



CCA News: 11/07/22

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Hello CCA Families,

This week students will be bringing home our fundraiser information packets. For your convenience, all ordering will be done online. Please look for these in your child's backpack.

CCA would like to thank all our Veterans for your service. The students will be engaging in Veteran's Day activities this week, including writing letters and creating cards for veterans. I will be delivering these letters and cards to the Veteran's Home in Florence on Veteran's Day. Also, 5th graders will be attending a Veteran's Day presentation at DHPH.



Staff Spotlight: Mrs. Johnson teaches Science to our fabulous 5th graders. She opted to teach Science this year with energy and excitement that is evident in her students. Whenever I walk into Mrs. Johnson's class, students are excited and eager to share what they are learning. She has been in education for 38 years. She found a passion for teaching when an instructor talked her into tutoring other students at Trinidad State College, where she also taught English to foreign students. Mrs. Johnson's favorite thing about teaching is when she sees the excitement on a student's face when they learn something new. Mrs. Johnson loves

being outdoors, spending time with her family, and her horses. For fun, she judges horse shows, attends rodeos, and watches Dr. Pol (a veterinarian tv show). Mrs. Johnson loves animals! She does not like poisonous snakes, but the only thing she really despises is housework! She says she'd rather be outside. Her fondest childhood memories are of times she would spend outside with her father and the animals. We are lucky to have Mrs. Johnson. She is loyal and dedicated to giving students and staff her best.

The students and teachers continue to excel in academics. "Way to go Aguilas!"

Kindergarten: Students will be introduced to the letter name and sounds of /b/, /l/, /r/, and /u/, along with practicing reading phrases.

1st Grade: First grade just started a unit on astronomy. They are also learning about silent /e/ words and knowing the difference between long and short vowel sounds. In math, they are learning how to solve word problems using addition and subtraction.

2nd Grade: The second graders have been learning about Ancient Greek Civilization. They are learning about the importance of culture and different contributions that benefited their city-states. They have learned about the battle of Marathon between the Persian Empire & the Greek Gods, how the Persians strike again, the 12 Greek Gods & Goddesses, the Great Thinkers of Greece, the most famous philosopher Socrates and his contributions, Alexander the Great & King Philip, and understanding how the Greek civilization played a major role in their contributions and customs. They are also learning about inflectional endings like /-ed/ and /-ing/, writing and correcting narratives, antonyms, and the writing process, and they are reading up a storm. In Math students are continuing to solve word problems by drawing, using bar graphs, and picture graphs to express data and apply it. Students have also been applying their weekly spelling words into their writing and performing above and beyond on their weekly tests. Finally, the students are continuing to learn about landforms, including mountains, plateaus, volcanoes, and islands and identifying how they are different all over the world.

3rd Grade: In ELA, third graders are finishing character traits and will begin learning about theme. In math they are working on identifying and creating equivalent fractions using models and number lines. In science, they are studying force and motion. In Social Studies they will be studying the history of Thanksgiving.

4th Grade: In Math, fourth graders are reviewing multi-digit subtraction using borrowing strategies.

5th Grade: Students were given a study guide on Wednesday (via Google Classroom) to prepare for the math test this Monday. They played review games on Wednesday and Thursday and the students are READY to show what they know about number sense. They have worked so hard to become proficient in the following skills: place value, multiplying and dividing by powers of ten, comparing decimal numbers- as well as ordering them from least to greatest- standard form, expanded notation, expanded form, rounding whole and decimal numbers, as well as adding and subtracting decimal numbers.

Many of your student's grades are in their Google classroom for you to see. Mrs. Craddock's practice is to NOT put grades from day 1 and day 2 instruction, as they are learning the skill. Subsequent grades are recorded as it is a more accurate assessment of their learning. Students will take their tests online and will receive an immediate conference with the teacher. From there, they will be allowed to reattempt missed items one more time. Mrs. Craddock will record the highest score in the gradebook. Parents will be able to view their scores on Google classroom.

Following this test, fifth graders will begin their unit on fractions.