

# Capturing Carver

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## Vision:

Carver Elementary School will service every child to grow at least two levels by 2022 while guiding students in a safe, inviting environment.

## Motto:

"Big journeys begin with small steps."

~Author unknown

**#CarverStrong**

## Carver's View

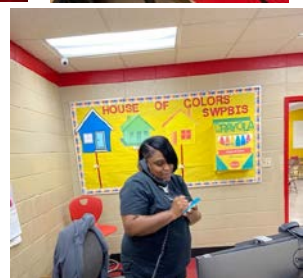
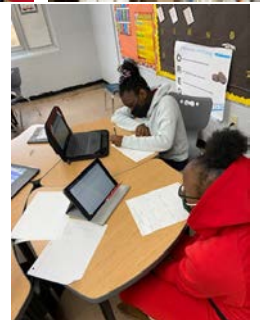


Greetings ALL,

We are nearing the end of the third nine weeks. We are excited to see how many standards our students have mastered over these nine weeks. We expect to see growth from all of our babies during the 3rd Benchmark which begins Monday, March 7, 2022. Incentives have been set for teachers and students for reaching their goals, collectively and individually. This can only happen with the assistance of you, the parent(s) and guardian(s). Be sure to talk to your child about performing their best on their benchmark assessments.

Carver has just celebrated the School Wide Positive Behavior Initiative for the month of February with a Mardi Gras themed party where we celebrated all students who have exhibited positive behavior around the school for the whole month. This incentive was sponsored by First United Methodist Church of Indianola, MS. The students definitely enjoyed themselves and are working hard for what the March celebration may be. If your child did not attend the festivities be sure to talk to them about setting goals to attend the upcoming event. If you need clarification on what the expectations are, please contact your child's teacher.

Again, parents, testing starts March 7, 2022. We need all students at school, on time with charged laptops. Testing will start promptly at 8:00 a.m. and will end at 11:30 a.m. daily. Please work to get all students here on time so that they will not have to take makeup tests. At any time if you feel that the school can be of assistance to you, please reach out to the school.



## Counselor's Corner

### Test-Taking Tips for Elementary Students

As we begin to prepare for testing, I would like to share some helpful tips for parents and students. Third Nine Week Benchmark testing will be given March 7-11. State testing will take place April 18- May 11.

Tips to give your child about taking tests:

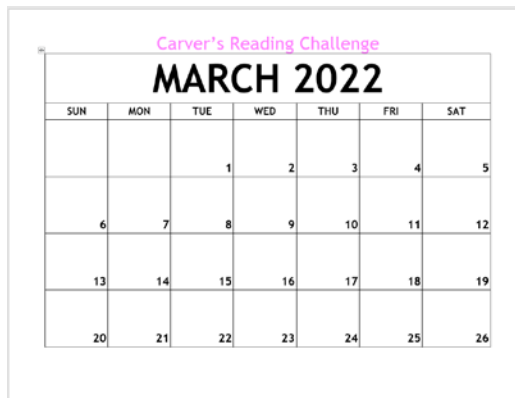
- Relax. Just do the best you can.
- Your first choice is usually correct. Don't change an answer unless you have a good reason to do so.
- Be aware of key words such as "all," "now," "always," "never," "only," "exactly."
- Watch for negative words like "not," "no," "never."
- Look for information in some of the questions. This information may help you answer other questions.

You can assist your child prepare for testing by doing the following:

- Make sure your child gets a good night's sleep before a test, and make sure your child eats properly the day of a test.
- Maintain a pleasant home environment and avoid unnecessary conflicts. Try to make the morning of the test a pleasant one. Do not add to your child's stress.
- Make sure your child has taken any needed medication.
- Ensure that your child is present during testing (children generally perform better when taking tests in their groups rather than at a make-up time).
- Get your child to school on time the day of the test.
- Wish your child good luck each morning of the test. Tell your child that he/she is special and that you believe in him/her!
- Remind your child the test is important. Encourage him/her to do his/her best.
- Remind your child to listen carefully to the instructions from the teacher and to read the directions and each question carefully.
- Tell your child to attempt to answer all of the questions and not to leave any blank.
- Encourage your child to stay focused on the test, even if other students finish early.

## Librarian's Corner

Here at Carver, we have turned Read Across America Week into Read Across America Month. This month our students are being challenged to read and record their readings. We will spend the entire month reading different genres. As the students read, they will complete a book report and track their readings using the calendar below. All students who complete the calendar and book reports for the month of March will receive an incentive. Our students have the autonomy to choose the genres that interest them. Feel free to encourage us as we open our minds to new literature.



## Upcoming Events

### 3<sup>rd</sup> Nine Week Assessments:

March 7<sup>th</sup>-11<sup>th</sup>

### Spring Break

March 14<sup>th</sup>-18<sup>th</sup>

### Teacher Work Day (No Students)

March 21<sup>st</sup>

### Students Return/Classes Resume

March 22<sup>nd</sup>

### Report Cards Issued

March 28<sup>th</sup>-April 1<sup>st</sup>

ADA

92.74

Total: 442	ELA	MATH	SCIENCE	Incentives (Per Teacher)
PROFICIENCY (100 pts)	30	35	55	30
GROWTH ALL STUDENTS (100 pts)	60	92	PARTICIPATION	70
GROWTH LOW 25% (100 pts)	75	95		85
(Total: 700 points)				

## "Every day Counts"

Antoinette Thornton,  
District Attendance Officer  
Mr. Adrian Gooden, School  
Resource Officer

As a school and a district, we understand that we are not quite out of the woods with COVID-19 yet. We will continue to follow the CDC and district protocols for social distancing and sanitation, ensuring that all facets of our journey during the school day is one that is aligned. Our goal is, and has always been, to provide a safe learning environment. You can help us keep everyone safe by ensuring your child has a mask on daily before arriving at school.