4th Grade:

Mrs. Camp – Emani Griffin
Mrs. Hayes – Rhiannon Thrasher
Mrs. Maldonado – EJ Barber

5th Grade:

Mrs. Beardsley – Shan'Tel Perry
Mrs. Lunsford – Rilyn Burton
Ms. Rivera – Joey Taylor

Ms. Schultz – Evan Scott
Mrs. Weaver – Jean Cruz-Negroni
Mrs. Zimmerman – Trevon McKinley

Pre-K:

Mrs. Jakubik/Mrs. Oxley – Trailyn Ingram
Mrs. Roberts – Leila Chumley



Fourth Grade News:

Hello from fourth grade! What a busy year it has been so far. We hope all is well with you and your families and that your child is enjoying fourth grade. We just wrapped up our beginning of the year STAR testing and are delving into the data. Please get with your child's teacher about scores.

In reading we have learned about text structures, finding main idea and details, Greek and Latin root words, idioms, adages, and proverbs. We will continue spiraling with these standards throughout the year. In science we have learned how to make observations and inferences, the difference between science and pseudoscience, and 2-d vs 3-d models. The end to our first unit is coming up which means we will be testing soon. In math we have learned how to compare and round numbers, add, and subtract multi-digit numbers, and learned about the 10x rule with place value. Please continue practicing those rounding skills! Please continue checking our weekly newsletter, having your child read at least 20 mins per night, have your child practice their math facts, and sign their agenda daily.

Fifth Grade News:

Hello from 5th grade! We are only a month into school, and we have accomplished so much already! We have made so many memories during our Leader in Me lessons and many hands-on activities. We have learned a little about each other through our all about me posters. In addition to those fun activities, we just finished taking the Fall STAR Reading and Math assessment. Be looking for your parent letter with your student's results to be coming home soon. In reading, we have been working on comparing and contrasting the characters, settings, and events and how they affect the events in the story. We will be moving on to analyzing multiple accounts of the same event or topic and noting the differences and similarities in the point of view they represent. We have also been working on vocabulary, such as, using context clues to determine the meaning of unknown words, homographs and will begin working on Greek and Latin prefixes soon. Students have also been reading many books and getting AR points!! In math, we started with a review of fourth grade standards and social emotional lessons. We learned all about the order of operations, GEMA, how to write expressions, and multi digit multiplication using several different strategies. Coming up next is learning to understand the relationship between multiplication and division and using that understanding to solve long division problems. In science, we have learned about making scientific observations, using the scientific method, replication and repetition, interpretation and verified observation. We used fossils to help us practice interpretation and verified observation skills. Soon we will be learning about atomic theory, the water cycle and weather and precipitation through many different hands-on scientific investigations and experiments. Please refer to our weekly newsletter to stay informed on everything that is happening in 5th grade and remind your student to pick up a good book for 20 minutes daily.

7- Habits Spotlight

Students earn a Patriot stamp each day if they have made great choices and have followed our 7 habits each day. At the end of each month, students will be rewarded for earning the patriot stamp in their agenda with participation in our PBIS Leadership event. We will celebrate students' positive behavior efforts with hats and shades on Friday, September 24th. For the month of October, we will celebrate on Friday, October 29th with Drop Everything and Read and popsicles. Be sure to check your child's agenda daily for those Patriot Stamps.

Each month students will learn about one of the seven habits in great detail. During the month of September, students learned about creating a leadership classroom. During the month of October, students will be learning about Habit 1 – Be Proactive. Ask your child what that means and how they can be proactive at home.

PE Updates

Dear parents, we are off to hot and active start at pe this year. All students have been introduced and formally familiarized with expectations that will ensure their success during pe this school year. Due to excessive heat and humidity we have utilized our covered pavilion area quite frequently. Hydration is absolutely prioritized and stressed during our time together with two scheduled water breaks situated around our activities for the day. Students are also encouraged to bring their own water bottles to assist with their hydration.

This upcoming month our secondary students will see a shift from cooperative activities to our first team based activities. Scoop ball games and activities as well as the introduction of volleyball will be our focus for the remainder of the 9 weeks.

Our primary students will continue to work on locomotion activities that inspire balance and coordination. Hand eye coordination and tracking skills will also be included in the scope our focus for the primary grades.

I encourage all parents to become familiar with their students pe schedule in order to help them make the best choices when it comes to appropriate attire for our weather.

Thank you very much for your support and please never hesitate to reach me by phone or email.

Coach Loftin

FROM THE MEDIA CENTER:

Our Media Center will be showcasing the new Sunshine Young Readers Award (SSYRA) 2021-2022 nominees. How many titles will YOU read this year?

Please see Mrs. Dunn for a book recommendation.

SSYRA Books **2021-2022** **Grades 3-5**



How many will you read???



ACADEMIC COACHES CORNER:

Home is Where the Math is

Explore math in everyday life — counting out forks to set the table, pouring from a gallon of milk, telling the time when his/her favorite TV program begins. When kids realize that math is all around them, they begin to relax and see its meaning in their lives.

Show how math is more than learning addition, subtraction, multiplication, and division. Math also teaches us to analyze, reason, and plan. These are useful skills that transfer over to reading and writing as well.

Reading

“The more you read, the better you get at it; the better you get at it, the more you like it; and the more you like it, the more you do it.”

Please continue reading an AR book nightly with your child. Each student should be reading for 20 minutes nightly. Keep reading and earning those AR points!

Mrs. Miller and Mrs. Paye

