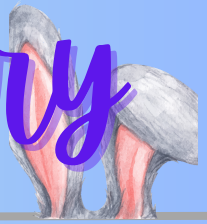




Clay Hill Elementary

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Principal Spot

Greetings CHES Family! I hope your spring break was restful and rejuvenating. Please take a moment to review important dates.

1. Our spring Academic Night will be held this Thursday, April 20, 2023 from 5-6:30. Our theme for the night is "An Extraordinary World." Students will visit different countries and receive a passport to stamp as they take a world tour. Information about the country's history, food, culture, etc. will be shared.

2. We will have our SIC Meeting Thursday, April 25, 2023 at 4:00 via Zoom. Please join us!

Zoom Meeting Information

Meeting ID: 861 6783 0126

Passcode: 320467

3. State testing for 3rd-5th graders will take place the first week in May! Parents, I cannot stress enough the importance of ensuring your child is at school on time, well rested, and takes state testing seriously. They are preparing daily at school! We just have to have to work together to encourage them to do their best!!

I appreciate you all! Thank you for all that you do for our school, students, and community!

April Sanders,
Principal

Curriculum

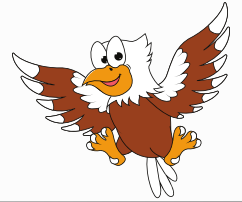
It's Spring CHES!! Longer days to enjoy some sunshine and warmer days to help our flowers bloom. As we focus on finishing strong during the fourth quarter, we encourage you to reach out to your student's teacher if you have any questions or concerns about your student's progress. During the last two weeks of March, our students completed several spring assessments. K - 2nd completed MAP Reading and MAP Math, K - 1st completed STAR Early Literacy and STAR Math, 2nd - 5th completed STAR Reading and 4th grade completed their TE21 Science benchmark assessment. On April 18th and 19th, our 3rd - 5th grade students will complete the TE21 ELA and TE21 Math Spring assessments. We are asking for your support in getting your student(s) to school on time and consistently so they are able to do their best on their year end assessments. This month's resource is Project Gutenberg (www.gutenberg.org). This site provides a wide array of new and old books to enjoy independently or as a family. Please allow your child to find books that he/she enjoys to instill the love of reading. Thanks for all you do to support CHES and as always, we are here to support you!

Ms. Delice
Instructional Coach

Nurse's Nook

Every student received a hearing screening by the school nurse and a vision screening by the Summerville Lions Club. If your child did not pass the screening, a referral form was sent home and parents were contacted by Nurse Weathers. Younger children often have bathroom accidents or spills at lunchtime. It is always a good idea to pack a spare pair of underwear and pants in their backpack. Please remember to let us know if you have any changes in your home, work or cell numbers.

Nurse Weathers



Guidance

April's Character Word is Courage!!

Courage means to face your fears! There are many ways to show courage...standing up for someone who is being bullied by others, standing up in class to give an oral report, and continuing to work hard even though you are tired and want to quit. April will be the month to start shining your best because testing will start in May. Students need to keep a routine with bed time because the longer days tend to make us get off schedule.

Note of encouragement:

Always do the right thing even when it's scary or difficult. Every problem has a solution!

~Laura Knight Schipmann, Counselor

Media

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.

Happy Reading!
-Ms. Ervin, Media Specialist