



Concord Mustang Minutes



Happy Holidays from Concord Administration, Dr. Doggett, and Mrs. Connelly!

Season's Greetings! This is a special time of the year as we are in the Holiday Season and embarking on the New Year 2024!

Our attendance rate for the month of November 2023 was **88.82%**. Our school's overall attendance rate is **90.73%**. Concord Elementary School needs to maintain a 94%+ attendance rate for the entire school year. **Parents, ensure to send your child to school every day and they are on time.** All students need to be seated in their homeroom classes by 8:15 AM. If your child is absent from school due to an illness, please email your child's teacher and/or write a note. In addition, if your child is absent from school for 3 consecutive days or more, a Doctor's note will be required. Please be advised that any student who is absent from school for 10 consecutive days, will be withdrawn from school. ***Student attendance is mandatory and is the law.***

Please be advised that homework is a reinforcement as to what is being taught in your child's classroom. Students tend to receive Ds and Es on their progress reports/report cards because they are not completing their homework assignments. Ensure that your child is completing their homework assignments on a nightly basis. Students also need to take care of and charge their Chrome books on a nightly basis as well.

All students will receive Reading and Math logs every Monday. Students should be reading at least 20-30 minutes per night and recording their information on the Reading logs. All 1st – 5th grade students will need to complete their Math logs on a nightly basis as well. The Reading and Math logs are mandatory homework assignments that need to be completed on a nightly basis. In addition, students should be utilizing our intervention programs (***iReady for Reading and Dreambox for Math***) at home at least 2 - 3x a week. In addition, all Kindergarten through 3rd grade students should be accessing Lexia Core 5 in Reading. If you have any questions related to Lexia Core 5, please contact your child's teacher.

The last day of school before the Winter break is Friday, December 22, 2022. School will be closed for students from Monday, December 25, 2023, through Tuesday, January 2, 2024. School will resume for students on Wednesday, January 3, 2024.





Primary News



PRE- KINDERGARTEN

This month we are working in Unit 2 (Our Environment). We have been focusing on the environment and the world around us. Students are learning what reducing, reusing, and recycling is. We have also worked on letters F and E to contribute to our literacy and letter identification. This Unit will allow us to explore the world while focusing and using lessons to enhance our literacy and numeracy skills.

KINDERGARTEN

We are on unit 2, Story Characters, sequencing, and working on handwriting(forming letters), Science we are learning about habitats, and Social Studies we are learning about the holidays in December. Please be reminded, to check folders and notebooks for homework. Please give your child a snack. Could you talk to your children about keeping their hands to themselves?

Mrs.L.K.Taylor

FIRST GRADE

Happy December, First Grade
Parents/Guardians,

We are halfway through the holiday season, and our children are very excited. Please remind your scholar to stay focused and to continue to follow instructions because the learning process doesn't stop. For them to learn, they have to pay attention. The first-grade team will do a countdown to Christmas. Every day, your scholar will be taught a holiday word and an equation to solve. Also, we will have a holiday celebration and possibly a performance, so stay tuned for important holiday information.

SECOND GRADE

We are learning about exploring the world around us. In reading, I read both informational texts and fiction stories to learn about exploring the world around us. We will continue to learn digraphs, blends, vowel teams, and different spelling patterns in our spelling words. In class, we are reading the "Blend It" books in the curriculum to practice reading blends and words and learning heart words. We will continue to work on blending, decoding, and working with prefixes/suffixes. In math, we will learn to tell time by the hour, half-hour, and quarter-hour. We will learn different vocabulary to use when measuring time.

Intermediate News



THIRD GRADE

In Reading, students will practice synthesizing, asking/answering questions, finding the central idea, and monitoring and clarifying in Module 9- From Farm to Table. They will also continue cursive handwriting practice, learning their signatures, identifying content area words, and writing a persuasive essay. In Social Studies, third-grade students will explore the theme of celebrating diversity and traditions. Students will learn the history of cultures and different traditions. In Math our third graders will continue to learn multiplication, strategies to help solve multiplication problems, and 2D shapes. In Science, students will learn about life cycles.

FOURTH GRADE

In Reading students will learn about and identify the author's point of view and describe the character's actions, motivations, and feelings. In Social Studies, students will explore the theme of Celebrating Diversity and Traditions as it relates to how technology impacted people's lives long ago.

In Math, students will continue to explore multiplication. Students will be expected to master their multiplication facts up to the number 12. In Science, students will learn to apply their understanding of weather-related hazards in addition to claiming the merit of a design solution that reduces the impacts of such hazards. In Health students will describe community, helpful behaviors that impact your community, and identify how environmental problems can hurt a community.



FIFTH GRADE

We're in the last month of the year! Our scholars will continue to learn to add and subtract, unlike fractions. They will be solving multiple-step word problems involving addition and subtraction, unlike fractions, which include mixed numbers. In Science, we will continue with Unit 2, which is From Matter to Organism. Our young scientists will be focusing on and exploring food chains and the food web to build models describing the movement of energy. They will also design and construct a model of the ecosystem showing the flow of matter and energy.

Health relates to human emotions and their effects on the body, positive ways to cope with stress, conflict, disappointment, failure, and personal safety.



Specialist News



PHYSICAL EDUCATION

It's the most wonderful time of the year! That's right, Christmas is just around the corner. Can you believe it? In December, our students will work on non-locomotor skills such as balance, weight transfer, and rolling. No need to worry; the kids will be indoors until it gets warm again. To keep the kids safe during this month, I will have mats and other safety equipment for their protection.

As a reminder, please ensure that your child is wearing the correct shoes on PE days. No Crocs, flip flops, dress shoes, boots, or cleats. If you do send your child to school with shoes that are not suitable for PE, please ensure that they have a set of spare shoes to put on.

Have a holly, jolly Christmas!

TECHNOLOGY

Students should be using the following apps in the evening, located in Clever.

1. iReady - 3x per week for 20 minutes a night at home
2. Dreambox- 3x per week for 20 minutes a night at home to improve student performance in the areas of math and reading.

SPECIAL EDUCATION

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MEDIA

Do you need activities to help you get through Christmas break? Check out these FREE activities!

[My Favorite Christmas Read Alouds](#)

[My Favorite Tradition - Kindergarten](#)

[Christmas Tradition Sheet - 1st Grade](#)

[Holiday Scrapbook Website](#)

[Christmas Information Sheet - 2nd Grade](#)

[Holiday Compare and Contrast](#)

[Christmas Around the World Information Sheet](#)

[Christmas Alphabet Game from ABCTeach.com](#)

[ABC Sort from ABCTeach.com](#)