




October

Dear South Elementary Parents,
We have had a terrific start to the school year. Our teachers and staff are committed to helping our students reach their full potential and to create a love of lifelong learning. Here are a few tips to help make the school year successful for your children:

- Encourage reading by reading to your children and allowing them to see you read.
- Monitor homework and have a special place and time set aside where your child can study.
- Encourage your child to be responsible and work independently.
- Establish rules, and make it clear that your child has to take responsibility for what he or she does at home and at school.
- Talk with your child about what is happening at school.

We want you to know that our goal is to increase academic achievement in each student as they strive for academic success and develop Knowledge for College!

Thank you for your support and all that you do to prepare your child for school each day.



Scott L. Nelson
Principal
South Elementary

Pre-K is a great place to work and learn. In reading, we are discovering the jobs of the author and illustrator. We are enjoying illustrating our own stories. In math, we are counting and sorting. We are looking forward to an awesome fall festival. Thank you for reading to your child every night.

Mrs. Smith & Mrs. Tracy

Kindergarten students are rocking and rolling! We are mastering our counting skills in many ways. We have been learning our letters and words and we are reading sentences! We would like to welcome Miss Wilkens to our kindergarten team this year. Mrs. Teague, Mrs. Smith, Mrs. Merriweather-Ward, and Miss. Wilkens



First graders have been working so hard! We have been studying addition in math, and are beginning to learn subtraction. Students have been learning their short vowel sounds, word families, and spelling patterns. They have also been learning about similar stories from different lands, plot, character, and setting in Reading. Please continue working with your child at home. Thank you for your support and all you do!

Second grade has been busy learning about the War of 1812. The boys and girls have learned about James and Dolley Madison, Andrew Jackson, and Francis Scott Key. Try asking them about the Battle of New Orleans and "Old Ironsides".

We are currently working on place value in math, as well as fluency with basic math facts. You can help your child at home by practicing basic addition and subtraction facts.



GEMS NEWS !!!!!

Zip! Zap! Zoom! Electricity! GEMS students are answering the following questions as they complete a unit study of electricity.

How can electrical energy be transformed? What impact does electricity have on our world? How does an electric circuit work? How does energy travel along a circuit?

