



COYOTE NEWS

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The Principal's Desk

Happy New Year! I sincerely wish everyone a healthy and happy new year. I look forward to the time we can be together safely. Cartwright families, I hope you enjoyed your winter break and that all your loved ones are healthy and safe.

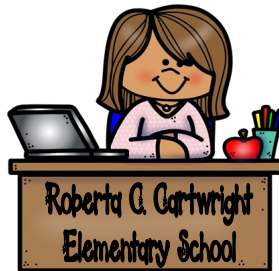
As you are aware, we remain under Governor Sisolak's Stay-at-Home 2.0 order until January 15, 2021. We shall see what happens from at our positivity rate remains above 20%. The Board of Trustees will meet on January 14, 2021 so watch for more information. I am using your survey information to plan for the transition to the hybrid instructional model should circumstances permit. Again, if you chose not to complete the survey, you chose to continue with distance learning and I am planning accordingly.

Thank you, families, for your assistance to complete our MAP Growth Winter Benchmark Assessments in reading and math. We appreciate your cooperation and assistance.

Distance learning illuminates the reality that education truly requires teamwork to maximize its effectiveness. Thank you to those families who communicate with their teachers, consistently ensure their children are actively engaged in their learning and attend all their live sessions, attend all their small group sessions, and complete all independent assignments to the best of their ability. I greatly appreciate you and your efforts. As we begin the second semester, I implore that we work together to ensure that all our students are actively participating and engaged in their education to the greatest extent possible. This can happen only when we work together.

I realize distance learning presents challenges. We stand ready, willing, and able to work with you to minimize or resolve these challenges. Please talk with us so we can assist.

Remember, report cards will be posted in Parent Campus in Infinite Campus on Thursday, January 7, 2021. Please visit your portal to view and read your children's report cards for the first semester.



students selected to represent their classes. Students from each class were selected to represent their class based on each student's demonstration of respect during the month of December. Students understand that respect means showing you value others by treating them in a courteous and considerate way. Congratulations and thank you for being role models for your peers and for your good character! We appreciate and applaud you! Keep up the fabulous work!



Kindergarten

Mrs. Blonsky:	Connor Hamilton
Mrs. Haar:	Luis Palacio
Ms. Phillips:	Dominic Pruett
Mrs. Thornton:	Bianca Barreto

First Grade

Mrs. Guttman:	JahMoni Jones
Mrs. Hippensteel:	Alexis Fong
Mrs. Ostolaza:	Alyssa Tegen
Mrs. Rynearson:	Luke Cuadra Reyes

Second Grade

Mrs. Chandler:	Elena Monterrosa
Mrs. Jumao-As:	Kason Grant
Mrs. Simon:	
Mrs. Ubalde:	D'moni Richardson

Third Grade

Mrs. Bennett:	Margarette Diaz
Ms. Minnick:	Mary Grace Pedriquez
Mrs. Moore:	Randen Jumao-as

Fourth Grade

Mr. Brugger:	Amelia Gringonis
Ms. Hodge:	Zoryahh Aldegue-Brown

Fifth Grade

Mrs. Conlin:	Gabriel Effio
Mr. Knowles:	Legend Khounphinity-Vu
Ms. Matulef:	Robyn Pullins

Counselor's Corner

Ms. Spoon, School Counselor

Hello Cartwright Families! Last month we focused on the character trait respect. Respect is being able to show that you value others by treating them in a courteous and



Coyote of the Month

Our Coyote of the Month celebration will be held virtually on Friday, January 8, 2021 to celebrate

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considerate way. Teachers have selected a student for their class that consistently demonstrated respect during the month of December.

On Friday, January 8th, we will virtually celebrate those students who were selected by their teachers as Coyotes of the Month. Please keep a lookout for the link from your student's teacher for the celebration. These students have shown to their teachers and peers that they are respectful. Congratulations to those students! Thank you for serving as role models for your peers!

Congratulations to Mrs. and Mrs. Spoon who welcomed their second daughter on December 29, 2020. Mrs. Spoon will be on leave until March 7, 2021. Please contact your teacher should you need assistance. We will find appropriate resources for you.

Read by Grade 3

Ms. Rodrigo, Instructional Coach

Happy New Year to you all! Although our school year has been drastically different, we have completed our first semester of instruction, along with two rounds of MAP testing. By now, hopefully, your children have become comfortable with their online learning tools, expectations and schedules. Our data shows that many students may have gaps in their learning, and teachers are working diligently to address those needs, as well as providing instruction on current grade level standards, and challenging those students who are ready to extend their learning.

Here is where we need your help!! We must work together to maximize student learning. Our online tools, assignments and interventions are only helpful if students are actively participating.

Are your children regularly attending whole group AND small group lessons? Are they on time and ready to learn each day? Are your children completing assignments and asking questions when they don't understand? Do they make use of teacher office hours? Are they actively participating in class discussions? Do your children take some responsibility for their education?

Did you know that we have the Lexia CORE 5 Reading program, that helps address gaps in student learning, as well as propels students forward to extend their learning? Lexia also provides lessons for teachers to use in small group situations. Please be sure your child is getting at least 20 minutes of Lexia each day. Grades 1 and 2 students are using Dreambox Learning for Math. Grades 3 through 5 are using MAP Accelerator. Both programs help your children master grade level standards, and keep moving forward. They also provide good data for teachers to use when addressing their individual needs.



Teachers traditionally have more time to spend on mastery of foundational skills such as letters and sounds, high frequency sight words, Greek and Latin roots, and basic math facts. Programs such as Lexia, Dreambox, MAP Accelerator, XtraMath (free parent accounts) help reinforce all of these skills. Please check in with your child to see if they are getting their minutes each day. These programs can be used in the evenings and weekends as well. Yes, it's more time online, but these programs can help reinforce basic skills and address individual student needs. We know these days of distance learning are difficult for many families and we sincerely appreciate all you do to help support your child's learning. It is truly a team effort, like never before.

As always, feel free to contact me on Class Dojo or at RODRIL17@nv.ccsd.net if I can be of assistance. Stay safe and well!

Third Grade News

Mrs. Bennett, Ms. Minnick, & Mrs. Moore



Hello Cartwright Families! We hope everyone had a wonderful winter break. As we continue with distance learning, we wanted to give you a peek into the skills we will be focusing on in both reading and math in our second semester.

Our focus in reading during the last several months has been for students to demonstrate understanding of main ideas by looking closely at the details in the text. We will be looking at both informational and literary text this month to help students apply these skills and ask and answer questions using text-based evidence. During math, students have been using multiplication and division to solve word problems by using drawings and a variety of other strategies. Over the next few months, we will be focusing heavily on developing understanding of fractions as numbers.

We want to thank you all for the continued support you have given at home! We couldn't do this without you. This truly is a team effort!



Library News

Mrs. Desiderio, Teacher-Librarian Specialist and Mrs. Tauer, Library Aide



Happy New Year, Cartwright Families! This year in library the students were introduced to our new library aide, Mrs. Janet Tauer. Mrs. Tauer has led quite an interesting life, including some time in the Air Force! You can learn more about "Ms. Janet" as the kids call her, by reading "Meet Your Teacher" on the library homepage in Canvas.

Thank you so much to all of the parents and students who have shopped our online book fairs so far this

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year. I know in these unusual times it's important to find normalcy where we can, so hopefully this helped with a little piece of that.

As a reminder we have eBooks through destinydiscover.com that kids can read online anytime. In order to read eBooks from a device at home students can log into their accounts on www.destinydiscover.com using their student number (username) and their first name as it appears in Infinite Campus (password). For additional online reading, MyOn is available 24/7 through Clever. In the coming months look for information regarding Nevada Reading Week, as well as our spring book fair.

Throughout the grade levels we will continue to focus on online safety and digital citizenship, 21st Century learning, coding, differentiating genres, and as always, the love of reading.

Thank you,
Mrs. Desiderio



Love and Logic by Dr. Charles Fay:

Give Your Kids an Emotional Insurance Policy

Being able to handle the many challenges that life throws at us is something that must be learned. Unfortunately, many young adults have not learned how to handle those challenges. As we move into a new year, and exit this truly challenging year, we can resolve to help our kids learn how to cope with new challenges and give them the tools they will need for whatever their futures bring.

The most fortunate folks on Earth have a strong voice in their hearts, reminding them that they have what it takes to make it through the tough times. Because they possess this "emotional insurance policy" they face life with optimism instead of anxiety. They understand that the resources they have inside can never be taken away and that they will always be at their fingertips when needed.

One of the ways we give our kids this security is by giving them as many life skills as possible. In days gone by, most children learned these skills by being heavily involved in the family economy. They learned how to unplug pipes, nail nails, screw screws, cure leaking toilets, cook meals, clean clothes, and wash dishes by helping their parents.

In today's world, I find it quite sad that the vast number of bright young adults know nothing about changing a tire, operating a washing machine, getting themselves unstuck from a snow bank, or balancing their checking accounts. People who lack these basic skills are often completely dependent upon others and their lives are full of anxiety as a result. "What will I do if things go bad?" they wonder.



"Who will take care of me?"

In Success with Underachievers: Creating Self-Motivated Learners, you will find ways that can help you give your children the gift of self-reliance. The first step involves making certain that they are learning along with you as you face life's daily challenges.



Plan Ahead: Upcoming Events



- January 4: Classes resume; Second semester begins
- January 6: Coyote News sent via ParentLink and posted to school website
- January 6: No school for students and teachers
- January 7: Report cards posted in Parent Campus/Infinite Campus
- January 8: Virtual Coyote of the Month Celebration
- January 13: No school for students and teachers
- January 15: Progress Reports posted in Campus Parent/Infinite Campus
- January 18: No school: Martin Luther King, Jr. honored
- January 29: Progress Reports posted in Campus Parent/Infinite Campus



- February 1-5: National School Counseling Week
- February 5: Virtual Coyote of the Month Celebration
- February 8: No school for students and teachers
- February 10: No school for students and teachers
- February 12: Progress Reports posted in Campus Parent/Infinite Campus
- February 15: No School: Presidents' Day Observed
- February 26: Progress Reports posted in Campus Parent/Infinite Campus

Please stay healthy and safe!