



A Message from Mrs. Moyer, Principal

Welcome to November!

October was very successful with many events. Our Fall Festival was a huge success and it was amazing to see all of our families join in on the fun.

We also want to thank all of our families who showed compassion during the month of September and October supporting Pediatric Cancer and Breast Cancer Awareness. It was a true act of compassion shown by all and we are very proud of our students.

November is a rather short month, so please be sure to look at the calendar of events in this Newsletter.

Parent conferences are quickly approaching. Please be sure to schedule a conference with your child's teacher on Monday, November 20 and Tuesday, November 21. This is a great opportunity to gain valuable insight into your child's education.

Thanksgiving Break will begin Wednesday, November 22 and students will return on Monday, November 27. I wish you and your family a wonderful Thanksgiving. Take this time to rest and spend time with your families.

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

November important dates:

3rd – No school for students (Professional learning for teachers)

9th – Third grade Veteran's Day Celebration

10th – Veteran's Day (no school for students)

16th – First Grade Thanksgiving program

20th – 21st – Parent/Teacher Conferences (no school for students)

22nd – 24th – Thanksgiving Break

28th – Picture Retakes

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>



A Message from Mr. Daws, Associate Principal

As we enter into November and essentially the start of Holiday Season, it is important that we focus on our families and loved ones and remember that there are many in our community that are in need of support. Clayton Elementary will be highlighting our District Core Value of Compassion by holding a food drive from 11/6-11/17. Information regarding the food drive will be sent home with your student(s). All donations will benefit the Smyrna Middle School Food Pantry as we work to support our community by giving back. We are extremely proud of our students for upholding our core values by showing compassion to those in need.



STUDENT OF THE MONTH



Each month, the classroom teacher selects 1 student to represent their class based on positive characteristics that have been consistently displayed in the classroom. This is a very special honor for our students. They receive a certificate, a reward, their name read on the announcements, as well as their picture taken and placed on the Student of the Month bulletin board.

OCTOBER STUDENT of THE MONTH

KN	1 st	2 nd	3 rd	4 th
Brooke Darling	Rowan Hitchens	Brinley Katz	Adrian Alvarez	Karoline Bartsch
Jaxson Davis	Emma Lewis	Logan King	Charlie Kemske	Noble Dodd
Sheila M.-Ochoa	Chase Riley	Mia Sanchez-Calix	Evertt Moor	Alissa Morales
Joseph Mogle	Kendall Tracey	Jase Starke	Alicia Perry	Avery Wilt
	Jackson Waltemire		Wesley Toberer	



Greetings CES families

This month during classroom guidance lessons, Kindergarten and First grade will discuss kindness and ways in which they can show kindness at home, school, and in the community. We will read “How Full Is Your Bucket?” and learn what fills our personal bucket and what spills our bucket. In first grade, we will read a book entitled “A Little Spot of Kindness.” In second grade, we will discuss empathy we when read “Teach Your Dragon Empathy.” In third grade, we will wrap up our unit on kindness when we create a craftivity called Compli-mittens. Fourth grade will discuss our upstairs brain versus our downstairs brain when we complete a lesson on “flipping our lid”. I have thoroughly enjoyed getting back into the classrooms to see all our returning kids as well as meeting all of our new students. As always, if you have any social emotional related questions or concerns, please feel free to reach out.

School Nurse News



Karen Jones RN, BSN

As the holiday seasons approach and temperatures begin to cool off, so does the concern of flu and other respiratory illnesses. As the months cool off more people gather in larger numbers indoors.

Early symptoms of respiratory illness symptoms look similar for many children, including congestion, cough, runny nose, muscle aches, fever, and headache. Since each virus typically begins as an upper respiratory infection, it can be difficult to know which one you are dealing with. The only way to determine which virus is causing an infection is by testing. COVID testing is available as a home test. If your child tests positive for COVID we recommend following the CDC guidelines. We are no longer reporting COVID cases to public health. If your child continues to be symptomatic most health care providers can test for flu, rsv, covid and strep. Sometimes treatment may be needed for ongoing or concerning symptoms.

ALLERGIES, COLD, FLU AND COVID-19

Most common symptoms for each

SYMPTOMS	Allergies	Cold	Flu	COVID-19
Body aches		✓		sometimes
Chills		rarely	✓	sometimes
Dry cough	✓	✓	✓	✓
Fatigue	sometimes	✓	✓	✓
Fever		rarely	✓	✓
Headache	✓	rarely	✓	sometimes
Itchy eyes	✓			
Loss of taste/smell	sometimes	rarely	sometimes	✓
Nasal congestion	✓	✓	✓	rarely
Nausea/vomiting/diarrhea		sometimes	sometimes	sometimes
Runny nose	✓	✓	✓	rarely
Sneezing	✓	✓	✓	sometimes
Sore throat	sometimes	✓	✓	sometimes
Shortness of breath	sometimes	rarely	✓	✓



Did you know germs and viruses can contaminate most common household surfaces? Don't worry! Disinfecting products can help. When shopping for cleaning products, choose sprays and wipes that are labeled "disinfectant" because they can be designed to kill a broad spectrum of harmful bacteria and viruses like the flu that other cleaners cannot.

The Top 5 Germ Hot Spots Are:

1. Telephones
2. Refrigerator, microwave, and door handles
3. Kitchen Faucets
4. Light Switches
5. TV Remotes

Some Preventative Measures

- ❖ Wash your hands frequently with soap and water for 20 seconds or use hand sanitizing gel.
- ❖ Get your flu vaccine and discuss with your health care provider if you are due for other vaccinations. (The CDC recommends you get vaccinated for the flu in October and November before flu season peaks. They also recommend continuing with your COVID vaccines)
- ❖ Stay home and limit your contact with others if you are sick.
- ❖ Avoid touching your nose, mouth, and eyes.
- ❖ Avoid sharing eating utensils and sharing drinks.
- ❖ Get enough sleep.
- ❖ Eat right and exercise regularly.

Please do NOT send your child to school if he/she has or has had:

- ✚ A fever more than 100.1 degrees within the last 24 hours. Must be fever free without the aid of medication for 24 hours.
- ✚ Vomiting or diarrhea within the last 24 hours.
- ✚ Continuous coughing, not relieved with cough medicine.

Focus on Reading at Home

The Importance of Reading Models

You are your child's first and most important teacher. If you want your child to be a reader, he/she must see that you value reading! *Make time to read each day.* If you do not have time to sit down and read a book, consider listening to an audio book.



When choosing a book with your child, the first thing you must determine is if you are looking for a book to *read aloud* to your child, *read together* with your child, or your child to *read alone*.

Read alouds should be above your child's reading level. This way you can expose your child to books that are of great interest, but beyond your child's ability to read on his/her own.

Read together books should be only slightly above your child's reading level. You will be available for support. However, you do not want your child to rely too much on you.

Read alone books should be easy for your child to read by himself/herself.

Motivating Your Child to Read

1. Read aloud often.
2. Let your child choose what he/she wants to read.
3. Provide a cozy space for reading.
4. Talk with your child about what he/she is reading.
5. Read what your child is reading.
6. Encourage your child to read a variety of genres.
7. Introduce your child to reading series, such as Junie B. Jones or Harry Potter.
8. Let your child play computer reading games.

What Research Says:

Research shows that parent/guardian involvement is a significant factor on students' reading and math achievement. It is no surprise that parents/guardians who spend time reading and working with their children have students who achieve more than those who do not receive home support.

Based on A. Shaver and R.T Walls "Effect of Title I Parent Involvement on Student Reading and Mathematics Achievement."

