

Building Parent Capacity

Wacona

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL



2020-2021 SCHOOL YEAR

**Strengthening our
School-Family-Student
Relationships**

Attendance: Why it matters?

Traditional Students

- Children are allowed to enter building @ 7:40
- Must be in for breakfast no later than 8:10
- Tardy Bell rings @ 8:10
- No early checkouts past 1:45
- School Dismissal @ 2:00

Virtual Students

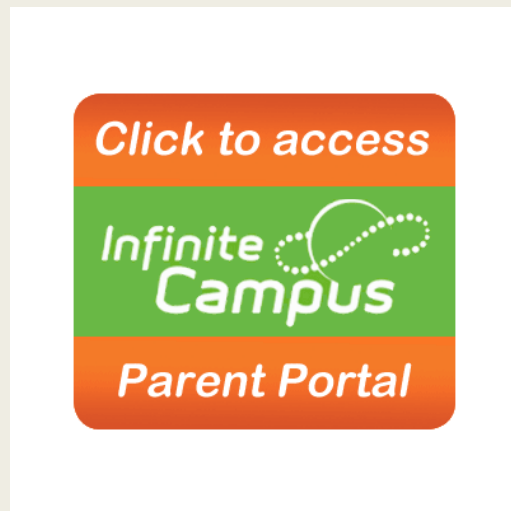
- Must be “Checked-In” by 1:00 pm
- If you do not “Check-In” by 1:00 pm, you will not see the “Check-In” option.
- This means---you will automatically be marked ABSENT!!!

- ✓ It is vital to your student’s academic success that they are present.
- ✓ Students that are chronically late or check out of school early are missing important instruction.
- ✓ Your child’s grades may be impacted by them not being in the classroom setting.
- ✓ Students are also not getting the time to master the skills which are being taught when they are not present.



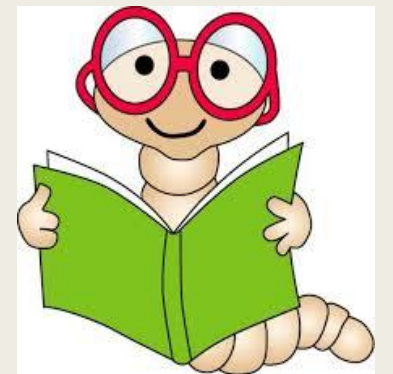
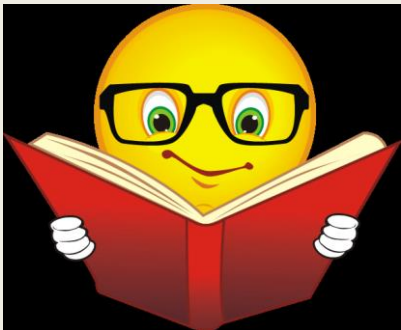
Progress Reports and Report Cards

- Parents are notified of their child's progress by the following:
- Parent Portal (info on the app provided on Wacona's website)
- Teacher feedback and student grades on daily work/assessments
- Progress Reports every 4 ½ weeks
- Report Cards every 9 weeks
- Upper grades: Remember to check your child's agenda and/or Google Classroom Calendar



Accelerated Reader/Reading @ Home

- The Accelerated Reader (AR) Program provides teachers and children fun and exciting ways to promote reading at home and in the classroom. Students choose the books they want to read.
- The AR Program will focus on student reading, fluency, and proficiency.
- Incentives can be earned for reaching AR goals based on the child's grade level and AR goal.
- Reading each night at home is key to your child's success with AR.



Homework: How can you help?

- Check their notes and/or agendas
- Communicate with the teacher
- Using the student's Google Chromebook: practice using resources available in the student's CLEVER account
- Study Island (Grades 3-5)
- "Google it"
- "YouTube it"
- Flashcards (chunking)



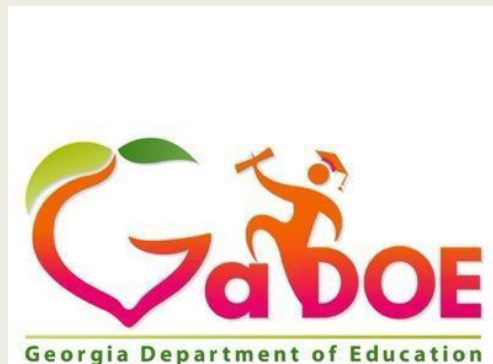
PBIS: Positive Behavior Interventions and Supports

- Wacona has a school PBIS team that oversees the implementation of the guidelines and procedures.
- School wide incentives for students and teachers.
- Students receive “HORNET Bucks” towards many types of rewards.



Standards: GSE (Georgia Standards of Excellence)

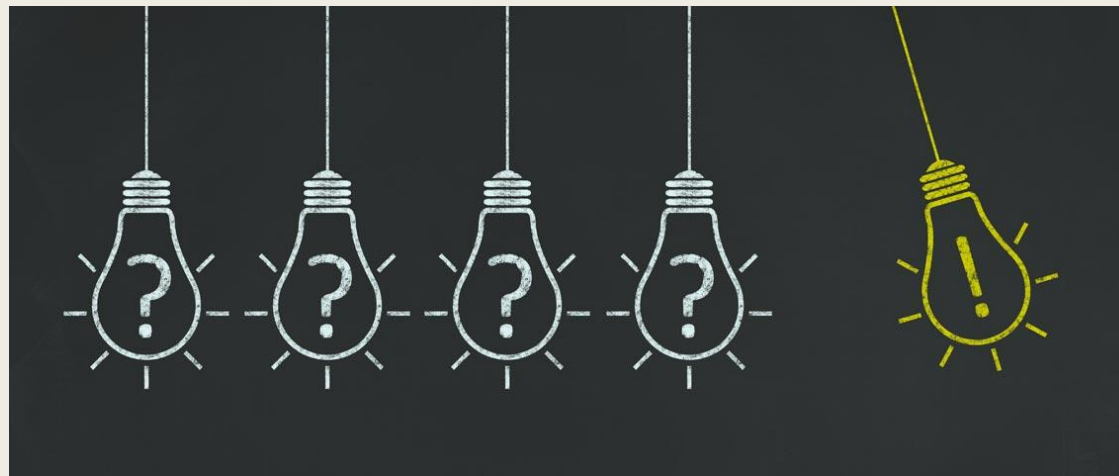
- Georgia Standards of Excellence
- Website Resources
 - www.georgiastandards.org
- All teaching/assignments/assessments come directly from the GA Standards of Excellence.
- The standards guide everything!



WHY: What is the purpose?



- Standards throughout all grades build upon one another.
- The standards being covered in elementary school help prepare students for the information they will learn in middle school and ultimately high school.



What tests/assessments will my student be taking?

- 9 weeks assessments in the classroom by content area.
- District benchmark assessments by content areas in December.
- District writing benchmark in ELA and Math in February.
- GA Milestones in April in the following areas
 - *Grade 3*
 - ELA and Math
 - *Grade 4*
 - ELA and Math
 - *Grade 5*
 - ELA, Math, Science, and Social Studies



- GA Milestones Video

- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vgtvKTbBP8E>

How can I help my student's achievement?

Staying Connected

One of the best ways to support your child is to stay connected with WCMS.

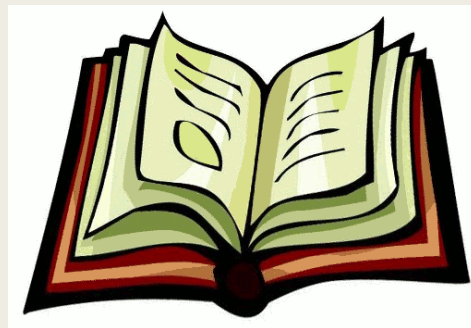
Here are some ways to do so:

- Check our school Facebook and Website
- READ our text messages 😊
- Sign up for REMIND/Dojo (if available by teacher)
- READ marquee sign
- Check notes/agenda



How can I help my student's achievement?

- Look for tips and ways Wacona recommends to help encourage “Family Engagement” that will help your student increase their academic achievement.
- Talk with your student.
- Ask them what they are learning.
- Ask to see what they are learning.
- **ALWAYS ENCOURAGE YOUR STUDENT TO READ!!!!!!**



Questions or Comments



Email zlloyd@ware.k12.ga.us
with comments and suggestions
or call the school at 912-287-2362.

Thank You!