

Wildcat Newsletter

Mary C Snow West Side Elementary School

Principal's Corner

Dear Mary C. Snow West Side Elementary Families,

I hope that everyone has had a safe and relaxing holiday season. The first semester has been a whirlwind of emotions not only for our staff but our students as well. I hope that the second semester and 2021 will bring some light at the end of the tunnel. With that being said, we will be hitting the ground running starting the second semester. Kindergarten through second grade students will be doing reading assessments such as DIBELS and Early Literacy/STAR Reading and Math assessments such as STAR Math. Third through fifth grade students will be taking CIAs and Star Reading for reading assessments. For math, third through fifth grades will be taking CIAs and Star Math. If your child is taking these assessments at home, please don't help them. We need to see where they are academically so that we know what skills we need to teach them.

Black History Month is coming up and there will be more details ahead as the time gets closer as to how we will be celebrating.

If you are sending your child to school, have talks with them about how important it is to wear their mask and social distance so that they can help not only protect themselves, but others. Remember, if your child has any symptoms associated with Covid-19, please keep them home and let their teacher or the office know. Thank you for your patience, flexibility, and cooperation during these unprecedented times. You are your child's first teacher and we truly appreciate you! Here at MCSWSE we LEAD, we Listen to learn, Engage our minds, Achieve our goals, and Do the right thing! As always, it's a great day to be a wildcat!

MCSWSE

Virtual

Family

Night

12-17-2020



Upcoming Events

Friday, 1/15/21

- End of 2nd nine weeks/1st semester

Monday, 1/18/21

- Martin Luther King, Jr Holiday, NO SCHOOL

Tuesday, 1/19/21

- Beginning of 3rd nine weeks

Tuesday, 1/19/21

- Students return in-person (Blended Model)

Friday, 1/22/21

- Report Cards go home

Saturday, 1/30/21

- Kanawha County Spelling Bee @ South Charleston High School

Monday, 2/8/21

- Students return to 5 day in-person learning

Friday, 2/12/21

- 2 Hour Early Dismissal

Tuesday, 2/16/21

- LSIC @ 3:00 p.m.

Friday, 2/19/21

- Midterms

Wednesday, 2/24/21

- Spring Pictures

3/8-12/21

- NTI, Virtual Instruction

Classroom News

Preschool

In November our preschool students were busy with their Interactive Reading Journals and learning about simple machines and boxes. These cool Interactive Reading Journals become interactive when the parents download an app by Alive. In December, our preschool students received an Interactive Math Journal from Alive. These journals make learning so much fun when the images become interactive with an app. Preschool students continued their study of boxes in December by making box creations like a sleigh out of a box. We also studied jobs that use boxes like a mail person. As the new year begins, preschool will be focusing on a clothes unit and the season winter. Preschool students are also learning to write their first names and have been introduced to half of the alphabet letters. We are striving on our end of the year counting goal to cardinal count ten. As always, there is lots of learning going on in preschool.

Kindergarten

We have officially made it halfway through our Kindergarten school year. Students have learned 13 letters and sounds so far and will learn the remaining 13 letters and sounds during our 3rd and 4th 9 weeks. We have been working on identifying first and last sounds in words as well as segmenting words so we can spell simple words. This 3rd 9 weeks we will really begin focusing on blending sounds so we can read simple one syllable words. In Math, we will continue working on counting to 100 by 1's and 10's. Another big skill we will focus on during the 3rd 9 weeks is addition and subtraction. We still have lots of work to do but we are very proud of how well all of our students are doing with such a challenging school year that we have had. Keep up the great work!

First Grade

We made it through the first semester during this unusual time of Covid 19! I know it has been a trying time to get children on Schoology for the conferences, encourage them to be attentive, and to get all of those assignments completed and uploaded. We are all doing our very best to make sure that our children make progress this school year. Let's keep pushing forward together!

In Math, we are learning about place value and we are midway through Chapter 5. In Reading,

we are learning about conclusions and we are nearly finished with Unit 3. Continue to work closely with your children at home. The skills and concepts are becoming more and more challenging as the year progresses.

Second Grade

We have several very good stories coming up in our reading book. The teachers are looking forward to sharing them with our students. We hope families will enjoy reading them at home.

In math, we are working on counting money. Then, we will be working on telling time. We would appreciate at home practice whenever possible.

Please remember, we love your children and want them to do their best. We are here to help them succeed.

Third Grade

We are doing great things in 3rd grade! In math, our students have begun learning multiplication and division. In reading, we continue to improve our fluency, comprehension, and writing skills. This is an important year in your child's education. This is the first year your child will take the West Virginia General Summative Assessment. This test will happen at the end of the school year. Results from this test, along with your child's performance in the classroom, will give you a more accurate picture of your child's progress toward being college and career ready. Beginning in February, we will begin taking practice WVGSA's so that students have the opportunity to become familiar with the testing platform. Thank you for all that you do and for working with us to ensure the success of your child!

Fourth Grade

Ms. Hilda Armstrong joined the Fourth Grade Team for the remainder of the year in place of Mr. Moss. Mrs. Hall is still the E-Learning Teacher. We had 3 students register for the Spelling Bee-Angelina Register, Diamyn Knox and David McNeely. We are so proud of them. Angelina Register was the School Champion and will represent MCSWSE on January 30. We will continue to strive to make the students productive citizens.

Fifth Grade

In 5th grade, we will spend the 3rd 9 weeks preparing our students to conquer middle school successfully! Our

students will learn how to round, add, subtract, multiply, and divide decimals in Math. In Reading/Language Arts they will learn comprehension, fluency, comparing/contrasting multiple texts/passages and expanding our vocabulary. We've also been working on proofreading, editing, and perfecting paragraphs so that by the end of this 9 weeks, our students will be writing full essays. We have lots of work left to do and look forward to finishing this year strong!

Special Education

Parents be on the lookout for meeting notices coming home in the next coming weeks.

Don't forget to do I-Ready Reading and I-Ready Math at least 20 minutes a day.

Make sure to log on to Schoology conferences and let your teachers know you're there.

If you have any questions your students team is ready and willing to help just call the school or reach out on Schoology to your students' teacher.

Related Arts

Music - In Mr. Tucker's classes the students are continuing to work with Garage Band. They are creating their own compositions in grades 3-5. K-2 continues to do movement and learn rhythms. We are learning about bar lines and measures and how to compose. In Ms. Logsdon's class K-2 continues to work on expanding their rhythm notation skills and learning various nursery rhymes. Grades 3-5 is working on advanced rhythms and composition skills.

Art - In Ms. Rhodes' classes K-2 students are working on blending colors and experimenting with new art materials. Grades 3-5 is learning drawing techniques, and clay/ceramics.

Physical Education - In Mr. Dutton's classes, students are working on hand and eye coordination. They are doing various exercises to get ready for the Fitness Gram Pacer test.

Counselor's Corner

Habit 2: Begin With the End in Mind

Our families have overcome many obstacles this school year. You have hung in there with your child's work even

though it was hard. It's not over just yet. We still have to remember the end goal, which is to finish the school year strong! This semester we are going to focus on perseverance. We will explore what it means, how it will help us, and how we can do it! Learning happens best when it is done both at school and home. Help your child learn to persevere by engaging in a difficult task. Find something to do together and commit to pushing each other through the challenge.

This semester, we are pleased to welcome Ms. Starlena Slater, a long-term kindergarten substitute here at MCSWSE, but will also serve as our counseling practicum student.

We are enjoying exploring this topic, and I hope your family will enjoy it as much!

As always,
I would love to hear from you!
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Nurse's Corner

BE A GERM BUSTER

COVER Your Cough or Sneeze.
Use your arm. Use a tissue.
Never use your hands.

WASH Your Hands With
Soap and water or hand
sanitizer. Front. Back.
In Between. 20 seconds!
RUB! RUB! RUB!

Don't chew your pencil

Don't share stuff you eat or
drink – even with your best friend.



SOCIAL DISTANCE

Wear a mask over your nose and
mouth

Give air hugs

