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| **January Parent Newsletter 2020** |
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Chickasaw Elementary School



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| **What is Social Emotional Learning?**   * *Involves the process through which children and adults apply the knowledge, attitudes, and skills necessary to…* * *understand and manage emotions* * *set and achieve positive goals* * *feel and show empathy for others* * *establish and maintain positive relationships* * *make responsible decisions* |

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| In the New Year many people set goals, new habits of mind, and new focal points.  At CES we want to renew our focus on the major points for school improvement. The AL State Report Card focuses three categories and at CES we will as well.   1. **Academic Achievement**: Teach students grade level standards, and provide support for students who are not on grade level. Provide enrichment for students above grade level. 2. **Academic Growth:** Show growth on Scantron in grades 3 – 5 from the beginning of the year to the end of the year.   \*In the spring students in grades 2 – 5 will take the ACAP. It is a new AL state assessment.   1. **Chronic Absenteeism**: This category is 15 points. We need to increase the number of days students are attending school. If a child is absent 18 or more days, he/she counts against the school and we lose points. |
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Upcoming January Events

* **Monday – Friday, 1/6 – 10, 1/13 – 17, 1/20 – 24, 1/27 - 31** DIBELS Mid-Year Assessment for K – 2nd grade students
* **Monday, 1/6** 1st Day of 3rd Quarter
* **Safe and Civil School Survey 1/8 – 10, 1/13 – 17, 1/20 – 24** Students, staff, and parents will be provided a link to complete the survey.
* **Thursday, 1/9** 2nd Quarter Report Cards will be sent home
* PRIDE Ambassadors Meeting 3:30 – 4:30 (Love and Gallups)
* **Friday, 1/10** 4thGrade Field Trip to Montgomery
* **Monday – Friday 1/13 – 17, 1/20 – 24 Winter Scantron for 1st – 5th Grade Students**
* **Tuesday, 1/14** 2nd Quarter Honors Assemblies
* K 1:30
* 1st and 2nd 8:30 am
* 3rd – 5th 10:00 am
* **Wednesday, 1/15** Early Release Day 1:30 pm for Teacher Professional Development
* **Friday, 1/17 2nd** Grade Field Trip to BellingrathGardens
* Code Red Drill
* **Monday, 1/20 School Holiday – No school**
* **Thursday, 1/23** Board of Education Meeting 6:00 pm
* **Thursday, 1/30** Progress Reports go home

**A look ahead to February…**

* **Wednesday, 2/5** PRIDE Ambassadors 3:30 – 4:30 pm (Love and Gallups)
* **Monday – Friday 2/10 – 14** Leukemia Awareness Week
* **Wednesday, 2/12** Early Release Day at 1:30 pm for Teacher Professional Development

***What resources are available so I can help my child at home?***

K and 1st Grade: Waterford, Open Court, Bridges Math

2nd – 5th: Reflex Math, Classworks, Open Court, Bridges Math, Studies Weekly

CES purchases programs and textbooks with at home components. If you need your child’s login, please email or contact the homeroom teacher.

# Spotlight on Reading

Spend time reading and talking to your child. These two actions alone will…

* Increase oral language development, vocabulary, listening comprehension, and world knowledge.

Based on Pre-K – 3rd: *Getting Literacy Instruction Right. Foundation for Child Development.*

**Spotlight on Math**

* Talk to your children about numbers, shapes, and

measurement.

* Look for shapes in the environment. Examples: Stop sign – octagon

Yield sign – triangle

Kitchen table top – circle, square, rectangle

* Cooking, telling time, using a ruler at home can help with measurement knowledge for children.

Based on *Teaching Math to Young Children: A Practice Guide*

