



The Nest

CHICORA NEWSLETTER | JAN 2021

Upcoming EVENTS

Jan 4 - School resumes

Jan 12 - 1st grade Family Zoom

Jan 15 - eLearning Day
(Students work at home)

Jan 18 - MLK Holiday
(No School)

Jan 21 - School Improvement
Council Meeting - 3:00

Dear Chicora Families,

Welcome back to school. We are looking forward to a bright 2021! We had a busy December recognizing our students who earned perfect attendance and honor roll awards. This month we will begin our make it & take it math activities. Watch for more information to come. First grade will be this month. We continue to place safety protocols in place and hope the vaccine will help cases decline so we can get all students back in school.

- Debbie Smith, Interim Principal



1st Grade News

Happy New Year to all our wonderful First Grade Families.

We hope that the holiday season has treated you well. Right before Winter Break we completed a unit on holidays around the world, looking at how different countries celebrate their holidays and comparing the traditions to ours. As we move into the new year and our return to school we will be moving into double digit numbers, addition, subtraction, phases of the moon, and reviewing our rules and expectations, and of course SIGHT WORDS and Reading. I hope this finds you well and if you need anything from your child's teacher do not hesitate to reach out.

2nd Grade News

Hi second-grade families!

This month, students have continued working on place value, as well as one and two-step word problems in math. In reading, we have been working on our poetry unit. We have identified literary devices such as alliteration, onomatopoeia, rhyming, repetitive language, similes, and metaphors through many fun poems and stories we have read. The Christmas themed poems were our favorite! In science, we have learned about different objects that are magnetic and which are non-magnetic. We have now started to learn about solids, liquids, and gases! Second grade has worked very hard to complete Math and Reading MAP testing this week. They even got to celebrate with a popsicle party for the whole school completing at least one of our PBIS eagles! Keep up the great work and don't forget to check emails for important updates and information. Please reach out to your child's teacher with any questions or concerns.

3rd Grade News

Welcome back Families!

We hope you enjoyed the holidays! This month in reading, third graders will be learning about the Civil War through historical fiction books and will be writing fiction stories in writing. In math we are continuing to learn about metric units and will start to multiply and divide tricky numbers and learn to round numbers as well. We will continue to learn about the exploration and settlement of South Carolina in Social Studies and electricity and magnetism in Science.

4th Grade News

Happy, happy holidays from Fourth Grade!

As we step into the New Year, we will also be taking a step back in time with our historical fiction unit in ELA. This goes perfectly with our unit exploring colonial America in Social Studies. In the upcoming weeks, make sure to ask a fourth grader what the temperature is - our weather studies have our brains sizzling like the Sahara! While we may be learning how to divide in math, we are united in our quest for knowledge.

5th Grade News

Hello 5th Grade Parents and Happy New Year!

We are happy to have our students back with us after the holiday break. Starting out the new year in Math we will be working on Adding and Subtracting Decimals, in ELA we are reading Informational Texts, the first one is an exciting story about volcanoes! In Science we are beginning a unit on Landforms and Oceans and in Social Studies we are beginning to learn about the Industrial Revolution.

Title 1 News

Parent engagement activities, even virtually, should engage & interest the parents. I'd like to plan programs that you want to see happen. They do not always have to involve the students. I am here to see that parents get what they need to be successful at parenting. What activities, resources or events would interest you as a parent or family? There are no limits. It could be resources, mental health, cooking classes, a virtual job fair, dance classes, GED and high school diploma help or anything you can think of. Please email me at chicoraparenting@gmail.com or call me at the school or on my work cell at 843-852-1506.

Guidance

Happy New Year Chicora families! The guidance department has been rolling right along! In December we finished our Second Step bullying lessons. Your student(s) should be able to tell you at least 3 safe adults they can report bullying to, how to recognize bullying, and what cyberbullying means. We have also begun our Erin's Law lessons. These are CCSD mandated lessons teaching children about taking ownership of their bodies, how to report abuse, and the difference between safe and unsafe touches. The curriculum can be found at www.fightchildabuse.org. Be on the lookout for a potential community event on this topic in the spring!

Special Area News

- **Art** - January is bringing a focus on drawing. Students will be returning to the art room to sharpen their abilities and experience new materials. Every week will bring a guided drawing, different material, and topic.
- **Library** - Check out the [library website](#). Virtual students may now begin book check out being January 4th. If your last name begins with A-L your time frame is 8:00 - 9:00, and last names beginning with M-Z will be 9:00 - 10:00.
- **Music** - Our 3rd, 4th, and 5th Grade Eagles are doing an amazing job learning the lines and spaces of the treble clef staff. They had an awesome time finding all the treble clefs hidden around the school in our treble clef scavenger hunt. The younger grades have been working on holiday music and playing handbells.
- **PE** - When students return from the break, they will combine all their skills from our badminton unit and take it to the next level! They will compete in a double-elimination badminton tournament. Watch out, there may be some teacher teams! ;)
- **Computer** - Our 1st-grade scholars are making great improvements on Teach Ya Monster To Read. They are receiving their certificates and letters from their monsters for their progress. 2nd-5th grade scholars are excelling greatly on code.org and after the break, we will begin Tynker Coding projects.
- **Enrichment** - Ms. Lesesne's book clubs continue to enjoy reading! The 4th-grade group just finished They Came from Center Field, and the 5th grade is about to finish Wildfire. Even the 1st-grade group is venturing into chapter books in the New Year! Be sure to let her know of any great books you read over break!

From the Nurse

I just wanted to take a minute to ask that you remind your child(ren) to practice being a good citizen by wearing their mask every day, and keeping their hands washed after interacting with others, using the restroom, and eating.

CORONAVIRUS

How to Properly Wear a Face Mask

To protect yourself and others from COVID-19, it is important that you wear your mask correctly.



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