



### Here are important dates for the month of December 2022:

Friday, December 16th , 2022 Progress Reports

Friday, December 23, 2022 Winter Break

## From Concord Administration

**Happy Holidays from  
Concord Administration,  
Dr. Doggett & Mrs. Connelly!**

Season's Greetings!

This is a special time of the year as we are in the Holiday Season and embarking on the New Year 2023! The last day of school before the Winter break is Thursday, December 22, 2022. School will be closed for students from Friday, December 23, 2022 through Monday, January 2, 2023. School will resume for students on Tuesday, January 3, 2023. Our attendance rate for the month of November 2022 was **82.57%**. *Our school's overall attendance rate is **86.82%**. Concord Elementary School needs to maintain a 94%+ attendance rate for the entire school year.*

***WE NEED YOUR HELP!!!***  
***Parents, ensure to send your child to school every day and they are on time.*** All students need to be seated in their homeroom classes by 8:15 AM. *If your child is absent from school due to an illness, please email your child's teacher and/ or write a note. In addition, if your child is absent from school for 3 consecutive days or more, a Doctor's note will be required. Please be advised that any student who is absent from school for 10 consecutive days, will be withdrawn from school.*

***Student attendance is mandatory and is the law.*** Please be advised that homework is a reinforcement as to what is being taught in your child's classroom. Students tend to receive Ds and Es on their progress reports/report cards because they are not completing their homework assignments. Ensure that your child is completing their homework assignments on a

nightly basis. Students also need to take care of and charge their chrome books on a nightly basis as well.

All students will receive Reading and Math logs every Monday. Students should be reading at least 20-30 minutes per night and recording their information on the Reading logs. All 1st – 6<sup>th</sup> grade students will need to complete their Math logs on a nightly basis as well. The Reading and Math logs are mandatory homework assignments that need to be completed on a nightly basis. In addition, students should be utilizing our intervention programs (***iReady for Reading and Dreambox for Math***) at home at least 2 - 3x a week.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact us at (301) 817-0488. Thank you for your attention to these important matters. Mrs. Connelly and I would like to wish everyone a Happy Holiday and New Year



## ENJOY YOUR WINTER BREAK!

Dr. Dana Doggett  
Principal

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Assistant Principal

## Primary News

### Pre-K

This month, we will start focusing on how structures and tools work and how to make or do things. Children explore the form and function of objects through observations, simple experiments, games, and activities. In particular, we explore how objects move and investigate their shapes and uses. They imagine, design and create. And, they explore delightful books to inspire their creativity and to help them understand the concept of sequence.

Reading – Letter Formation and Creating the Letters of the Alphabet Using Different Materials, Initial Sound of Letters (focus letters) and Medial and Ending Sounds for Recognition of Rhyming Words, Concepts of Print and Parts of the Book

Math – Counting and Plus–One Pattern, Subitizing, Identifying Patterns, Duplicating and Extending Patterns, Drawing and Making 2-D and 3-D Shapes, Using Simple addition and Subtraction while building things.

### Kindergarten

The kindergarten students have been busy testing. We have taken Dibels and KRA assessments. Fortunately, all students did complete assessments by the due date given. Kudos to the friends for completing all of the assessments! Also, please remember to submit homework by the due date given. Please remember homework assignments are graded. If your child is sick, we ask that you keep them home. If your child is absent from school, remember to submit a letter of absence. We are learning sight words and focusing on letters and their corresponding sounds. Please reinforce these skills at home. Continue to assist your child in writing their names. We still have a few friends that are unable to write their first names. Please practice this skill daily at home.

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### First Grade Rocks!

In Reading, we will continue to learn foundational skills with a focus on blending and segmenting phonemes, consonant blends, and narrative writing.

In Math, we will use different strategies to solve subtraction problems. In Science, we explain why we can see an object if it gives off its own light or light shines on it as well as understand that a solid object does not allow light to pass through it.

In Social Studies, we will explain how culture is shared and how families are alike and different.

In Health, they explore what medicine is and how it helps or can hurt your body, and they learn the medicine rules.

We encourage all students to use I-Ready Reading and Dreambox on weekends for 15 minutes. This will prepare them for the next assessments. Encourage your child to read for 20 minutes every day and to practice addition and subtraction Math facts. Keep up the great work!

**Second grade** is a blast so far! We are learning about exploring the world around us. In reading, we are using both informational texts and fiction stories to learn about exploring the world around us. We will continue to learn digraphs, blends, and vowel teams. In class, we are reading the "Blend it" books to practice reading word blends. We

will continue to work on blending, decoding, and prefixes/suffixes. In Math, we will learn telling time by the hour, half hour, and quarter hour. In Science, students will learn about changes to land and water on Earth. In Social Studies, we are learning about cultures and traditions/customs.

Please make sure your child is reading for at least 20 minutes each and every night. Reading logs will be sent home every Monday with the homework packet. All Homework packets and logs are due on the Friday of each week. Please ensure you are sending your student to school with their fully charged Chromebook and charger each day!

## Intermediate News

### Third Grade

In Reading students will learn about and identify the Author's Point of View and describe character actions, motivations, and feelings.

In Social Studies, students will explore the theme Celebrating Diversity and Traditions as it relates to how technology impacted people's lives long ago.

In Math, students will continue to explore multiplication. Students will be expected to master their multiplication facts up to the number 12.

In Science, students will learn to apply their understanding of weather-related hazards in addition to making a claim about the merit of a design solution that reduces the impacts of such hazards.

In Health, students will describe community, helpful behaviors that impact your community, and identify how environmental problems can hurt a community.

### 4th Grade

For Quarter 2 in Math, we are continuing to work on division. It is important for students to continue to study their multiplication facts. We will also be moving into fractions and decimals. For Science, we are studying energy and how it can be transferred from one form to another. In Health, we are learning about the dangers of smoking on our bodies for the Month of December.



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### 5th Grade

Our lessons in Math for the month of December are adding and subtracting fractions with like and unlike denominators and multiplying and dividing decimals by whole numbers.

Continue to memorize your multiplication facts.

In Science, we started with Earth's major systems: geosphere (solid and molten rock, soil, and sediments), hydrosphere (water and ice), the atmosphere (air), and the biosphere (living things, including humans).

Some Math and Science homework, classwork, and quizzes will be uploaded in Canvas. Please charge your chromebook every night.



### Sixth grade

#### Math

In December, we will then continue Unit 2: Algebraic Expressions and Equations. Students will write and solve numerical expressions using exponents. Students will also solve expressions using variables.

#### Reading

In December, we will continue with our second

theme- Childhood where we will answer the questions: What are some of the challenges and triumphs of growing up? We will develop knowledge of themes and central ideas by closing reading and analyzing texts about the connections and contrasts between childhood. Students will participate in collaborative conversations to help collect ideas and evidence to inform

their writing as they develop a literary analysis through the writing process. Students have also begun to read Front Desk by Kelly Yang.

Please be sure to continue practicing math facts each night with your student and turning in their reading and math logs each week. Check schoolmax to keep up to date with your child's grades.

## News from our Specialists

### **Special Education Department News Alert for Parents of Children with ADHD**

By Sonia D. Bobis

Innovative therapeutic treatments for children with ADHD have been introduced to the medical community to assist parents deal with their children with ADHD. The use of technology as adjunctive treatments has been proven as a promising intervention for children with ADHD.

Psychologists, clinicians, and physicians have very limited information how digital therapeutics work. The term adjunctive treatment doesn't really cure ADHD, but it may help improve the lives of children with ADHD without taking medications. To know more about digital therapeutics, I invite and encourage you to attend the free live webinar on December 8, 2022 at 1:00p.m. to be presented by Randy Kulman, Ph.D., the founder of LearningWorks for Kids.

Learning Works for Kids is an educational technology company that specializes in using video games to teach executive functioning and academic skills. Dr. Kulman conducts neuropsychological evaluations of children with executive functioning and academic difficulties. If you cannot make it, just register and a link will be sent to you so you can preview it. If you are interested in attending the webinar, please email [sonia.bobis@pgcps.org](mailto:sonia.bobis@pgcps.org) for the link to register.

### **PE**

For the first two weeks of December, students in all grades will practice their catching skills to finish up our unit in underhand/overhand throwing and catching. During the second two weeks of December, students will practice and improve their balancing skills through holding various balance poses requiring different bases of support.

### **Media**

Click on the link below for Media updates!

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/18tVztAGHF6npVbmfJT77fd8Ftw9OHirA/view>

### **Guidance**

Our character trait for December is gratitude; intermediate and primary classes will focus on defining gratitude and learning the characteristics of a thankful and appreciative person. Third through sixth grade students will continue with learning how to use strategies to resolve conflicts. First and fourth grade students will also begin working on their (PEPs) Personal Educational Plans.



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