



# March 2021 Newsletter

## Mitchell Elementary

Temporary Location: 1484 Camp Road, Charleston, SC 29412

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### Important Dates

April 2 Early Release Day

April 5 – 9 Spring Break

April 30 Early Release Day



### School Nurse

### Seasonal Allergies

From what we know about how the corona virus spreads, it's clear that outside is better than inside. However, for many, being outside also brings on the sniffles and sneezes of hay fever. Unfortunately, novel coronavirus (COVID-19) symptoms can look similar to many other conditions, including seasonal allergies.

Seasonal allergies are caused by pollen being released into the air, causing some to have an allergic reaction. For anyone with hay fever, step outside, and you might sneeze or end up with itchy eyes. This year, many people who are allergic to trees and grasses are worried that they could have the coronavirus. Coronavirus symptoms can look similar to seasonal allergies, but often include fever, dry cough, and shortness of breath. A subset of patients may complain of not being able to taste or smell, or experience diarrhea and other gastrointestinal symptoms. If you don't have any of these symptoms, it might just be seasonal allergies.

People with seasonal allergies often respond well to over-the-counter allergy antihistamines. These medicines may provide some quick relief. Some recommended medications are Zyrtec, Claritin, and Allegra. Children's Benadryl is best given at nighttime.

### A Message from Principal Amber Sainz

Dear Mitchell Families,

Happy Spring! I know we are all excited for sunshine and warmer weather. First of all, we 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.

There are several important upcoming dates to mark on your calendar. March 24 at 6:00 p.m. is our next Mitchell Family Game Night. Watch for information for the Zoom link. We hope to see you there! We have an Early Release on April 2 at 12:40 p.m. Then Spring Break is the following week April 5-April 9. Finally, April 30 is an e-learning day and students will not report to school.

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](mailto: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



First Graders are growing beans in the Mitchell Camp Road garden.



## Seen Around School

In Art, students studied artists Wassily Kandinsky, Faith Ringgold, and Alma Thomas.



## Classroom News



Hey there CD Families!

Now that March is well underway, we have wrapped up our Signs unit of study and our Buildings unit of study. Get ready for INSECTS! I hope you have gotten a chance to chat with your itty bitty about some of the exciting things we have been talking about each day.

Make sure that you are checking your child's backpack folder each day, as well as your class website or Class Dojo ways of communication. We have new things happening every week and we want to make sure you don't miss out!

As always, remember to get plenty of sleep at night, and get to school on time and ready to learn.

### Kindergarten

Kindergarten is working hard to learn our sight words and sounding out words. Please be sure to work on sight words at home each night. In math, we are finishing up our unit on 2-D and 3-D shapes. We will be focusing on the teen numbers, comparing numbers, and addition. We are continuing to learn about weather and symbols. We are enjoying our science kit and weather observations. We are looking forward to our Green Heart lesson. Please remember to check your student's folder each night.

### 1st GRADE

First grade continues to work on addition and subtraction. Hopefully, they can show you a strategy to use when they complete their homework. We have also been working on word problems, and learning words that mean to add or subtract. Science has been especially exciting. We grew bean plants that were big enough to plant in a garden by the school. Some classes are growing herbs as well, and we will learn how to tell the difference by their look and smell.

The days are lighter now, so enjoy some sunshine in the park.



Hats off to all 2nd graders for participating in Read Across America Week! Continue to encourage your child to read nightly and complete all homework assignments.

This month students will be writing persuasive letters and paragraphs. In science, students are exploring force, motion, and friction by building ramps and swings, and dominoes. In social studies, students are learning about community helpers, and goods & services. In math, students are learning how to count coins and money, and solve real world money math problems. Challenge your child to count the change and money you have in your pocket, purse, or piggy bank.

Happy Learning!

# Library News

## Glue in the Library?

No problem! Using recycled envelopes and paper platters, CD students assembled a builder's outfit. They are studying construction tools, materials, and safety clothes in the Mitchell Library.



In third grade, we are reading fairy tales and working on multiplication, division, and fractions.



We are heading into the new quarter strong! We had a lot of fun with the Charleston Police Department's dog, Natty, and we got to see a real working robot! We are working hard on addition and subtraction strategies and we can't wait to show what we know!

## 5th Grade

The past month in 5th grade we continue to excel in meeting our two-a-days in math in order to make sure we meet the standards and are prepared for 6th grade. In ELA we continue to explore fiction and non-fictional texts, as well as learn to debate and write opinion based argumentative essays. We are proud of a select few 5th grade leaders that were nominated to help run the school store once a month. Mitchell Elementary is also in full swing as spring comes around in our PBIS incentive program (shark bucks – Mitch's Cove Shop).

JOIN US FOR

# FAMILY GAME NIGHT

MARCH 24, 2021 AT 6:00PM

PLAY AS A SCHOOL FAMILY & AS A GRADE LEVEL

Zoom Information

ID: 89189764071 Passcode: 448690



# ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS FOR PRE-K/CHILD DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM

BEGINNING JANUARY 26, 2021

## Why Enroll Now?

- 85-90% of brain development happens during a child's Pre-K years (Rauch Foundation)
- Stimulating classroom experiences foster optimal brain development
- Provides preparation for kindergarten



## Benefits for Your Family

- The programs are no cost to families
- Full-day program provides a safe and healthy learning environment for children

## HOW TO APPLY

Apply 2 ways:

1. Online at [ccsdschools.com/earlylearning/applications](https://ccsdschools.com/earlylearning/applications)
2. Fill out paper application

## Enrollment Requirements

- Child must turn 4 years old by September 1, 2021
- Child will participate in a screening
- Charleston County resident

## FOR MORE INFORMATION

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