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Welcome back!

We hope your time away with family and friends filled your hearts with joy and our hearts break for those who experienced loss during the 2023. Now that 2023 is in the rearview mirror and we are looking ahead to what 2024 has in store, we need students here every day that they are not sick (running/ran a fever or suffering/suffered from vomiting or diarrhea in the last 24 hours) so that they can get the most of out of their education.

We are so excited to see the growth the students will make this semester and look forward to our continued partnership with our KCES families.



School Community Liaison

We are pleased to announce we have a School Community Liaison here at Kay Carl. Ms. Jennifer Lamontagne-Cruz, alongside Mrs. Polito, will be working with students and families on all things attendance related.

Fifth Grade Folklore

Thank you for your continued support!

5th Grade SPOTLIGHT!!

Happy New Year... We are starting the year out with a bang!! Winter testing is complete and we are proud of all our scholars in the classrooms!! Important REMINDER---Please remember that ALL 5th grade students can "redo" any assignment in the Friday Folder or CANVAS. Students are allowed to redo the assignment for a better grade or any assignment that is less than 100%. This process also helps with standards mastery. They have 2 weeks to complete this process!



Upcoming Events

January 9

SOT Meeting @ 3:45 p.m.

January 12

Progress Reports: check IC

January 15

NO SCHOOL

January 22

NO SCHOOL

January 25

Winter Family Game Night-
Theme: Winter Sports 6-8 p.m.

January 26

Progress Reports: check IC

January 29

U-Swirl 12-10 p.m.

February 15

Family Dance 6-8 p.m.

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Reading and Writing: In reading and writing, we continue to tackle the new reading series HMH and Writable. Students are also heading into their new reading groups within the next week. We are beginning quarter 3 AR Goals. Students have set individualized goals that should be met by March 8th. Please make sure you are encouraging nightly reading. Children who read daily and take quizzes on their comprehension have higher reading levels and score better on state assessments. Happy Reading!!



Math and Social Studies: In math, we are starting our division with decimals. Students will be learning different strategies throughout the process. Please make sure your children are fluent in their multiplication facts. With it being the new year, we will be working on goal setting and how to make the rest of our year a success. Make sure your child continues to work on their Great American award. Check back next month to see what is happening in 5th grade!!



First Grade Fairytale

In First Grade, we are starting the new year with four of our teachers moving to the portables for construction and painting to begin in their rooms. Students will be reflecting on their goals for the new year and reviewing phonics, reading, and math concepts taught in semester 1. Please continue to complete homework assignments weekly and read with your child daily!



Technology Tale

The Technology special of SLT (SLT: Science, Library, Technology) has been working hard on Science concepts using technology. This semester, some of the areas we've already focused on are plants and animals, pushes and pulls, matter, force and motion, inheritance and traits, energy, light and sound, and patterns in the sky. Students have been exploring simulations and modeling tools over the different concepts on the computer. They have played games and answered questions over the topics. They are practicing typing skills on the computer during Quickwrites. Kindergarten and first graders have been improving their mouse skills and navigating websites to help us learn about our interesting science topics.



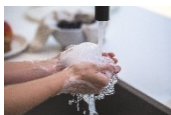
Preschool Picture Book



Mrs. Allen's class has hit the ground running. The second half of the year we get very busy and our expectations increase. Upon arrival students going to kindergarten will be required to come in and write their name on their own. This month we will learn about the season of winter, the clothes we wear and the weather outside. We will also be learning about animals that live in the Arctic and Antarctica.

KIDS Mystery

Ms. Kassie's class will be learning about winter animals, snow, and setting New Year's goals. They will work on numbers 11-20, too. They will also be learning about germs, how to wash their hands properly, and how to not spread germs.



Second Grade Short Story

Second grade is continuing to study our standards diligently into this new year. We are excited to start this new semester! In reading, we have been working on Author's Purpose to help us have a better understanding of the text we read. It's easy as P.I.E! We will be moving into Cause and Effect this month. Please encourage your child to read for at least 20 minutes each day and encourage them to take their AR (Accelerated Reader) tests on the books that they are reading. In language, we have been working on commas in a letter and are moving on to Synonyms and Antonyms. In math we've wrapped up fractions and are



moving into Measurement and Data. Have your little measure things around the house. It's great practice!

Fourth Grade Fantasy

In Fourth Grade we are currently working on fractions. This will include finding equivalent fractions, comparing fractions to benchmark fractions to order them, comparing fractions with unlike denominators, and adding and subtracting fractions. In



reading we are working on text features, text structure, and using key details to order events as well as compare events. We will also soon be starting our grade level novel, Frindle, which will pair with our upcoming field trip in March to the Smith Center.

Kindergarten Literature

The Kindergarten team is so excited about the second semester of school. This is the time of year when our students really begin to shine. One of our big milestones will be the 100th Day of School. We have so much fun celebrating this big day. Can you believe it? Our students are going to be 100 Days Smarter!

As we move toward spring we are working hard to prepare our students for first grade. We are working on reading, addition and subtraction, and writing multiple sentences on a topic. In order for our students to continue to grow and bloom into first graders, we suggest these activities; read and talk about books nightly, write in a journal, and practice addition and subtraction math facts to ten.



News You Can Use

January Table Topics

Here a few table topics to get your family talking.

- What if everybody at this table committed to do a kind act this week?
- What if there were no cars?
- What if you stayed the same age you are right now for the rest of your life?
- What if it never got dark outside?
- What if basketballs didn't bounce?
- What would you do if you could fly for a day?
- What if you were a superhero?
- What if bikes could fly?
- What if you could be in the Olympics?
- What if you could have any wish you wanted?
- What if you could take a trip anywhere in the world?
- What if clothes grew as you grew?
- What if you found a hidden door in this room?

Source: growingbookbybook.com



We are so proud of our students, they have learned so many social skills since August to help them be successful students and tiny humans in our community.

Third Grade Thriller

We have been very busy during the first semester and are now half-way through third grade. In reading we have been focusing on answering written response questions. We are teaching students to go back into the text to find story evidence and write a RACE response to answer the questions. This semester we will also practice typing our responses on the computer.



In math, we have spent a lot of time focusing on multiplication and division strategies, as well as learning our multiplication facts. We have also worked on finding area and perimeter, analyzing graphs to answer questions, and addition of three digit numbers with regrouping. Next we will be moving onto subtraction of three digit numbers with regrouping.

Goldilocks' Guide

Experts share ways to manage screen time

Children are spending more and more time on digital devices. One study found that eight- to 12-year-olds spend an average of 5 hours and 33 minutes a day on recreational screen time—going online, watching TV, playing video games. While the American Academy of Pediatrics recommends families monitor and manage non-educational screen time, many elementary school students say there are no rules about technology in their homes. Experts recommend families:



- Set technology curfews. Ask your child to turn off digital devices at least 30 minutes before bedtime.
- Designate screen-free times, such as during family meals and while in the car.
- Offer alternatives. Go on a winter walk. Play cards. Do a craft. Show that there are plenty of ways to have fun—and engage your child's brain—without sitting in front of a screen.

Source: S. Pappas, "What do we really know about kids and screens?" American Psychological Association.



Announcements

Acknowledgements

Thank you for all of your support for our recent fundraisers. We are thankful for the wonderful community that we have surrounding us. The monies raised will be used for student incentives and events, A.R. prizes, etc.

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Tips for Setting Goals with Your Child

- Choose a goal that is just out of reach.
- Break it down (the 5 Ws- what, how, when, where, who, why).
- Let your child own it.
- Show support and role model for your child.
- Reward accomplishments and offer encouragement.
- Reflect and revise.



A reboot can help students get back on the right track

When you run into a problem on your laptop or phone, do you ever power it off and restart it? Rebooting a device can help it correct processing issues and work well. If your child's school year is not going as well as you'd hoped, it may be time for a reboot, too! Here are a few strategies to help your child get back on track:



- Make change a family affair. If you've decided that your child needs to spend more time doing schoolwork, make study time quiet time for the whole family. You can work on paperwork or read while your child works.
- Replace bad habits. Breaking a habit is hard. It's much easier to put a different habit in its place. If your child is in the habit of playing video games right after school ends for the day, suggest pleasure reading for 30 minutes instead. Your child can still relax— and strengthen reading skills at the same time!
- Get organized. You should be able to find lots of great-looking calendars available on sale this month. Look for one your child will enjoy using. Then instill the habit of writing down responsibilities for home and school. That can help avoid a last-minute panic.
- Celebrate successes. Help your child see the link between the new habits and the results. "You practiced that math and got nine out of 10 correct on the test. That's great!"

Are you helping your child take school seriously?

Attending school every day improves your child's chances of academic success. Are you reinforcing the importance of regular on-time attendance and encouraging your child to take school seriously? Answer yes or no to the questions below to find out:

1. **Do you say** that you expect your child to go to school every day? Show that attendance is important to you, and it will become important to your child.
2. **Do you reinforce** healthy habits for sleep, nutrition and exercise that ensure your child is ready to learn?
3. **Do you ignore** weak excuses for missing school? Not feeling like getting out of bed isn't an acceptable reason to miss part of school.
4. **Do you try** to make medical appointments outside of school hours?
5. **Do you set** the alarm clock earlier if your child has trouble getting up and ready for school on time?

How well are you doing?

Each yes means you are supporting your child's attendance. For each no answer, try that idea.



Schedules

Below is a snapshot of what happens in most classrooms. Please contact your child's classroom teacher for more detailed information.

GENERAL SCHEDULES

K

- 9:15- ELA & Math Skills
- 10:25- Recess & Lunch
- 11:10- ELA & Math
- 1:10- Recess or Math
- 1:35 Specials
- 2:30- Social Studies & Small Groups

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- 9:20- Announcements/ Calendar/ Morning Meeting
- 9:50- ELA & Small Groups
- 10:50- Recess & Lunch
- 11:40- ELA
- 12:40- Specials
- 1:35- W.I.N Time
- 2:05- Math

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- 9:15- Morning Discussion
- 9:30- ELA
- 11:15- Recess & Lunch
- 11:55- ELA
- 12:40- Math
- 1:50- Social Studies/ Health
- 2:30- Specials

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- 9:15- Opening
- 9:20- Math
- 10:20- Specials
- 11:10- Math
- 11:20- ELA
- 11:40- Recess & Lunch
- 12:20- ELA
- 2:40- Social Studies/ Health

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- 9:25- Math
- 10:35- Language
- 11:15- Specials
- 12:05- Recess & Lunch
- 12:45- ELA
- 2:40- WIN/ Small Groups
- 3:00- Social Studies/ Health

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- 9:25- Specials
- 10:20- ELA/ Math/ Social Studies
- 12:30- Recess & Lunch
- 1:10- ELA/ Math/ Social Studies

*See your classroom teacher for more detailed information

ECSE Edition






Happy New Year! We are happy to be back and ready to roll! Have you made a snowman? Ms.



Terri's class will be using our fine motor skills to mold snowmen and discuss shape and size. We are finishing up arctic animals as well and plan to learn about how animals camouflage themselves to their environment.

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7 Take a treat to your local police or fire department.	8 Eat your food slowly today and savor every bite.	9 Tidy up your workspace.	10 Offer to help a classmate on a project.	11 Take one step towards making your dreams come true.	12 Compliment a custodial staff's hard work.	13 Plan a staycation with your family.																																																																																																																
14  Post a kindness message on social media.	15 Begin a journal on how you feel each day and why.	16 Listen to a friend without judgment.	17 Share a bowl of popcorn with a friend or family member.	18 Take a walk and enjoy the fresh air.	19 Watch the clouds and find shapes while enjoying the sun.	20 Make a list of 10 things for which you are grateful.																																																																																																																
21 Handwrite a note to someone that means a lot to you.	22 Compliment five people around you on something not related to physical appearance.	23 Practice 4-4-6 breathing. Breathe in for 4 counts, hold it for 4 counts, exhale for 6 counts. Repeat.	24  Practice active listening with a friend.	25 Notice your body language. What are you communicating?	26 Exchange personal stories with a new classmate.	27 Play a board game or do a puzzle with friends or family.																																																																																																																
28 Allow yourself to sleep in and relax.	29  Share a conversation over a cup of hot chocolate with a friend or family member.	30 Unplug from technology today.	31 Stop what you're doing, close your eyes, and take a deep breath.	1	<table border="0"> <tr> <td colspan="7">DECEMBER</td> <td colspan="7">FEBRUARY</td> </tr> <tr> <td>S</td><td>M</td><td>T</td><td>W</td><td>Th</td><td>F</td><td>S</td> <td>S</td><td>M</td><td>T</td><td>W</td><td>Th</td><td>F</td><td>S</td> </tr> <tr> <td>26</td><td>27</td><td>28</td><td>29</td><td>30</td><td>1</td><td>2</td> <td>28</td><td>29</td><td>30</td><td>31</td><td>1</td><td>2</td><td>3</td> </tr> <tr> <td>3</td><td>4</td><td>5</td><td>6</td><td>7</td><td>8</td><td>9</td> <td>4</td><td>5</td><td>6</td><td>7</td><td>8</td><td>9</td><td>10</td> </tr> <tr> <td>10</td><td>11</td><td>12</td><td>13</td><td>14</td><td>15</td><td>16</td> <td>11</td><td>12</td><td>13</td><td>14</td><td>15</td><td>16</td><td>17</td> </tr> <tr> <td>17</td><td>18</td><td>19</td><td>20</td><td>21</td><td>22</td><td>23</td> <td>18</td><td>19</td><td>20</td><td>21</td><td>22</td><td>23</td><td>24</td> </tr> <tr> <td>24</td><td>25</td><td>26</td><td>27</td><td>28</td><td>29</td><td>30</td> <td>25</td><td>26</td><td>27</td><td>28</td><td>29</td><td>1</td><td>2</td> </tr> <tr> <td>31</td><td>2</td><td>3</td><td>4</td><td>5</td><td>6</td><td>7</td> <td>3</td><td>4</td><td>5</td><td>6</td><td>7</td><td>8</td><td>9</td> </tr> </table>		DECEMBER							FEBRUARY							S	M	T	W	Th	F	S	S	M	T	W	Th	F	S	26	27	28	29	30	1	2	28	29	30	31	1	2	3	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	25	26	27	28	29	1	2	31	2	3	4	5	6	7	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
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Clark County School District How to Access a Campus Parent Account Campus Parent

Campus Parent Accounts

The purpose of this document is to provide guidance on how to access a Campus Parent portal or mobile app account. Campus Parent accounts are created by the Campus Liaison. Find further information at <https://ccsd.net/parents/infinite-campus.php>.

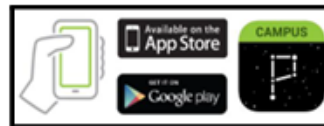
Instructions-How to Access a Campus Parent Account

PATH: Campus Parent

1. Contact the student's school Campus Liaison to create a new account (e.g., username and password).
2. Navigate to <https://campus.ccsd.net/campus/portal> or the Mobile App.
3. Select **Campus Parent**.
4. Enter the **Parent Username** and **Password**.
5. (Optional) Select **Stay logged in** to avoid logging in each time the mobile app is launched.
6. Select **Log In**.
7. Prompts to change the Password and add an Account Security Email appear upon the initial login.
8. An email notification will be sent to the Account Security Email.
9. Validate the Infinite Campus User Account email address.

(Optional) Instructions-Install Campus Parent/Campus Student Mobile App

1. Download the application from the Apple App Store or Google Play Store.
2. Enter **CCSD** as the **District Name**.
3. Choose **Nevada**.
4. Select **Search District**.
5. Select **Clark County**.



Contact Information

Contact the Portal Help Desk at portalsupport@nv.ccsd.net or call (702) 799-7678 for assistance.