



# What's Happening

### Dates to remember:

- September 6– No School
- September 13– Grandparents Day 9-10:30am

Welcome families to CLA, we are so excited that you have chosen us to partner with you in your child's education. What a great start to our year! This is the monthly newsletter that will keep you informed in all the comings and goings of your child's grade level, as well as, information needed for upcoming events. And needless to say, although we are only in the second week of school we have so many wonderful things going on, along with some changes and reminders.

September.... when we were kids, this month was the start of a new school year, now it is halfway through the first semester. Isn't it funny

how times change and we adjusted? Such it is with CLA; first and foremost, we are excited to announce that we have a new phone number that comes directly to the building and not to the ever ringing pocket of our endlessly working, fearless leader, Mrs. Coffin.

Our new phone number is 314-802-8744 and fax number is 314-802-8756.

Another change that has come to our school has already been addressed in a letter coming home, but to make sure that we are on the same page this is just a reminder. Parents have been asked that, when dropping off your children please don't pull into the lot or park and

walk them up. Staff is placed outside of the yard to help your children get out of the car and to the appropriate spot. We are also asking parents, to do the same, stay in your vehicle and allow school staff to bring your child to you after school. We ask this in order to make pick up time as safe and convenient as possible.

Also, in the month of September, our Grandparents' Day Celebration is on the 13<sup>th</sup>. We are inviting grandparents' to the school, from 9-10:30, to participate in a special morning in their grandchild's classroom. Please make sure that, any grandparents that intend on participating, need to come into the office to sign

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## A Note from the Dean

We are off to a great start! The students are working hard at learning the school wide expectations of: Be Safe, Be Cooperative, Be Respectful and Be Responsible.

Please review the uniform policy with your children, remember that the uniform consist of our

uniform shirt, khaki bottoms (with a brown or black belt), and black or white shoes with plain laces. We are seeing a lot of multi-colored shoes, neon laces, and no belts. As we move into the cooler weather, students may wear long sleeved white or hunter green plain t-shirts/ turtle neck under their uniform

shirts, or a plain hunter green or white sweater. Also, remember to have your children leave all toys and jewelry at home as these can become a distraction to the learning environment.

Thank you for all of your support and we look forward to a wonderful school year together.

# Kindergarten News

In Kindergarten, we have been getting acquainted with our classroom, our teachers, and our new friends. We are learning rules and routines as we transition away from home and into school with basic skills like writing our names, raising our hands, and standing in a line. In language arts, we are learning the things that good readers do, practicing letter formation, and learning about rhyming. In math, we are counting, working with pattern blocks and linking cubes, and practicing number formation. We have also begun our social studies, science, and Character

Counts! units. Kindergarten is a busy place! Parents, please help us by removing completed papers from your student's folder, signing behavior sheets, and returning them in your child's folder each day. Thank you!

Ms. Torlina, Ms. Sondag, Ms. Mclain

## 1st Grade News

In first grade, we are reviewing our letters, numbers, and sounds. We started on math curriculum this week and watch out for math homework 5 days a week. We will dive into our Journeys Reading Curriculum when we return from Labor Day weekend. Developing social skills is a part of first grade.

Last week, we began teaching these by implementing our Character Counts program in our classroom. Please encourage your child to begin reading independently nightly for at least 20 minutes. We ask that parents are sitting down with their child every night and going over their homework with them.

Parents are to sign both the discipline and behavior check sheets daily.

Please continue to work with us as we get to know you and your child!

Thanks!

Mrs. Poggioli and Miss. Snelson

## 2nd Grade News

Dodman's Dazzling Superstars are off to a great start! We've built our own communities, created puppet shows, and learned how to work as a team. In the up coming weeks we are going to be exploring life cycles of various creatures and discovering the joys of reading and math.

Ms. Nard's class is excited about starting our Journey's reading curriculum. We are ready to master new spelling and vocabulary. We have worked hard the last two weeks learning routines of Independent Reading. We can do it we know we can!

The 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade is on its way to a great year! Watch out Carondelet here we come!

Ms. Dodman and Ms. Nard

## 3rd Grade News

In third grade, we are working on getting to know each other and learning the routines, rules, and procedures of our new school. Much of the last week has been spent learning appropriate third grade behavior and demonstrating good character, as well as adjusting to the homework expectations. In social studies, we just began a unit in which we investigate our community's place within the world and learn geographical terms and skills that apply directly to own lives. In math, we are laying the groundwork for the school year by reviewing skills that we likely learned in second grade. Currently, we are practicing telling time, using

a calendar as a tool and reviewing addition, subtraction, and place value. As we progress through the semester, we will be learning multiplication, as well. In science we will be working with plants including plant dissection and growth. In communication arts we begin our Journey's curriculum and will be easing students into the weekly routine. Story structure, summarizing, and story elements are focus points for the month.

Parents, you can help your child by removing completed papers from your child's binder, signing behavior/character sheets nightly, and ensuring your child brings his/

her binder back to school with completed homework, each day.

Thank you!

Ms. Richards and Ms. Strielbel

## 4th Grade News

Many exciting things are happening in the 4<sup>th</sup> grade! We have been learning about cultures and different societies and what it means to be a community in social studies and character education. Students take on many roles in our classroom, in science we are scientists and math we are mathematicians, we take on these roles in order to know that we are part of the learning process. We are really excited to begin our Journey's

reading curriculum next week, as we immerse ourselves in literature and skills needed to become great readers and writers. On September 10, our class will be taking the first field trip at Carondelet Leadership Academy to the Carondelet Public Library. Please help your child by having them read to you nightly and my having them work on their math fact flash cards that will be coming home with them on a nightly basis. As the year progresses, our mathematicians will

be introduced to math that is a little more involved, addition and multiplication facts memorization is very important to be successful.

Thank you and we look forward to a great year with your child!

Mrs. Harrison and Mr. Payne

## 5th Grade News

Hello, fifth graders! We have had a very interesting and eventful first couple of weeks. I am very excited about September. We have some fun and engaging science investigations coming up. We will also be taking a field trip to the local library. I will send permission slips home when the time comes. Any parents who

are interested in joining us, please let me know on the permission slip. We also, have Grandparents Day coming, as well as a school BBQ. Please keep an eye out for the notices.

I am looking forward to a great year!

Mr. Hoffmann

## Mr. Millard's Wrap Up

In PE, we are doing various team building and cooperative games. These games will help the students learn to communicate and work together to accomplish a common goal. Our goal is to create life long movers and the kids love it when the parents get involved so take sometime to play catch or kick a ball around even going for a walk will help our kids maintain a healthy lifestyle.

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## Community News

Join CLA along with Kress Law firm, September 11, 1-6pm, at the Patch Tavern, in an effort to raise funds for Backstoppers.

Backstoppers is an organization that raises funds for to help families of fallen police officers and fire fighters.

Tickets are \$10, come and enjoy some delicious BBQ from area restaurants.

Patch Tavern is located across the street from the school at 7529 Michigan Ave.

## Here's to Your Health: a word from the school nurse

We have all been busy with the start of the school year and getting to know our students. I have not had the opportunity to talk with each of you one on one but I would like you to know that I am available anytime you have a health about your child.

Remember, a healthy breakfast is an excellent way to start the day!

Mrs. Durban, RN

### A Pencil Maker Told the Pencil: 5 important Lessons Just before putting it in the box:

- 1) Everything you do will always leave a mark.
- 2) You can always correct the mistakes you make.
- 3) What is important is what is inside of you.
- 4) In life, you will undergo painful sharpenings, which will only make you better.
- 5) To be the best pencil, you must allow yourself to be held and guided by the hand that holds you.

We all need to be constantly sharpened. This parable may encourage you to know that you are a special person, with unique talents and abilities. Only you can fulfill the purpose which you were born to accomplish. Never allow yourself to get discouraged and thing that your life is insignificant and cannot be changed and, like the pencil, always remember that the most important part of who you are, is what's inside of you.