



Copper Mill Elementary School

From Ms. Thomas' Desk

As we gradually feel the days become shorter and see the leaves turn colors, we know autumn is here. It is hard to believe that we are already reaching the end of the first nine weeks of school. Routines have been established, academic and behavioral expectations are understood and students are more invested and engaged in the learning process. Continue to help reinforce the importance of learning. It seems like just yesterday when your child came through our doors for the first day of school. We have had a great first nine weeks, and it has been exciting to see the growth your child is making each and every day. Student achievement is of utmost importance to us. We are driven to provide the best instructional opportunities for your child. With that in mind, parent/teacher conference time is here. Conferences will continue over the next few weeks. This is a valuable opportunity to discuss your child's goals, strengths, and needs with the teacher. You can also assist your child in making greater achievement in school by letting them know their job is to be the best student they can be. Ask about what they are learning and share the excitement of new accomplishments.

We're off to a great start with our daily attendance. Our average daily attendance is between 97%-98%. We know that attendance is an important factor in school success and research has shown a direct correlation between good attendance and student achievement. Make sure your child is at school on time every day. Try to arrange appointments after school.

I'd like to thank you & our PTO members who volunteer their time and efforts toward many of our school events. We appreciate the continuous support. There are many ways to get involved throughout the year. Mark your calendar for many of the upcoming events.

Thank you for your positive support and communication. A sound education comes from parents, students, school, and community working together. Let's continue this effort and continue the path towards a great year.

Have a great October!

Your partner in education,

Keisha Thomas

★ Star Students ★

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| Kendrick Allen | Kate Higgins |
| Abigail Bridges | Pedro Johnson |
| Kayla Butler | Destinee Lee |
| Madison Butler | Shelby Lott |
| Brandon Castillo | Elizabeth Norred |
| Amya Clark | Chad Norris |
| Amayha Collier | Kennedy Parker |
| Alexis Conachen | Caitlyn Powell |
| Kayla Crump | Hannah Rigdon |
| Luke Dube | Miu Sims |
| Anna Dupre | Anna Staid |
| Terryn Garcia | Michelle Tran |
| Christian Gibbs | Amanda Viola |
| Timothy Graves | D'Mikal Walker |
| Jordan Green | Isaiah Washington |
| Jada Gresham | Raelyn White |
| Madison Guillory | Kelley Wiley |
| Zaid Hantash | Deniya Williams |
| Konner Harborth | Talia Wilson |
| Chandler Hastings | Breylin Wrights |

Upcoming Events

*Please see our online calendar for upcoming field trips.

Wednesday/9th:

End of the 1st 9 weeks grading period
Paper packets go home

Monday/14th:

Fall holiday, no school

Tuesday/15th:

Parent/Teacher conferences, no school

Wednesday/16th:

Report cards go home

Saturday/19th:

Fall Fest @ CMES, 10am-3pm

Wednesday/23rd:

Paper packets go home

Tuesday/29th:

Star Student Breakfast @ 8:30AM

4th grade

Fall has arrived, and we are very excited about coming to the end of our 1st nine weeks and starting our 2nd nine weeks. We are extremely pumped up about all the things that lay ahead.

In social studies, we are ending our study of landforms and keeping up with our map skills. We will continue on with studying the regions of the United States. First, we will begin with Unit 1, Chapter 1 -the regions of the United States. Students will learn how varied our country is with different regions, climates, landforms and resources.

We will combine our writing skills with language. Overall, we are continuing with the "6 Traits of Writing." We have covered ideas, and organization, next we will learn how to write using our "voice", show enthusiasm, tone and involvement of the audience. In language, we will follow up learning about fragments and run-on sentences. Next, we will continue learning all about nouns and verbs.

Reading is filled with new and wonderful stories that cover all types of themes and genre. We will introduce students to Author's Point of View, and learn to visualize the stories as we read them for better comprehension. Next, we will go forward with more literary elements covering character, setting, plot, problem and solution. We will pursue informational text as well as realistic fiction and narrative nonfiction.

In math, students have dug in deep to learn place value, rounding, comparing and ordering, as well as, addition and subtraction of multi-digit numbers up to the millions place! Measurement and data are next, where students will learn unit conversions and problem solving with metric measurements. Then we will dive into multiplication and division!

In science, most classes are finishing our unit on light and moving on to energy, heat and sound. Students will explore the effects of heat on matter and discover the many properties of sound. Many students will also create their very own sound machines to share with their class!

Fourth Graders are falling right into place at Copper Mill!

5th grade

This month in social studies, our time will be filled with countless exciting learning experiences! We will wrap up our Mound Builder unit with a "grand" field trip to Grand Village and Emerald Mound in Natchez, Mississippi! Here, we will get to see the same mounds and artifacts we have been studying in class. This will be a great culminating experience and treat for all of the hard work students have put forth so far.

Later in the month, our studies will take us on a journey across all the regions of North America as we begin a new unit on the Native Americans. We will have a blast learning about the people and their varied cultures. The last part of October, we will move across the ocean to Asia and Africa where we will learn about Marco Polo and The Silk Road. Finishing up the month, the students will begin to get a true sense of the impact that Columbus's adventures had in our history and on our continent.

During this fun-filled month, we have many hands-on activities planned, so please encourage your child to exhibit perfect behavior so that they are able to participate. Students should also be sure they are reviewing their notes every single night and using their at-home textbook so they can help reinforce skills presented in class. Looking forward to our adventures around the globe!

Our reading focus will be on summarizing and identifying the theme in a variety of texts. As the end of the first nine weeks approaches, our students will get to celebrate their journey toward meeting or exceeding their reading goals for the year. The first A.R. Achiever celebration will be on October 11. We have read about other cultures, and we will get to experience Native American culture on our exciting field trip to Natchez, Mississippi during the week of October 4, 2013. Each student is encouraged to include a variety of sentences in their compositions in all subjects. The expository compositions have been interesting, and we have noticed an overall improvement in the organization of ideas. We will have more opportunities to include compound sentences and commas as we write to explain in an assortment of formats.



AR Club

300 Point Club:

Christian Dunaway

100 Point Club:

Jessica Bernardi

Abigail Yoes

Nathaniel Turner

Carrington Spears

Lily Carter

50 Point Club:

Olivia Wheat

Ryan Lowrance

50 Point Club continued:

Caleb Ackman

Kaitlyn Kahn

William Tryon

Kyla Hayes

Amelia Zetty

Mason David

Owen Walters

Cole Cranford

Georgia Charlet

Jada Collins

50 Point Club continued:

Kyle Headrick

Shelby Miller

Kennedy Parker

Matthew Sartin

Kennedy Jackson

Seth Savario

Chad Norris

Bryce Kofton