



CHERRY CREEK CROCS

We Lead. We Learn. We Inspire. I am important!

NEWSLETTER – SEPTEMBER 2015

SEPTEMBER EVENTS

Sep. 7- Labor Day- No School

Sep. 9- Orchestra Begins @ 8:00

Sep. 15- Room Parent's Tea

Sep. 16- Minimal Day- Students
out at 12:00-- No PM kindergarten

Sep, 17- Constitution Day

Sep. 21- Family Night-Magic Show
@ 6:00

Sep. 22- Picture Day

Principal's Message

It is the beginning of a new school year at Cherry Creek! With a new school year comes an opportunity for families to develop good homework and reading habits with our children. It starts now! My own son started first grade this year and is still just learning to read. As I sat down with him to do his reading the first week of school, I was reminded of how difficult it is to read with a beginning reader. I compiled a list of tips that may help those of you that are diligently trying to read each night with a beginning reader. I hope they are useful:

1. Give your child time to read. Reading is a skill and like many other skills it takes time to develop. A beginning reader should spend at least 20 minutes a day reading to or with someone. The books read during this time should be relatively easy for your child.
2. Have them reread the same books. Rereading the same words over and over again builds fluency. Over time, you will notice that your child will stop less often to decode words.
3. Encourage attention to print. If your child is stuck on a word, help him look at the first letter (s) and encourage him/her to sound it out. If it's a difficult word, or one that can't be sounded out, simply supply the word and continue reading.
4. Take turns reading. By listening to fluent reading, your child will hear what good readers sound like. After you've read a short passage, ask your child to reread the same passage. This provides a chance for him/her to practice reading with expression.
5. Have realistic expectations. For example, students should be reading approximately 60 words per minute by the end of first grade and 90-100 words per minute by the end of second grade. This is a critical time in your child's life and we want all of our students to develop a love of reading. Thank you for taking the time to read at home with your children. I promise you that it will make a difference in their lives.

Mr. Duncan

AM SCHOOL ACCESS

The front doors of the school are opened to students at 8:40. Lunchroom doors are opened at 8:25 to students that are eating breakfast. If there is inclement weather then accommodations will be made and doors will be opened at an earlier time. Students that choose to come into the building at 8:40 need to go to their classrooms and not wander the hallways. Otherwise, students can play on the playground until the first bell rings. Supervision on the playground begins at 8:30.

NOTES FROM THE OFFICE

Attendance- Contact the office if your child will be absent 801-489-2810. Otherwise, it will be an unexcused absence. We are pushing for on-time attendance this year. Have your child at the school by 8:50 to assure that they are in their classroom by the second bell.

Telephone- The office phone should be used for emergencies only. Please help your child memorize telephone numbers.

Checking students in and out of school- If you need to pick up a child during school hours, please come to the office. Please do not go directly to the classrooms! Only those listed on SIS can check out students unless we hear otherwise from the legal guardian.

Messages to students during school - Please arrange after school plans before your children come to school. We do not like to interrupt learning in classrooms to give a message to students. If you could assist us in this cause, we would greatly appreciate it

A Message from the PTA President

I am excited to start this new school year. I will be the PTA President for the coming year. The PTA will be sponsoring many of the same events this year and look forward to working with you to help make our school a great place to learn for our students. These events include:

Book Fairs
Box Tops
Family Week
Giving Tree
Halloween Pop Bottle Contest
Health and Safety Week
Literacy Week
Book Giveaways
Movie Night
Reading Frenzy
Reflections Art Contest
Room Parents
SEP Dinners for the Teachers
Spring Carnival
Croc Walk
Valentine's Box Contest
Yearbook and Spirit Shirts

We want to encourage each parent this year to participate in our Three for Me promise. Simply promise to volunteer 3 hours this year helping our school. This can be through PTA, in your student's classroom, or helping from home! If one parent of each of our 870 students volunteers just 3 hours this year, that will be a combined total of 2,610 hours! Think of the good we can accomplish together in that amount of time. Even if you are not a PTA member, if you would like to be on our volunteer email list and receive notification of opportunities to serve, just email us at cherrycreekpta@gmail.com. Thanks for all you do.

April Rockwood

Leader in Me

Here is a brief rundown of what to expect in Year 2 of the Leader In Me process at Cherry Creek:

- Each student will keep a leadership notebook. They will set goals and track data to watch progress towards those goals
- Student-Led Parent Teacher Conferences
- 100 % of students will be given leadership opportunities
- Leadership Day with Community Leaders—March 29—100 % of students involved
- School Wide goals—tracked by grade levels and administration
- Lead Time—First 7 minutes of each school day spent on 7 Habits in every classroom
- More integration of leadership and 7 Habits into daily lessons
- Leadership Academy—Once a week students will attend a class to learn specific leadership skills

In addition to this list, our teachers and students weave leadership into nearly everything they do and are coming up with new ideas all the time.

Cherry Creek Wins National Award for Book Fair

President's Award for Exceptional Performance (Grand Event):

Cherry Creek Elementary School

Book Fair Chairperson: Eileen Tew

Theme: Under the Sea

Cherry Creek Elementary School had a grand ole time at their Spring 2015 Book Fair, far exceeding all of their expectations and sales goals thanks to their phenomenal grand events. Not only did they have a Grand Event, they had many! The special luncheon was provided every day, divvying up the grades so there would be plenty of room for the students and their grands. But the events were so well attended they still ran out of room! Sitting at tables decorated with ocean blue tulle and "creatures" swimming inside it, space filled up fast, so staff opened up the stage, and guests ate wherever they could find a spot. Students and their Grands connected over food, art, and of course, books!

Thanks to weekly advertising starting three weeks prior to their Book Fair, these grand events were the most attended in school history, sending a wave of excitement as they totaled nearly \$5,000 more in sales than the previous Book Fair—a record for Cherry Creek Elementary!

Family Night Magic Show - September 21 at 6:00 pm

