

Clarkfield Aea Charter School



October 2016



Notes from the office

Happy October!

Students finished up their NEWA testing for Fall and results will be shared at their first conference in November.

Please remember that there is no supervision before 7:40 in the morning before breakfast, so please do not drop off your child prior to that time.

Please remember to bring tennis shoes for phy-ed and recess.

Please notify the office or classroom teacher of any after school, bussing or pickup changes.

Parents, for any drop offs or pick ups, please enter the North entrance and exit the South entrance.

Notices will be emailed and sent home with your child the 1st and 15th of each month regarding the breakfast/lunch balance whether there is a balance due or a balance remaining. You can also contact the school at any-time to review your account.

Please email aubrey.johnson@clarkfieldareacharter.org

Dates to remember:

October 6—PreK—6th grade field trip to the Nelson Farm and Pumpkin Patch

October 6—Mid-quarter for 3rd -6th grades

October 11 - Fire prevention program 2pm

October 16—School Board meeting at 6:30

October 18—NO SCHOOL staff development

October 19& 20—NO SCHOOL EM Break

October 23-27—Spirit Week—watch for more updates

October 27—Fall Festival activities in the afternoon after lunch

Preschool News

Welcome returning and new families to CACS Preschool we are going to have another great year!! This will be my fifth year teaching preschool at CACS; I look forward to working with your child and getting to know your family. We have 10 classmates in our M/W/F class and 11 classmates in our Tues/Thurs class.

The month of September we focused our Language Arts on All about me; which included body parts and our senses. We will continue learning all about me into October with focus on I am growing and Changing and three basic needs.

All school field trip is Friday October 6th. Some other skills we are working on are sequencing, counting up to 5, and patterns.

Happy Fall!
Ms. Jackie



HALLOWEEN

Kindergarten News



Hello Parents!

What a fun, exciting, and exhausting first month of school! We are all learning how to get ourselves back into the routine again. I am thrilled to be your child's teacher this year! I am dedicated to making this a wonderful learning experience for each and every child.

Kindergarten Learning Targets

September Language Arts

During the month of September the children enjoyed many popular nursery rhymes. We listened to and discussed many nursery rhymes, including: Rain Rain Go Away, Jack Be Nimble, Jack and Jill, This Little Pig Went to Market, Star Light Star Bright, Humpty Dumpty, Little Miss Muffet, and Hickory Dickory Dock. We then made our own nursery rhyme books and we LOVE reading them!

simple writing strokes

October Language Arts

This month the children will read stories about the 5 senses. We will discuss each of the

5 senses and the respective body parts.

simple writing strokes

writing our name correctly

counting syllables

listening for beginning sounds

Blending sounds together to make words

MATH

#0-9

Graphing

Patterns

Shapes

Positional Words

Sorting

Acting-out Story Problems

SCIENCE / SOCIAL STUDIES / HEALTH

School Rules and Procedures

Taking Turns Speaking

Sharing with Our Friends

Bus Safety

Staying Healthy at School

Working with Magnets

5 Senses



Every night I expect the students to read and work towards their reading goal. **FOR every night you read (not for every book) color one picture on the reading log.** Return at the end of the month and receive a certificate for all your hard work!

Please HELP! Not every student has an extra change of clothes!

Please send a change of extra clothes, underwear, and socks in a gallon Ziploc bag labeled with your child's name. Whether it's a spill from lunch, a messy art project, or another type of accident... it always helps to be prepared.

Check the calendar for your sharing day!
October Theme:

1) Bring an item that is your favorite color.

Happy Fall!

Mrs. Weiss



1st Grade News

Fabulous First Grade!

First Grade is getting off to a fantastic start! This past month we have been getting reacquainted with each other and learning our new routines and schedule. We have also been learning about school rules and expectations.

During our math "Morning Meeting" we have been learning many interesting things about the calendar. We also have a first grade "meteorologist" that gives us the daily weather report. From this report, we learn how to read and use a graph.

We have really enjoyed our new reading/language arts curriculum. We just finished learning about Fables and Folktales. Our next unit will be out the "Human Body". In Phonics, we are reviewing our sounds and letters. We will be starting to learn many new sounds shortly.

It is important that parents become involved in the education of their child. If you would like information on how you can help your child at home, please do not hesitate to contact me.

It has been a busy first month, but we are off to a great start. We all are looking forward to a fabulous year in the first grade!

Thank you,
Ms. Jessen



2nd Grade News



2nd Grade Ms. Nancy

The school year has started off with great strides!! We have been working very hard to get into our daily schedule.

We have been reading some great tall tales in 2nd grade! We have read about Paul Bunyan, John Henry, Pecos Bill, just to name a few. The kids are even working on writing their own tall tale with myself as the larger than life main character and they can add in any other character they want to. They are author and illustrator of this tall tale. I will be excited to see what they can come up with!

We have been reviewing skills learned in previously in reading also. I have added visual phonics to our letter sounds, we have two new students this year and they are catching right on wonderfully! We also have added our first spelling list and everyone is working hard to learn the words.

Math has started out with 0's, 1's, and now 2's, we are also talking about and learning more about ordinal placement, and shapes such as rectangle, parallelogram, hexagon, triangle and circle.

Our time together is wonderful! I am looking forward the rest of the year with these kiddos!!

3rd-6th Grade News

Language Arts and Social Studies Notes:

Where has September gone? It seems like just yesterday the students were arriving for the first day of school! The students are getting into the routines, working hard in class, and having fun!

Reading: In 4th, 5th, and 6th We have been learning about Personal Narratives and the students are currently preparing their own personal narratives. I'm excited to read them when they are complete! They've been working hard! In 3rd Grade, we are working our way through *Aladdin* and *The Wind in the Willows* as we learn about themes, personification, and sequencing!

Social Studies: Both 5th and 6th grade continue to study early Minnesota history as they learn about some of the first Native American groups in Minnesota and the arrival of the first Europeans. As of the time of this writing, the students are just finishing up their Dakota & Ojibwe Unit Projects! The 3rd and 4th Graders are working hard learning about the South West Region of the United States as they work their way through the environment and next into the economy.

Zach Hendrickson

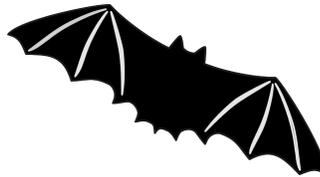
3rd-6th Grade News

3rd-6th Grade Math News

Where did September go? We have been cruising right along with the Saxon Math: In 3rd grade we have been practicing writing the date using digits and words, odd and even numbers, and ordering numbers from least to greatest. 4th grade has been subtracting with regrouping, ordinal numbers, and adding money. 5th grade is doing multiplying, word problems, and number lines. In 6th grade we have been doing order of operations, negative numbers, and sequences. All of the classes have been doing great with handing in assignments and homework. Keep that up.

In PE news: K-6 has been doing the Presidential Physical Fitness Testing, throwing and catching a ball with using the proper foot to step with and kicking a ball. Some of the tests that we have done are; shuttle run, sit ups, mile run (1/4, 1/2 mile depending on age), and sit and reach. We will be doing the other tests in the following weeks.

Thanks
Jason VanEngen





Up Coming Fundraisers 2016-2017 October and November

All students at CACS will be given the opportunity to participate in our fundraisers. Below is a list of some coming up. Reminders will be sent home as we get closer to each date. We will also have a few where we will need volunteers.

October

Popcorn Palace—This will start Monday, October 2nd and will be due back to school with money collected by October 11. All items will be back to school for delivery before the Thanksgiving break. This will involve all students.

November

Scholastic Book Fair – November 9th from 4-7pm during conferences and November 11th from 9 - 3pm during Down Christmas Lane

Food stand during Down Christmas Lane November 11th from 9-3pm. Volunteers needed – more details to come. Please call Molly if you would like to volunteer – 320-841-0007

If there is anyone who would like to join our parent teacher group, please contact Molly at 320-841-0007

*****BOX TOPS*****

Please remember to send these in with your students. At the bottom of each sheet is a place to enter their name, grade and teacher. At the end of the school year, these will be put into a drawing for a student pool pass for the Summer. Please let us know if there are any questions.

