



January 2021 Newsletter

Mitchell Elementary

Important Dates

January 18 MLK Day (no school)

February 5 Teacher Workday

February 15 Weather Make-up Day / e-Learning

February 22 e-Learning Day

Temporary Location: 1484 Camp Road, Charleston, SC 29412

<http://mitchell.ccsdschools.com/> Telephone: 843-724-7262

A Message from Principal Amber Sainz

Dear Mitchell Families,

We hope everyone had a wonderful and restful break! Thank you so much for your continued flexibility and patience as we continue to navigate this school year!

We are focusing on self-care during the month of January. We know that this has been and continues to be a difficult time for everyone. Please let us know if your family is in need of any additional support, and we will help to make this happen.

Our hope is to bring back any students who would like to be in-person by February 8. Please contact your child's teacher if you would like to make this change in instruction.

We will be planning another Mitchell Family Night soon, so stay tuned for details.

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.

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

Your partner in education,

Ms. Amber Sainz



This month at Mitchell we are focusing on **self-care**. 2020 and the start of 2021 have been extremely stressful – thus, focus **on your needs**. A healthy parent models behavior for a healthy child/student as you are their first teacher.

That means getting enough sleep, water, and proper nutrition as a foundation. You can build a few more healthy habits each day by incorporating a family walk or a solo walk. Listen to music that makes you happy or just shut your bedroom door and read a book or enjoy the quiet.



If you have any concerns about your child's health or mental health, reach out to your school nurse, teacher, or guidance counselor. We will attempt to provide you with as many resources as possible. We are here to help.

The direct phone number to the nurse is 843-958-8782.

Mitchell Library News

Learning about the importance of handwashing.



Trying out Pixton, a new online comic creation program.



Crafting paper characters, inspired by author Vashti Harrison.



Classroom News



The month of December flew by so fast! We can't believe where the time went. We read all about different winter holidays and how they are celebrated around the world. The children enjoyed the many different versions of the *Gingerbread Boy/Girl* story that we have been reading. We just wished the sly fox wouldn't eat the gingerbread children in the end.

We are also finishing up our *Creative Curriculum Trees* unit of study in the room. The children have enjoyed exploring and learning all about different kinds of trees. We wish you could see all of their learning hanging in the hallways! Please see the pictures on *ClassDojo / Class Website* to celebrate our learning.

In January, we started a brand new (to us) *Creative Curriculum* unit of study: *Signs!* We can't wait to dig into this learning unit.

Kindergarten

Welcome back Kindergarten Families! We are so excited to be starting our new year! We are studying living and nonliving animals and we love having our fish and worms to learn from! Our writing is getting better and we are starting to write more sight words. Please continue to read with your child at home!

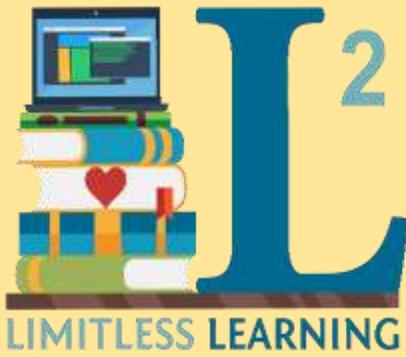
1st GRADE

First grade has been working very hard this month on math, science, reading, and writing. In December we enjoyed gingerbread crafts and stories as well holiday activities. Students have also been studying, observing, and identifying rocks and their properties in science. First grade has completed *Winter FastBridge* assessments and we are very excited to share their growth with you during our next conferences. We hope you and your families have a safe and Happy New Year!

2nd Grade

Second grade students worked hard on the Reading and Math MAP test and have shown progress in their learning.

Students are looking forward to the upcoming virtual Aquarium field trip. In math, students will be learning 2-digit subtraction, identifying polygons, and graphing. In science, students will be learning about animal life cycles and habitats. Classrooms will be observing mealworms and butterflies! In social studies, students will be learning about their world and community helpers. Reading and writing will focus on non-fiction texts, and informational writing.



Thanks to a continued partnership with the Charleston County Public Library, all CCSD students have been automatically registered for a free L² account. L-squared gives students the ability to borrow books, movies, and other items from any library location in Charleston County. Students may also download electronic books and audiobooks and may stream online movies and music.

To log in, go to ccpl.org/l2.

Library Username = CCSD Student Username

Library Password = last 4 digits of CCSD student ID.

Visit any library branch for help
OR

Contact Mrs. Burbage in the Mitchell Library at
kellyanne_burbage@charleston.k12.sc.us

OR
Email CCPL at
lsquared@ccpl.org

Have fun exploring all the library has to offer and enjoy your limitless learning with L-squared!



3rd Grade is settling into the New Year! We have spent time learning about historical fiction, covering the American Revolution, the Civil War, and the Civil Rights Movement. In math, we have started our new unit on telling time!



We hope everyone had a safe and relaxing holiday season. We are back and ready to learn! We have just recently started learning about our solar system, and the kids are full of questions and curiosity...it's such an amazing group of students!



Hello and welcome back Mitchell scholars and leaders. We are excited for the New Year and have some exciting new things coming to Mitchell; not to mention our new academic topics to be discovered. Currently in 5th grade we are learning how to demonstrate acts of kindness amongst our peers at school, but also in our own community. In mathematics we are diligently learning how to add and subtract fractions with unlike denominators as well as learning how to multiply a fraction by a whole number. We continue to also review all other topics that have been introduced earlier in the year in our Bridges Math Curriculum. 5th grade scholars should also be excited about a new program "Scholastic Storyworks" which will be implemented within the next couple weeks for ELA and small groups. As the new year continues, be on the look-out for "shark bucks" as a PBIS reward system for positive behavior and to help enforce our expectations here at Mitchell Elementary. With that being said, Mitchell Elementary scholars should be excited and on the lookout for a school store coming 2021.

Prior to winter break, 5th grade students were able to engage in a K9 Unit presentation with Officer Zagol and the Charleston County Police Department. Students watched a presentation and actively participated with questions and comments.



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