MAY 2ND GRADE NEWSLETTER

Schoolwide Announcements

• Thank you, CTES Families, for your continued partnership! It will be a busy final 6 weeks of fun and learning here at CTES! BCPS did announce the revised school calendar since we did not use snow days this year. So, the last full day of school will be Friday, June 9th. This will also be the last day for our Pre-K students. Monday, June 12th, and Tuesday, June 13th, will be 3-hour early days for students K and above.
• As you are marking your calendar, please note:
  o Tuesday, May 23rd will be our Spectacular Student Showcase in the evening! Grade level showcases Pre-K – 5; Musical Concerts for grades 1, 2, 3, 5; Scholastic Book Fair Shopping; and PE activities for all! Specific times & more details soon.
  o Friday, May 26th will be Sports Day!
  o Wednesday, June 7th will be the Grade 5 Farewell!

Virtue of the Month

Respect- a positive feeling or action toward another person. Allowing yourself and others to be their best, even if they are different then you.

Practice at Home

New Endings- Act out a time when someone was not respectful. Pretend to rewind and create a new ending where the character makes a respectful choice.

Genre and Culture Focus of the Month

Graphic Novels & Asian Pacific Heritage Month
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Looking Ahead

5/1: College & Career Spirit Day!; Grade 2 Field Trip; PTA Meeting at 6PM in CTES Library
5/2: MCAP for Grades 3, 4
5/4: MCAP for Grades 3, 5; Grade 4 Field Trip
5/5: MCAP for Grade 4; Hat Day Spirit Day!
5/8-5/12: Teacher/Staff Appreciation Week!
5/8: MCAP for Grade 3
5/9: MCAP for Grade 5; SPMS Rising 6 Family Open House 5:30 – 7:00
5/11: MCAP for Grade 4
5/12: MCAP for Grade 3; PTA Dance event
5/15: MAP for Grades 1, 2
5/16: MCAP for Grade 5
5/18: MCAP for Grade 4
5/19: Schools and Offices Close 3 Hours Early; Pajama Spirit Day!
5/22: MAP for Grades 1, 2
5/22-5/25: Scholastic Book Fair
5/23: MAP for Grade K; Student Showcase – all grades - in the evening at CTES
5/25: MAP for Grade K
5/26: Sports Day! Color Team Shirts given that morning to students courtesy of PTA!!
5/29: No School – Memorial Day
5/30: Starlab opens
6/2: Sports Day raindate
What We Are Working On

**ELA:** The first six lessons of unit 6 will focus on literary text and the author's craft in choosing words that help to create vivid, memorable characters and events for the reader. Students will explore word choice as they become collectors of words and phrases the authors have chosen to depict the characters, places, and events. The remainder of this unit will build upon the students' natural curiosity and inquisitiveness. Students will ask and answer questions as they learn to describe how reasons support specific points the author makes in informational texts about people that have explored fossils, the underwater world, space, and sources of energy. As the students increase their ability to comprehend complex, informational text, they will also be asked to compare and contrast the most important points presented in two texts on the same topic.

**Math:** Unit 7 addresses metric measurement, fractions, and multi-digit addition and subtraction, set in the context of army ants, picnic ants, and imaginary ants who enjoy toys as much as second graders do. In Module 1, students discover that the average length of a worker army ant is 1 centimeter, make army ant rulers similar to the inchworm rulers they made in Unit 4 and use their new rulers to measure in metric units. In Module 2, an amusing children’s book about ants serves as a springboard for investigating division and fractions. Modules 3 and 4 feature a new set of story problems that revolve around a toy store for ants.

**Social Studies:** In Unit 1, students explored the diversity of the United States. Students used the themes of geography, economics, civics, and history to analyze the United States. Students expand on their spatial understanding of the world as they apply those same themes to explore the continent of North America. Students will use the themes of geography, economics, civics, and history to compare some of the countries of North America. Through this comparison, students will see the similarities and differences among countries in various parts of the continent.

Classroom Reminders

Remember to have your child bring a filled water bottle daily. As sending the children to the water fountain is very disruptive to instruction.

Please remember to check your Count Down Calendar beginning May 9th for special activities to celebrate the last 26 days of the school year!

Shout Outs

Congratulations to our Paw Pride Winners for the month of April!

Xander S.
Maverick M.
Cole B.
John F.
Nolan B.
Maddie O.

Birthdays

Ms. Serafini 5/3
Cole B. 5/7
Logan L. 5/8
Layla T. 5/11
Kayleigh S. 5/13
Brynn D. 5/18