



Clay Hill Elementary Eagle News

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Principal's Note:

Happy New Year! 2022 has arrived as well as the cold weather. With a new year, there are new opportunities for students to be creative, grow, and soar beyond one's wildest dreams. At CHES, our vision is as follows:

We strive to foster an environment where the needs of the whole child are met with dignity and assurance. We aim to empower our students to be innovative, enthusiastic life-long learners who are able to successfully navigate their way through society. Parents, thank you for all that you do. Continue checking in with your child daily. I would encourage you to check PowerSchool frequently for an academic update, and please communicate any concerns you may have to your child's teacher. We are a village!

It would be remiss of me not to acknowledge the presence of COVID. Please be assured that we are doing everything on our end to minimize the spread. I think that we can all agree COVID has overstayed its welcome!. As always, if you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me at the school or email me at asanders@dd4.k12.sc.us!

Important Dates

- * January 10th- Staff Day (No School for students)
- * January 17th- Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday
- * January 21st- Report Cards will be sent home.

April Sanders, CHES Principal



Curriculum Corner:

Welcome Back to School! I hope you all had an enjoyable winter break. As we get back into the swing of things I just wanted to remind parents that we are not expecting academic perfection, but we are expecting academic growth. With that being said, I want our students to enjoy learning but please stay focused and try to work hard and practice reading and writing every opportunity they get. We would like for students to build their stamina (ability) to read and write for longer periods of time. The only way to do this is through practice. This will help on our end of the year statewide assessments. Please allow students to read and write for enjoyment at home using journals and hard copy or electronic books. Once again, Happy New Year!

Nicole Bryant, Instructional Coach

What an exciting part of the year! Our second semester has begun and we are off to an amazing start. Expect to see many new things in all areas of the curriculum. Please take time to schedule your one on one data conference with your child's teacher. It is important to see growth. Here are a few things you can help your student with each afternoon.

- * Ask them what they learned in their favorite academic subject.
- * Do you have any important papers from your teacher?
- * Can you read to me this evening for 20 minutes ?
- *Who did you play with today?

Please take time to reach out to your students teacher to update addresses, phone numbers , email addresses, responders etc. We are so happy to have your student learning in our school. You make our community grow with love and enthusiasm. High Five from the HILL!

Mrs. Guenther, Literacy Coach

Tech Tips: The Importance of Reading to Your Child

Study after study shows that reading daily for enjoyment not only improves reading test scores, but also helps children to develop a broader vocabulary, increased general knowledge, and a greater understanding of cultural differences. Parents play an extremely important role in helping their child become great readers. In fact, parents are a child's first teacher. So how can you help your child become a top reader? It's simple read to them daily. Learning to read is about listening and understanding as well as working out the words on the page. When children hear stories they are exposed to a wide variety of words. This helps them build their own vocabulary and improve their understanding when they listen, which is vital as they start to read. It's important for them to understand how stories work too. Even if your child doesn't understand every word, they'll hear new sounds, words and phrases which they can then try out, copying what they have heard.

-Ms. Ervin, Media Specialist

Nurses Corner:

I hope everyone had a wonderful Christmas holiday and a happy new year. We are excited to have our little ones back at school. A healthy school environment requires the cooperation and effort of us all working together. DD4 has recently updated our COVID-19 protocols. We are following DHEC/CDC guidelines for exposure and quarantine times. Please review the updated protocols listed on the District website. If you, your child, or someone in your household tests positive for COVID please contact your child's teacher and school nurse. If your child has been exposed or has any symptoms, please keep them home and report it. We are working hard to make sure we stay well!!!

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