



The ancient Babylonians are said to have been the first people to make New Year's resolutions, some 4,000 years ago. They were also the first to hold recorded celebrations in honor of the New Year—though for them the year began not in January but in mid-March, when the crops were planted.

Like in the Ancient Babylonian tradition, we too resolve to do things at the start of a new year. Resolutions can be an effective way to create new habits. What will you and your child resolve to do in 2022? How will you hold yourself and your child accountable for a resolution made at the beginning of the year? How will you know that you are working toward achieving the resolution? What will be the reward for promises made/promises kept?

Here is a list of the top 35 resolutions for elementary school students:

1. I will keep my room clean.
2. I will keep good grades in school.
3. I will eat less snacks.
4. I will have a fruit or veggie with every meal.
5. I will try new foods.
6. I will go to bed at a decent hour.
7. I will exercise for at least a half hour each day.
8. I will drink less soda and juice and drink more water
9. I will eat my veggies even if I don't like them, because I know they're good for me!
10. I will be sure to do my homework before anything else after school.
11. I will take better notes in class.
12. I will pay better attention to the teacher and less attention to my friends during class time.
13. I will study my notes after school.
14. I will help my mom cook dinner at least three times a week.
15. I will do all of my chores without giving mom trouble.
16. I will be nicer to my sister and brother.
17. If I feel like I'm getting mad, I will walk away and calm down.
18. I will teach my sister how to play soccer.
19. I will watch less TV.

20. I will get out and play every sunny day.
21. I will put things away when I'm done using them.
22. I will brush my teeth each morning and night.
23. I will get into good hand washing habits.
24. I will find a hobby to do on rainy days so I'm not telling mom "I'm bored!"
25. I'll be nice to every kid, even the ones that are bullied by others; I'll be their friend.
26. I will memorize my address and phone number, and never give these out to strangers!
27. I will run for school president!
28. I will find a way to be actively involved in my community, even if it's simply picking up garbage at the local park on weekends.
29. I will talk openly about my feelings.
30. I will resist peer pressure and be a positive influence on my friends.
31. I won't talk back to my parents/teachers.
32. I will not tease my little brother/sister.
33. I will be more organized in everything I do.
34. If I need help, I will ask for it.
35. I will read a new book each (day, week, month, whichever is age appropriate).

Important Dates

1/3	Return from Winter Break
1/7	Safety Drill Practice (Fire Drill, Lockdown, Shelter-in-Place)
1/10-1/28	Panorama Survey
1/14	End of Second Grading Period
1/17	Martin Luther King Jr. Day (No School for Students)
1/18	Professional Development Day (No School for Students)
1/19	Records Day (No School for Students)
1/25	Report Cards Available in Parent Portal
1/27	Liberty Lion of the Mont Luncheon & PEAK FREE Celebration
1/31	O.E.L.P.A. testing begins for ELL students (K-5)

Social Emotional Resources (SEL) for Parents

The link below include articles that give great information on how to support your child's social emotional health at home. Please take a moment to review some of them.

<https://www.smores.com/qv61e>

School Supplies

As we approach the second semester, please make sure that you re-stock your child's school supplies. The school budget cannot sustain supplying 550+ students with needed supplies. This is a parental responsibility.

Outside Recess

When the temperature reaches 30 degrees with wind chill, students will have outdoor recess in the winter months. Please be sure to send students to school with coats, hats and gloves.

Second Semester Parent Conferences

Liberty will hold virtual parent conferences on 2/9/2022 and 2/16/2022 from 3:45 p.m. -7:15 p.m. Please expect sign-up sheets from your child's teacher upon our return from Winter Break.

School Choice Fair

We are quickly approaching the time of year that CCS families will have the opportunity to submit lottery applications for the 2021-2022 school year. Each year CCS has a School Choice Fair to allow families the opportunity to view the numerous options that our district has to offer. Due to COVID-19, the School Choice Fair will be virtual this year. The School Choice Fair dates are:

High School Fair - January 13, 2022 from 1:00 p.m. - 2:15 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

Middle School Fair - January 13, 2022 from 6:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

Elementary School Fair - February 3, 2022 from 6:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

For our 5th grade families, check out this link for additional information on School Choice:

<https://www.smores.com/vux4a>

Look for additional information to come from the School Choice Lottery Office. Also, visit the district's website for the most up-to-date information. www.ccsok.us

Stay Safe,

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LaRon Marshall, Assistant Principal