

Yearbooks are on sale now



Pre-K

Pre-K is a great place to be. We are learning many new and exciting things. This month we will begin to study about many different types of animals. In math, we will continue working on the numbers 0-20. We are enjoying solving math problems together and exploring many different math concepts through the use of manipulatives during our Daily Five Math centers. In writing, we are discovering how to write about what we draw. We are becoming great authors and illustrators. We are looking forward to a great month of fun and learning.

Mrs. Smith & Mrs. Tracy



K

Kindergarten is still rocking and rolling! We are getting ready for our Kindergarten Thanksgiving program on November 17th at 2:00. We have Thanksgiving lunch on November 9th for the older kids. We also have a Veterans Day program everyone is welcome to come to on November 10th. Kindergarten will wait and have Christmas dinner with their families in December. We just completed the numbers module in math and will begin to learn shapes. In reading your child is learning letters and sounds and will be reading in no time! Thank you for your support in making this year a success!

Mrs. Smith, Mrs. Ward, Mrs. Teague, Miss Wilkins

Dear South Elementary Parents,
November is here and Thanksgiving is quickly approaching. We have so much to be thankful for here at South Elementary. We want thank everyone that came out to our Fall Festival! We had a great turnout and funds raised will go to needed school projects. Thank you for all you do in preparing your child to be a successful learner at South Elementary!

Routines Lead to Student Success:

Routines have many benefits for children including better behavior, less stress and improved focus. Research shows they even reduce illness!

To create and follow routines, it helps to emphasize:

Mornings: Good mornings start the night before with packing lunches and school bags, choosing outfits and going to bed on time. Then your child only has to brush his/her teeth, dress and eat breakfast.

Afternoons: Whether your child studies with you or another caregiver, it should happen at the same time each day. Remember, some kids need a snack or exercise before hitting the books. A break during homework time can help, too.

Evenings: Family meals build stronger relationships and they also offer an opportunity for kids to take on regular chores, such as setting and clearing the table. Plan some evening "down time" too. The goal should be to relax and have fun.

Nights: Research shows that a regular bedtime improves sleep. To help your child transition from a busy day, encourage quiet activities, such as reading or chatting about the day.

Please read at least 20 minutes a day with your child.....It's the most important time of the day!!!!

Scott L. Nelson



1st

First graders have been "FALL-ing" into heaps of new skills and abilities! Our students have been learning about early American civilizations like the Maya, Aztec, and Inca people; addition and subtraction to 20; and will be beginning to learn about the solar system soon! Please continue reading, practicing spelling, and completing all homework EVERY NIGHT! We appreciate all of your help and support, and look forward to continuing to work together to make your kids successful!



2nd

Second Grade has been busy learning different Cycles in Nature. We have learned the life cycle of animals, trees, and plants. We have also discussed what causes the seasons. Tom Meiners came to teach us about the water cycle and the cause of the seasons. He made a cloud inside of a bottle! Second Graders were even on the news! For Veterans Day the 2nd Grade interviewed a veteran and reported back to the class. In Math we have been learning Place Value and will soon be adding and subtracting 3-digit numbers.

3rd

We are so glad that the third grade students are learning their multiplication skills. Currently, we are working on measurement in math. In reading, we are looking at how to ask and answer questions in order that we can better comprehend a reading passage. Therefore, parents as your children read, please ask them who, what, where, when, why, and how questions. These questions will also benefit them as they begin to write paragraphs. This objective is fast approaching. As usual, we are proud to work with such wonderful parents and children.



Dates to remember

November:

- 13-17 – Book Fair
- 14- Family Night/ PTO meeting
- 17- Kindergarten Program
- 22-24 -Thanksgiving Break

December:

- 13 -School Holiday Musical
- 14 -South Caroling@ BOE 6:00pm
- 21- Jan. 3 Christmas Break

4th

Wow, it is hard to believe that the second semester is already underway. In Math, we are continuing to work on multiplication facts, which are crucial to know as we are now covering division. Please review these multiplication facts at home each night. In reading, please have your child read 20 min. a night and discuss with them what they read to practice fluency and comprehension. The students are now working on writing lessons in reading class to help them become more confident writers. Please continue to make sure your child is completing their homework and giving you important papers that are sent home. There are many things coming up as we approach the holidays, so please check their agendas, FB, or class Dojo (depending on homeroom teacher) for messages and student behavior. A BIG thank you goes out to everyone that donated items or their time to work for the fall festival! We appreciate you very much!!!



Library News!!! Things are rolling right along in the library!!! Our Fall Book Fair is quickly approaching! The dates for that book fair are Nov. 13-17. We will have a Family Night/PTO meeting on Tuesday, Nov. 14th. First and second graders are scheduled to sing Thanksgiving music and the book fair will be open after their performance.

In PreK-second grade we are continuing to work on story elements and sequencing in the library. Students are able to identify the characters, setting, problem and solution of each week's story, as well as, put important events from the story in sequential order. In third-fifth grade we are focusing on Literary Genres and physical/personality traits of characters. Thank you for continuing to encourage your children to check out appropriate grade level books and thank you for keeping the conversation going at home about what they are reading each week!!!!



We are thankful for each of our fifth graders and for all of the hard work they have shown recently in each Subject. In Reading, we are finishing up a unit on opinion writing and then jumping back into our Reading Ready with using details from the text to support answers to questions. Students are progressing through this unit of study with ease and with each step they are showing us glimpses of their bright minds. In Social Studies, we are entering into the time of industrialization and immigration in America's history. In Math, students will begin a unit of study on division. It is imperative that they are familiar with all of their multiplication facts, so that they can divide well. In science, students will be working on the partnerships found in nature. (Ecosystems)

5th

Thank you for the donations for Fall Festival. Remember to check your child's take home folder and agenda each day for important information and homework assignments.

Mrs. Carnal, Mrs. Coley, Mrs. Deloach, and Miss Hayes



P.E. News

We raised 2,098.57 for Jump Rope for Heart. Thanks for all your hard work.

GEMS

students are exploring the unknown! Through an exploration of ancient world mysteries and unexplained events, students will use logic, reason, and scientific explanation as they discover specific phenomena. GEMS students will answer the following questions through their "Mystery" Unit: What do others believe is a reasonable explanation for this enigma? How do you use logical reasoning and research to prove or disprove theories about ancient world mysteries?

