

Our Classroom News

Ms. Austin – Mrs. Berry – Mrs. Bygrave – Ms. Jackson

What's Happening This Month

- April 10 – 14 Spring Break Begins
- April 28 Professional Development (1/2 day for students)
- Test Dates – please put these on your calendar:
- SC READY test dates: May 2, 3, 9, 11

Important Information

We are on the home stretch but there is MUCH TO DO before we can celebrate the end of 4th grade.

It is SO VERY IMPORTANT that parents support their scholars at home – students should be reading daily and math homework will be sent home as needed to support their learning. Please reinforce with your child how important it is to ALWAYS DO YOUR BEST! That is all we ask. Too often, we see students fly through a 55 question assessment in 30 minutes. We are working hard to give your child strategies that can be useful in analyzing test questions, reading closely, and applying knowledge to make the best selection on test questions.

We are here for you! Feel free to reach out to your teacher if you have concerns or questions.

A Peek At What We Are Learning This Month

ELA/ Writing

This 4th quarter is full of review. Specifically, we are focusing on student's writing skills as it was evident from our benchmark testing that our students are struggling with how to respond to a writing prompt using evidence from the text. Practice makes perfect. We are also exploring rich literature – analyzing themes and reviewing concepts of text structure and text features. The Superintendent's book club is in full swing and students are recording their books to be recognized in our school. Maybe Caughman Road will be the school to beat in Richland One!

Math

We completed our unit on Fractions and decimals and are on a fast track to cover the remaining units before our State Test. Geometry and Measurement will be taught quickly and students will have homework to reinforce their learning. Homework in math will be required – not optional. Grades will be given as well. WE WILL NEED PARENT SUPPORT to make sure students are held accountable.

Science

April will bring us into our last science unit – often the most fun unit. A life science unit on plants and animals will bring us up close and personal to lots of different kinds of living creatures. Here at Caughman Road, our Kindergarten class is actually candling eggs and we have been able to view and watch them as they hatch. Talk about real life Science! We will study adaptations, biomes, genetics, inherited traits, and the life cycle of both plants and animals.

Social Studies

We will continue to look at the start of our own government – the rights of the Declaration of Independence, the Constitution and the creation of the balance of powers. We will also begin to study the move West as America became a centralized spot for immigrants. The tale of Native Americans forcibly removed to reservations is often unsettling within the backdrop of the California Gold Rush.

Character Trait of the Month

Kindness was the Caughman Road character trait for the month of March. Kindness is being friendly, generous, and considerate. Congratulations to our Comets of the Month: **T'siyah Griffin, Jabes Gonzalez, Christopher Banks, Jayli Velasquez, Londen Reed, Brianna Juarez, Tyler Grant and Taliyah Pinckney**