



CLARKSVILLE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL NEWS

EVENTS THIS MONTH

- **Sept 5th** - Labor Day-No School
- **Sept 16th** - Fall Pictures



REMINDERS

- Students are not allowed to bring cell phones, video game devices, or toys to school.
- Notice to all parents/guardians: If your student arrives after 8:00 AM, a parent/guardian will need to come into the office to check him/her in as a tardy. We need all students here on time each day to ensure that they have a smooth start to each day and are ready to learn!
- CES has no walk-up pick-up at car rider in the afternoons. All parents/guardians will need to drive thru with a school-assigned sign in the dashboard to pick up a student. Those without a sign will be asked to park and go into the office to show ID. Thanks for helping us keep students safe.
- CES t-shirts for sale for \$12.00. Order forms will be sent home soon!

DID YOU KNOW?

You can't smell anything while asleep!



Stay Positive

PAWS FOR THE PRINCIPAL

It is always a great day to be a Clarksville Elementary Panther CUB! The **second and third graders** at CES have started the year smoothly! One of my goals as Clarksville Elementary principal is to keep parents, students, and community members informed, so this part of the newsletter article is just one of those ways. Each month I will address a current topic of importance or interest to CES.

As a partner in the Arkansas Department of Education's R.I.S.E. initiative and a PLC @ Work school, CES will continue to make reading a focus of improvement. R.I.S.E. stands for Reading Initiative for Student Excellence. The three goals of R.I.S.E. are

- Increase ACT Aspire reading readiness benchmark by 10% within three years.
- Rise above the bottom third of states within five years on 4th grade NAEP reading assessment.
- Increase the number of graduates meeting the ACT reading readiness benchmark by 10% in five years.

PLC @ Work is a building-wide commitment to working together to give ALL students what they need to succeed. Professional Learning Communities are groups of teachers and specialists. As a school we ask ourselves these four questions: **What do we want ALL students to know and be able to do? How do we know if they learn it? How will we respond when some students do not learn? How will we extend the learning for students who are already proficient?** Within our PLC teams we work to answer these questions by focusing on essential standards, common assessments, and providing interventions, extensions, and enrichments.

Our school's vision:

- C**reating lifelong learners
- U**nifying diverse cultures
- B**ecoming active citizens
- S**triving for excellence

Our school's mission: Ensure high levels of learning for ALL!
We are the Clarksville Elementary CUBS!

Ways you can help to achieve this mission:

- **Creating a culture of reading**--Provide access to books, online reading, or visiting the library.
- **Book talking**-- Share a book or read it together then talk about it.
- **Reading aloud**—This could be at bedtime or even an audible book in the car.
- **Stay in touch**-- We are your partners, so please coordinate with the teacher about your child.
- **Go outside**—We have seen many students spend too much time looking at a screen. Please encourage play outside or limit screen time.
- **Attendance**—Please make sure your child comes to school on time daily. We understand that they need to stay home when sick, but please AVOID missing school for trips that can be taken in the summer or during breaks.
- **Prepare a quiet, distraction-free place** for your child to read and complete homework.
- **Play word and letter games**, sing songs, and point out rhyming words.

For more parent resources go to <https://dese.ade.arkansas.gov/Offices/research-and-technology/smactalk/resources-for-parents> or visit our media center to check out an iPad or other print materials.

SECOND GRADE UPDATE

Our 2nd graders are off to a great start this year! We have begun the year studying Fairy Tales in Reading and Addition & Subtraction Facts to 20 in Math. The 2nd grade teachers would like to remind all of their students to practice their reading every night. We think this is going to be one of the best school years yet!

THIRD GRADE UPDATE

Third grade is off to a great start! Students have been learning all about classroom rules and procedures. Also, in CKLA, all third graders are enjoying listening to *The Wind in the Willows* while also reading about the adventures of Sir Gus. Students are learning to ask and answer questions to better understand and comprehend what is being read. In math, multiplication is being introduced and related to repeated addition. Several classes have even made flash cards to begin memorizing those facts. Finally, studies in science have focused on traits of animals and people.

It's been a very busy time for all, but everyone is excited to be back in school and learning some very important things.

Reminder

Cupcakes and other non-nutritional snacks are not allowed without prior planning with the classroom teacher.



CLASSROOM PARTIES:

There are nine (9) scheduled "party" days within the school year. Parents will be notified by the classroom teacher when treats for the class may be brought to school. Do not bring cupcakes or other non-nutritional foods for a child's birthday without prior approval from the classroom teacher. CES Handbook p. 15