



April 2021 Newsletter

Mitchell Elementary

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Important Dates

May 17 e-Learning Day

May 31 Memorial Day - no school

June 18 Last ½ day for Students



How Much Sleep do Kids Need?

Make sufficient sleep a family priority. Understand the importance of getting enough sleep and how sleep affects the overall health of you and your children. Remember that you are a role model to your child; set a good example. Making sleep a priority for yourself shows your children that it's part of a living a healthy lifestyle - like eating right and exercising regularly.

Keep to a regular daily schedule. The same waking times, meal times, nap times, and play times will help your child feel secure and comfortable, and help with a smooth bedtime. For young children, it helps to start early with a bedtime routine such as brush teeth, read a book, then bed.

Monitor screen time. The AAP recommends keeping all screens - TVs, computers, laptops, tablets, phones, out of children's bedrooms, especially at night. To prevent sleep disruption, turn off all screens at least one hour before bedtime and keep the screens and devices OUT of a child's bedroom where you can monitor use.

Source: healthchildren.org

A Message from Principal Amber Sainz

Can you believe we are in the last quarter of the school year? It is hard to believe. Please help ensure your child has a strong finish to the school year and is here and ready to learn each day!

We are very excited to let you know that we are on track to be back downtown next school year to our newly renovated school. This will be so exciting for our scholars. Watch our Mitchell Facebook page for pictures and updates as we get closer to returning. Thank you for your patience and support with our move to James Island this year.

Our 3rd-5th grade students will be State Testing this school year. The dates for testing are May 25 & 27, and June 1 & 3. It will be critical for scholars to be rested and on time both of those weeks of school. More information will be sent home as these dates get closer.

There are several important dates to mark on your calendar: April 30 is now a full day of in-person instruction (it was originally scheduled as an e-learning day). May 17 is an e-learning day. Our next Mitchell Family night is May 19 at 6:00 p.m. via Zoom. We will send information as the date gets closer.

We continue to need your help with the following items. Your child should continue to wear a mask each school day whether they are riding the bus or being dropped off at school. We have depleted our supply here at school, so we need your help in ensuring they bring a mask from home each day. Also, check and see if your child needs a water bottle for school. Each child was provided one at the beginning of the year, but several have been misplaced. We are not using drinking fountains due to Covid, so they need a bottle to use with the bottle filler.

In addition, please note that school starts at 7:40 a.m. and students are dismissed at 2:40 and need to be picked up by this time. Please remember to call the office and send your medical notes/excuses to the office as well if your child is absent.

If you need to visit Mitchell, please remember to call in advance to make an appointment. If you have any questions or concerns, please call the office at 843-724-7261 or email me at amber_sainz@charleston.k12.sc.us.

We are so proud of the work that our Mitchell Sharks are doing each day!

Your partner in education,

Ms. Amber Sainz

Seen Around School

In Art, students studied Canadian landscape painter Ted Harrison (1926 - 2015).



Classroom News



Hey families! We have been busy as bees, wrapping up our Insects Unit of Study in CD. Our friends have had an amazing time learning as many insect facts as possible and going on insect hunts in nature around our school. Now that we have returned from Spring Break, we will start our unit on Tubes and Tunnels -- feel free to send in as many paper towel tubes or toilet paper tubes you might have laying around the house. Make sure you are reading together every night and cleaning out backpacks every Friday. Upcoming Save the Dates: 4/30- No longer an eLearning Day; 5/17- eLearning Day; 5/31- No School, Memorial Day; 6/16- Last Day of CD.

Kindergarten

Kindergarten had an awesome time on our Easter egg hunt. Thank you to all the families that sent in eggs! We have been working hard on blending sounds together to make words. We have started our writing workshop and are currently focusing on being illustrators. In math, we have been working on measuring weight, comparing numbers, and addition. We have completed our weather unit in science. In social studies we have been learning about communities and community helpers. We are excited to be entering the fourth quarter and enjoying the wonderful weather!



First grade continues to work hard learning their sight words, and practicing their place value skills. Testing is coming up for all grade levels, so make sure your child gets plenty of rest, and is ready to learn.

This week has been fun with lots of Earth Day activities. Get them to tell you ways we can help keep our planet clean.



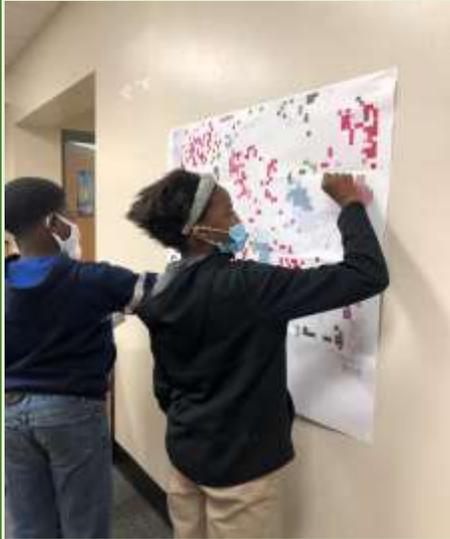
Second graders are rockin' and rollin' learning lots of new things! For example, students had an awesome Market Day! Students made goods and used market bucks as buyers and sellers! Check out the pictures below.

In class students are reviewing skills to prepare for the MAP test. Students are learning about fractions, symmetry, arrays, repeated addition, multiplication and division strategies. Students are also reading and analyzing fiction and nonfiction texts. The phonics/word work focus will be on comparatives, prefixes, and fluency. We are starting a new science unit on solids, liquids, and gas. In Social Studies, students will be learning ways that people may obtain goods and services that they do not produce, including the use of barter and money.

Just a reminder: MAP testing for virtual and in person students will be the week of April 26 and May 3 during the scheduled computer lab time, which is 11:45-12:40.

Library News

Recently, the Stick Together Company donated a team-building poster to the Mitchell Library. Students and teachers enjoyed adding stickers and watching the reveal of the colorful flowery mosaic. We completed the poster in four days!



We have been learning so much this year. Our students are looking forward to meeting all of our end of the year goals. We are studying fractions, multiplication, and division in math. In reading, we are reviewing all of the skills we have learned over the school year!



WOW, it's already 4th quarter. What a year! We will be taking our MAP Tests soon (4/20 ELA and 4/27 Math). After that, it will be time for our SC Ready Tests, and we are certainly READY for SC Ready!

5th Grade

As a fifth grade team we are excited for the 4th nine weeks. We were able to have new and exciting things as well as content presented to us. When we came back from break we engaged in a program titled "Black Men in White Coats" which gave us great insight on medical doctors and the programs in which to enroll in as a career choice. We were able to meet and discuss certain interests with real doctors in the program via zoom. In math we continue to diligently learn about fractions. With fractions we are multiplying and dividing them by whole numbers, other fractions, and mixed numbers. We also continue to work on review items through number corner such as volume and money. In ELA we have been discovering poetry and its elements, comparing and contrasting history (polio pandemic) with our present situation (Covid-19 pandemic), and lastly looking at character motivation in the play "The Legend of Robin Hood." We look forward to many more exciting things such as meeting our MAP goals and performing to the best of our ability on the SC State Assessment. It will take hard work, and determination; but we will prove to be super sharks.

Ten Ways To Become A Better Reader

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