



Dear Parents:

It is hard to believe that the first grading period is over. According to our diagnostic results in reading and math, there is a great deal of work that needs to be done to ensure all students are making adequate progress toward grade level expectations and district benchmarks.

We cannot do this without you. Please make sure that you have communicated with your child's teacher and know exactly what he/she needs to do nightly in order to reinforce concepts that being taught during the school day. The homework that your child receives should provide him or her opportunities for deliberate practice which helps them move toward grade level expectations.

As a parent or guardian, it is of paramount importance that your child has a quiet place to study and work while at home. It is equally important that he or she has needed supplies and materials to accomplish the academic tasks that are being asked each day.

Please develop a routine for your child so that he/she knows exactly where homework should be completed, when it should be completed, and who at home will review the work before sending it back to school to be evaluated by the teacher. Part of this routine should be that an adult is checking the child's back pack to ensure everything that should be returned to school is, and those things that should be left at home are. It is the expectation that every student brings needed materials each day. (This includes a fully charged Chrome book and

charger) We thank you in advance for partnering with us to ensure the best outcomes for your child. As always, we welcome questions, concerns or positive feedback as we work in collaboration in support of your child.

District Assessments

Beginning Monday November 8 and Tuesday November 9 all **second-grade students** are required to take the Naglieri Nonverbal Ability Test. The Naglieri Nonverbal Ability Test (or NNAT) is a nonverbal measure of general ability. Specifically, it measures **nonverbal reasoning and general problem-solving abilities**. The Naglieri test measures **students' ability to think critically and to solve problems**. The questions measure the child's ability to complete patterns and to use reasoning by analogy. This test is often used to determine eligibility for gifted schools and programs.

Beginning Monday November 8 through Wednesday November 10, **all fifth-grade students** are required to take the CogAT test. The test is intended to estimate students' learned reasoning and problem-solving abilities through a battery of verbal, quantitative, and nonverbal test items. Please make sure that your child is present on testing days to avoid the need for make-up tests.

Important Dates

10/28 – 1/14	Second Quarter
11/2	District Professional Development Day, NO SCHOOL
11/3	Report Cards sent to Parent Portal
11/9	Parent Teacher Conferences (Virtual), 3:45-7:15pm Early Childhood Education Professional Development Day, NO SCHOOL for PreK Students Only
11/10	Fall Picture Make-Up Day
11/18	Parent Teacher Conferences (Virtual), 3:45-7:15pm Liberty Lion of the Month Principal Luncheon
11/24 – 11/24	Thanksgiving Break, No School for Students

You will need to access the Parent Portal to see your child's first quarter report card. If you need assistance with the portal, please call the district's help line at 380-997-7245 or email parentportalaccess@columbus.k12.oh.us.

You will be contacted by your child's teacher to schedule a virtual parent teacher conference. Please make sure your contact information and email address is up to date in the Parent Portal. The teacher will be responsible for sending you a link to attend the conference virtually.

Student Behavior

Ensuring that school is a safe and orderly place to learn is a priority. Over the past few weeks, staff has spent a considerable amount of time dealing with issues that impact the orderly operation of the school. We are just beginning the second grading period and students are well aware of the expectations; there is a great deal of unfinished learning that still needs to be done to ensure that all students are prepared for the next grade level.

Below you will find a list of the most prevalent infractions that are being dealt with on a daily basis:

- Class Disruption
- Disrespect to Staff
- Sexual Misconduct (Student to Student/Student to Staff)
- Fighting
- Insubordination (Refusing to follow adult directives)
- Social Media Disputes (Social Media has no place in the learning environment). Please make sure that you are monitoring your child's online activity. If it disrupts the learning environment your child will face disciplinary consequences.
- Threats (Student to Student/Student to Staff)
- School Bus Misconduct
- Cell phones (Should not be used during the school day)

Administration will take swift and appropriate disciplinary action if your child's behavior impedes the learning process or disrupts the orderly operation of the school. Please have a talk with your child about expectations for the educational setting. We know that working together deem positive results and helps to ensure a positive school year for all students. Please do not hesitate to contact administration or your child's teacher with questions, concerns or feedback.

Thank you to parents who remain involved despite the nature of schooling and COVID. We appreciate your support and assistance as we are working hard to ensure that your students remain actively engaged in the learning process.

Stay Safe,
Shalonda Likely-Roach, Principal
LaRon Marshall, Assistant Principal