



Here are important dates for the month of January 2023:

- Monday, January 16th, 2023 MLK Holiday
- Thursday, January 19th, 2023 Chat & Chew w/ Dr. Doggett
- Tuesday, January 24th, 2023 End of 2nd Quarter
- Wednesday, January 25th, 2023 ½ for Students w/Asynchronous Learning (virtual)

From Concord Administration

Happy New Year from Concord Administration, Dr. Doggett & Mrs. Connelly!

Happy New Year 2023!

Welcome back from what we hope was a restful and relaxing winter break.

Concord's student attendance percentage for the month of December 2022 was 84.80%. It is imperative that your child attends school daily and arrives on time.

Our goal is to have our school's attendance percentage at 94% and higher.

If your child is absent from school, please complete the Absence Reason Notification Form on our school's website, www.pgcps.org/Concord. Continue to email and/or bring in an absent note to your child's teacher as well.

Absent notices can also be submitted to Mrs. Jones, our registrar secretary.

We are midway through the second quarter of the 2022 - 2023 school year and the 2nd quarter will end on January 24, 2023. This time is approaching quickly, which is why we urge all parents to make sure your child is completing and submitting all assignments on time.

Please check in with your students each night to see what assignments are due. This will enable you to support your students with improving their grades. All students need to complete their homework assignments nightly along with completing their Reading and Math logs.

Finally, we urge all parents to check their child's grades in the School Max Family Portal once per week.

If you do not have a family

portal account, you can visit the county website to register. This will enable you to track their weekly grades.

Lastly, please ensure that your contact information (phone number, address, email address, emergency contact information) is updated and shared with your child's teacher and the main office.

Our school newsletter will be available monthly on our school's website along with all information.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact us at (301) 817-0488 and/or at Dana.Doggett@pgcps.org or Tracie.Connelly@pgcps.org.

Happy New Year

Dr. Dana Doggett
Principal

Mrs. Tracie Connelly
Assistant Principal



Primary News

Pre-K

This This month of January, the children will have more opportunities to investigate how form affects function by exploring the way animals move. They have chances to count both forward and backward and to count from a number other than one. They also focus on how things move and travel.

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

Math – Counting Forward and Backward, Subitizing, Counting from A Number other than One, Identifying Patterns, Duplicating and Extending Patterns, Using Simple addition and Subtraction while building things and Grouping/Sorting and Comparing 2-D and 3-D Shapes

Second grade is a blast so far! We are learning about exploring the world around us. In reading, reading both informational texts and fiction stories to learn about exploring the world around us. We will continue to learn different spelling patterns in our spelling words. In class, we are reading the "Blend it" books to practice reading blends and words in

Kindergarten

The Happy New Year and welcome to 2023! We hope you enjoyed the holidays with family and friends. Please make sure to read to your child 20 minutes everyday.

Be sure to practice sight words, letter recognition and letter sounds. We will learn to read nonsense words and sentence writing. We will also begin learning how to add and subtract.

Kindergarten students are expected to have a solid understanding of adding and subtracting up to five.

Also make sure to spend 15-20 minutes on iReady and Dreambox. Both can be located in Clever.

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small group instruction and in centers.

We will continue to work on blending, decoding, and working with prefixes/suffixes and inflectional endings. The students are doing a great job with segmenting words and breaking words into their syllables! In Math, begin subtraction within 100.

We will learn different vocabulary to help us solve

First Grade Rocks!

As we begin the new year, our students will continue to learn the foundational skills focusing on blending and segmenting phonemes, fluency, and comprehension. S-blends, contractions, features of a sentence, text features to locate key facts, personal and possessive pronouns are introduced in Reading.

In Math, they will use different strategies to solve subtraction problems with unknown numbers using Math tools, visual representations/pictures and writing equal expressions. They will continue to explore length and time measurements.

In Science, they will plan and investigate the relationship of vibrations and sound using materials and gather evidence of how sound and vibration are related. In Social Studies, they will

explain how technologies and communities shape people's lives and affect the way people live.

In Health, they will develop respect for people who have speaking and hearing problems as well as discover the value of good communication skills.

Please try to motivate your child to read 20 minutes everyday and learn addition and subtraction facts up to 20.

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problems and equations. In Science, students will learn about changes to land and water on Earth. Please make sure your child is reading for at least 20 minutes each and every night. Please ensure you are sending your student to school with their fully charged Chromebook and charger each day! DIBELS and iReady testing will begin in the next few weeks.

Intermediate News

Third Grade

In Reading, we will continue to identify the Author's Point of View and describe character actions, motivations, and feelings. Ongoing language skills may include regular and plural nouns, commas in address or a series, and using conjunctions to prevent run-on sentences. In Social Studies, we will explore the theme Celebrating Diversity and Traditions as it relates to how technology impacted people's lives long ago in comparison to today. We will respond to the Document Based Question about Transportation and Communication.

In Math, we will work on multiplication and division strategies within 100.

In Science, we will learn about force and its interactions.

In Health, we will learn about how to address attitudes, values, and goals, personal choices and responsibilities, and refusal skills for risky situations.

4th Grade

In Math, we are continuing our unit on Decimals and Fractions. It is important for students to continue studying their multiplication facts.

In Science, we are in our Energy unit, learning about potential and kinetic energy and different types of energy. In Health, we will move into our unit titled, It's My Body. Please ensure your child completes any missing assignments on Google Classroom and be sure to turn in any make up work from an absence.



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5th Grade

Happy New Year everybody!

For the remaining days of the 2nd Quarter, our scholars will be learning how to multiply and divide decimals by whole numbers and multiply and divide decimals by another decimal. They will be using strategies like area model, array and base ten blocks. Please have them continue practicing their multiplication facts.

In Science, our lessons will focus on human activities and how these activities affect our resources and environment. Our students started reviewing for MISA. Just a reminder, make sure that our students have their fully charged laptop everyday.

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

Sixth grade

Math:

In January, we will then continue Unit 2: Algebraic Expressions and Equations. Students will solve equations using one step and a variable. Additionally, students will solve problems using inequalities.

Reading:

In Reading, students are fo-

cus on identifying theme. Students will take part in collaborative conversations using the texts When I Was A Skinny Tomboy and Bad Boy. Students will also write a literary analysis comparing themes in both texts. Students will also continue to read our book club novel, Front Desk. Remember to check SchoolMax weekly to get an updated account of your student's grades and remind stu-

dents to keep practicing their multiplication and division facts. Each night your student should be reading for 20 minutes and practicing their facts for 10 minutes. This is a part of their weekly math/reading log homework.

News from our Specialists

Special Education Department

By Sonia D. Bobis

Psychologists, doctors, and mental health providers believe that extracurricular activities are important in developing the potential, health and wellness of Children with disabilities. Providing the children with disabilities opportunities to join sports, performing arts, reading, and hobbies clubs will greatly improve their Social skills such as taking turns, assuming responsibilities, and be friendly, cooperative and respectful. Let them choose the activities or clubs they find appealing or interesting regardless of the level of their skills.

Children with disabilities Usually do their best if they love and enjoy the activities. As these children engage in the activities, they are refining their skills, improving their attitudes and behaviors, and building their resilience and

tenacity to engage in challenging tasks. As a result, positive self-image and self-esteem are fostered, which directly impact improved academic performance.

Media

Happy New Year to everyone from Mrs. Wright-Stoddard your Librarian. I am excited to kick off another month of Rally to Read 100. As we begin a new year, it is the perfect time to focus on our children's social and emotional well-being. And that's why our January Rally to Read theme is Wellness.

PE

During the first two weeks of January, students in all grades will participate in activities that require them to work cooperatively with one another to achieve a certain goal. During the last two weeks of January, all students will participate in a variety of dances from different cultures. These dances will include the use of previously learned locomotor skills, rhythm, and patterns.

Guidance

We are focusing on the character trait fairness in Guidance this month.

Fairness is the act of giving people what they need in an effort to treat all people equally and with respect.

How can you show fairness?

You can show fairness if you...

- * take turns regularly when playing with other children
- * share toys when playing with other children.
- * listen to another person's point of view.
- * accept consequences of your behavior
- * tell the truth



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