



February 2021 Newsletter

Mitchell Elementary

Important Dates

- February 22 E-Learning Day
- March 1 – 5 Read Across America Week
- March 12 Early Release Day
- March 15 E-Learning Day
- April 5 – 9 Spring Break

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A Message from Principal Amber Sainz

Dear Mitchell Families,

It is hard to believe we are nearing the end of February and already planning for next year. Currently the renovations at our downtown location are on track to be completed for the start of next school year. Our scholars are going to have a completely renovated building along with new furniture. This is so exciting for them!

Please note several upcoming activities and dates. March 1 - 5 is **Read Across America Week**. This will be a Spirit Week at Mitchell, so watch for the fun activities plan. March 12 is an early release, and March 15 is an E-learning day. March 14 at 6:00 p.m. will be our Spring Family Game Night via Zoom.

Remember that your child should continue to wear a mask to school each day whether they are riding the bus or they are being dropped off at school. This is crucial to keeping everyone safe each day. 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



Allergies? COVID? The Flu? Or a Cold?

Many of these; **Allergies, Flu, Cold** or **COVID** can start with Breathing symptoms. But the way the symptoms start is usually different. For example; **Flu** tends to come on quickly, with Fever, Chills and Muscle Aches, and sometimes sore throat and cough.

A **Cold** tends to start with some of the same symptoms as the flu, but less severe.

COVID-19 may also start with cold symptoms and also cause shortness of breath or difficulty breathing.

Allergies often include itchy watery eyes, throat or ears, sneezing and watery runny nose.

COVID testing may be necessary to confirm or rule out the diagnosis of COVID-19.

MOST IMPORTANTLY WEAR A MASK, WASH YOUR HANDS, AND REMAIN 6 FEET APART WHEN SEEING FRIENDS!

Allergies?, COVID?, the Flu? or a Cold?: This chart may help you figure out which one.

Symptoms of COVID-19					
Symptoms of COVID-19	Strep Throat	Common Cold	Flu	Asthma	Seasonal Allergies
FEVER	✓		✓		
COUGH		✓	✓	✓	✓
SORE THROAT	✓	✓	✓		✓
SHORTNESS OF BREATH				✓	
FATIGUE		✓	✓	✓	✓
DIARRHEA OR VOMITING	✓		✓		
RUNNY NOSE		✓	✓		✓
BODY/MUSCLE ACES	✓	✓	✓		

Seen Around School

In Art, students studied Brazilian artist Romero Britto, who combines pop art, graffiti, and bold patterns to express hopes, dreams, and happiness.



Classroom News



The children in Child Development sure have been busy learning about all different kinds of animals that could be found up in the Arctic. Our favorite animals are the Polar Bears, Penguins, the Arctic Fox, and the Snowy Owl. We are finishing up on our Sign unit of study. We wish you could walk the hallways and see our hard work. Some of our favorite sign activities have been learning about traffic signs with Officer Kara, and of course going on a sign hunt around Mitchell. We have discovered that there are all kinds of signs hanging up around our school.

We are excited to dig into our new unit of study, Buildings, the second week of February. If you have any wonderful things that could be shared with us about buildings please let us know. We will be happy to zoom you into the classroom to share your knowledge with our youngest scholars.

Please keep reading each and every night and of course checking out your child's Seesaw page for activities assigned. Please also don't forget to check Clasdojo and or your child's classrooms webpage.



Kindergarten has been working hard on sight words and 2D and 3D shapes. A list of sight words and game suggestions have been sent home. Have your student search for 2D and 3D shapes around your home and practice their sight words each night. We are looking forward to our new science kit and learning about weather!



First grade has been busy finishing up all of our winter activities and getting ready for an exciting February. We are reading stories that promote kindness, and love plus beginning our Black History unit. We have been working on place value in math, and coming up with all kinds of strategies to help us understand this hard concept. With spring just around the corner, plants will be our science focus for the next month. Our new kit just arrived with lots of seeds to help us learn. As always, thank you for all of your support.



Second graders are on a learning roller coaster!

Students have been working hard using rulers, yard sticks, and tape measures to measure and compare objects in math. In social studies, students have been focused on identifying laws and rules and who can enforce them. In science, students have been observing animals, describing habitats, and creating habitat boxes. Ask your child to tell you all about the animal research & writing projects.

Challenge your child at home to read both digital and analog clocks to tell time.

Continue to encourage your child to do his or her best and always follow the rules!

Library News

Students celebrated the landing of Mars Perseverance the week of February 15. Activities included books and videos about the Mars rover, coloring pictures of the Red Planet, and a sampling of Krispy Kreme's special Mars donuts. Two lucky students each won a Matchbox Mars Rover.



Third graders spent time in the Mitchell Library using print and electronic resources for their February biography projects.



Report cards are coming! They **should** be arriving the week of February 8th. It's hard to believe we are already in the third quarter of school. Time flies when your learning is fun!



This month in 5th grade we are excited to celebrate Valentine's Day while still learning at a rapid pace. Moving forward it is imperative that students are intrinsically engaged and motivated as our academic content continues to get deeper and more rigorous. We have also introduced "two-a-days" in the area of mathematics where students will get a double dose of the Bridges content and lessons. As far as reading goes, we continue to explore and dive into certain topics with story works hitting necessary standards and skills throughout each story selection. On the flip side of things we are excited to have shark bucks readily available for positive reinforcement of scholar expectations. Fifth grade scholars are also excited to be nominated as a manager which will assist with the opening and closing of the store, the inventory, and accessibility for other classes at Julian Mitchell Elementary.



Monday, March 1	Our World and Beyond	Wear green in celebration of our world.
Tuesday, March 2	Our Nation	Wear red, white, and blue.
Wednesday, March 3	Our State	SC College and University Day
Thursday, March 4	Our Hometown	Hats Off to our Hometown (hat day)!
Friday, March 5	Our School	Wear your school shirt today.

