



A MESSAGE FROM OUR PRINCIPAL

March is upon us! This means that we will have Student-Led Parent Conferences soon! Be on the look out for information from your student/s' teacher to sign up. We cannot wait for you to see everything that they have accomplished so far this year!

SIGNATURE SCHOOL HIGHLIGHTS

Country Place has been recognized by Franklin Covey (our leadership partner) for excellence in student leadership. Our Leader in Me Coach, Kelli Johnson, visited our Student Lighthouse Team meeting and our Staff and Student Lighthouse Team Meeting. There are over 80 student leaders on the Lighthouse Team working with our staff to improve leadership and learning at our school. We are so proud of them all! We serve as an example of what is possible.

GRADE LEVEL HIGHLIGHTS

The third quarter has been filled with lots of learning and growing. We have been very busy in our classrooms learning in ELA, Math, Science and Social Studies. In Social Studies we have been learning about Black History Month. In ELA we have been working a lot on slowing down and thinking about our answers when we use text evidence to support our answers. In math we just wrapped about learning about addition and subtraction with regrouping and we have started our unit on fractions. Remember that we will be having Read Across America Night on March 2. Please continue to talk to your child about following expectations and being Safe, Respectful and Responsible.

TECHNOLOGY INTEGRATION

On February 23rd our school hosted Digital Learning Day. Student leaders led distinguished guests on a short tour of our school to see how technology is utilized for leadership and learning at Country Place. Guests learned how our 7th and 8th graders write, produce and direct morning announcements with the support of Mrs. Morin. They visited Mr. Howe's kindergarten class to see how they use laptops for learning and met 6th graders with their digital goal setting!

STUDENT AGENCY

One of our leadership paradigms is to empower our students to lead their own learning. One way we do this is through Lead Measures. Each student has (or will soon have) a Reading WIG (Wildly Important Goal). They select two lead measures. Lead measures are the actions that they will take to reach their WIG. Students and classes will be tracking their progress on their lead measures to ensure and ALL students grow in reading this year!

CHARACTER DEVELOPMENT

Habit 4 is Think Win-Win. One of the ways that we support Thinking Win-Win is by balancing Courage and Consideration. Effective leaders have consideration for the feelings and needs of others. They are high in consideration. Effective leaders also are high in courage. They have the courage to stand up for themselves, their beliefs and for others. In order to successfully Think Win-Win we must balance Courage and Consideration. Be Courageous and Considerate!

SAFETY

Please use caution and patience as your drive into and out of the school area during the school day. We are seeing an increase in unsafe driving practices from our parents and families members. Our number one priority is student safety. Please drive at or under the posted speed limit, obey any stop signs at crosswalks and follow the traffic flow/directions of staff members. Our parking lot is small and traffic can be challenging, but with patience and courtesy we can be safe.

PBIS

Our focus this month for PBIS is to improve safety on the playground. We are going to reset expectations through classroom conversations and in our monthly assemblies. Please talk to your students about staying in their designated area for recess. We have had an increase in rough housing and rough play. Please talk with them about keeping their hands, feet and objects to their selves. We are working on adding more sports equipment for students to play with.

PBL HIGHLIGHT

Ms. Hill's class, in conjunction with SFE (our food service company) planted for the spring in the school garden. Her student leaders prepped the garden beds, planted seeds and labeled their plants. They will be tending the garden this spring!

UPCOMING DATES

- March 2- Read Across America Family Night 5:00pm-6:30pm
- March 3- LESD Math Challenge 9:00am-11:00am
- March 3- Kinder Alphabet Parade 1:15pm
- March 7- Fire Drill 8:45am
- March 13-17- Spring Break
- March 21- Governing Board meeting 6pm
- March 28- FAC and Site Council meeting 3:00pm
- March 28- Kinder to Wildlife World zoo & aquarium



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