

Clayton Elementary School

January Newsletter

A message from Principal, Mrs. Moyer

Happy New Year and Welcome back!

I hope everyone had a wonderful winter break. It was a great time to rest and spend time with family and friends.

As we celebrate the New Year, it is always a great time for reflection, but more importantly, looking forward to the coming year. As we begin 2024, I would like to share my goal... Academic success for all children. It is my hope that everyone has returned refreshed, strong, and ready to persevere and learn. We are very proud of our students and their work ethic. We are also very proud of the strong core values that have been instilled in each of them. Together, we will work to ensure that all students achieve success.

As I reflect on December, it truly was a time of happiness, togetherness, and compassion. We welcomed approximately 150 families to our Math and Reading Night. It was a time to share our curriculum and enjoy fun games and activities as well. Our students put on wonderful performances throughout November and December. It was great to see the amazing talent of our students. But most importantly, we were able to show great compassion by collecting donations, providing dinners, gifts, and services to many families in our community. I am very proud of the compassion that was shown at Clayton Elementary School.

As always, we appreciate the home-school connection and open communication. Please call us if you have any questions or concerns.

Please Join us on the following social media accounts:

Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/ClaytonElementarySchool>

Instagram @clayton_eagles

School website <https://www.smyrna.k12.de.us/ces>



Jan 11 - 4th grade Spelling Bee 9am
Jan 12 - Winter Wonderland - wear Blue & White
Jan 15 - MLK Day - no school
Jan 23 - Mid Trimester
Jan 26 - No school for students
Jan 29 - Feb 2 - Book Fair

A Message from Associate Principal, Mr. Daws

WELCOME BACK! We are so glad to reopen our doors and welcome all of our staff and students back from Winter Break. We hope you were able to spend time with loved ones and find joy in all of the magic the holiday season brings. As we plan to reopen our doors on January 2nd, we will look to revisit our building wide expectations so that our students can continue their academic, social, and emotional growth and success. Please continue to support your student(s) by reminding them of appropriate school behavior and the importance of staying focused on their schoolwork.

Even though the weather is getting cold, we still believe it is important for our students to get outside for recess. Please make sure they are coming to school with the appropriate outdoor clothing including a heavy coat, hat, gloves, and scarf. Please make sure to label their clothing in case something gets misplaced.

With the onset of the new year, it is always a good ideal to reconcile any outstanding balances with the cafeteria and to check with Nurse Jones to ensure any necessary medications are up-to-date and available.

A Message from our Guidance Counselor, Mrs. Yatskevich

Welcome Back Clayton Families

I hope everyone had a happy and safe holiday season. This month, students across all grade levels will receive a lesson on growth mindset/perseverance. With the start of a new year, this is the perfect time to introduce the importance of having a growth mindset versus a fixed mindset. Students will learn about the power of YET. We will discuss how far we have come since September and the importance of persevering when faced with new challenges. Students in third and fourth grade will also dive a little deeper and talk about the importance of setting S.M.A.R.T. goals for the remainder of the school year. As always, please feel free to reach out with any social/emotional questions or concerns you may have. My email is sarah.yatskevich@smyrna.k12.de.us or I can be reached via phone at 302-653-8587.



A Message from Nurse Jones

Happy New Year!

To continue keeping our children healthy (and in school) this winter season remind your children (and yourself) to practice frequent hand washing and healthy habits. It is not too late to get a flu shot if you or your child has not had one and I highly recommend that you do get one.

Please remember to dress your child appropriately for the weather.

Just a reminder, for those students who I have sent a notice home that they need to see the eye doctor, please send in follow up that the student has seen the doctor. This follow up is mandated by the state and I need to have documentation of it in the student's chart. Also, for those who have limited or no insurance for vision, please call me. There may be assistance available to pay for eye exams and glasses. No child should be without glasses if they need them!

One last thing, just a review about fevers: a fever is not an illness. Fever is an important symptom of an illness (a temperature of 100.6 or above is considered a fever). Fevers generally occur along with a sore throat, earache, nausea, listlessness, headache or rash. When a fever occurs, your child may be carrying something contagious. If it is something viral, it may pass in a day or two. Most doctors advise that children with fevers be kept home for an additional 24 hours after the last fever. When they are fever free it needs to be without having received any Tylenol or Motrin. It is not good practice to give Motrin or Tylenol to prevent fever; they should be used to treat it. Children should also be kept home for an additional 24 hours after the last episode of vomiting or diarrhea.

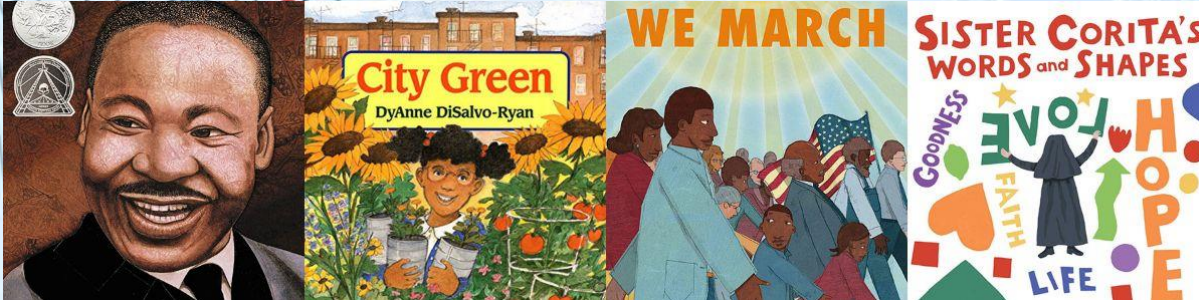
Wishing everyone a happy and healthy 2024!!

Mrs. Massey's Reading Review

January...

The start of a whole new year...

It is time to decide what to do with it!



Books for Martin Luther King, Jr. Day (January 15, 2024)

Martin Luther King, Jr. Day celebrates the life and civil rights work of Dr. King. It is recognized as a *National Day of Service* where volunteers across the country work together to make a difference in their communities – taking action to create the “Beloved Community” that Dr. King devoted his life to. Browse the list below of children’s books about the life and work of Dr. King, as well as fiction/nonfiction books about ordinary people who stood up for what’s right, and stories about helping others and giving back.

