



Littleton Elementary School District
Got that Sunshine in our pocket!!

Country Place Leadership Academy



iLEAD— Inspiring Leaders to Exceed, Achieve and Dream

October 2020

Administrative Team:

Michael Cagle Principal

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Dean of Students

Important Dates in



- Oct 8th&9th Virtual Parent Conferences
- Oct 6th Governing Board Meeting
- Oct 12-16 Fall Break **No School!**
- Oct 23 Quarter 1 Repor cards— Going home

A Message from the Principal

Happy Fall Ya'll!

One of our focus habits this month is Habit 7: Sharpen the Saw!

Sharpening the Saw is a perfect focus for a month that has Fall Break!

Highly Effective people and kids take time for self-renewal. Leaders, both kid and adult, spend a lot of time supporting others through challenges. It is vital that we take time to renew ourselves in 4 core areas so that we can help others.

The first area of renewal is Body. We need to take care of our physical body through good eating, exercise and

getting enough sleep.

The second area of renewal is the Mind. We need to keep our minds sharp by learning new things (in and out of school) that interest us. Doing hard things makes your brain grow!



The third area of renewal is the Heart. Creating and maintaining strong relationships with others supports our overall health. We can do this by making regular deposits in the Emotional

Bank Account (EBA) of people we interact with.

The last area of renewal is the Spirit. This area is different for different people. For Some examples include going to a religious service, connecting with nature on a hike, listening to inspirational music or reading inspirational books.

During these stressful times, please remember to take care of yourself, it will benefit everyone!

You are a leader!

You have genius!

Change begins with you!

Dr. Cagle



Need Your Help at Pickup Time

We have been having a challenge at pickup time. We have multiple families and students that need to use our Handicapped spaces including students with wheelchairs. We know the parking lot is crazy, but at **no time** should a car without a handicapped sticker or plate use the handicapped parking spaces. We will be addressing this with people as it occurs, but we ask for you compassion and assistance. Dr. Cagle

Kinder

Jacqueline Davis, Anastasia Hanns, Karina Hernandez, Jazmin Guadarrama

Our students are doing an amazing job with our online learning. We have been able to show them how to use Near Pod and have completed our District Math Benchmarks using it. We continue to learn our letters and our sounds and have begun blending words. Our students are doing an amazing job with their sight words and have begun reading our leveled readers. In Math we continue to work on our numbers and counting objects. The students love the weekly studies for Social studies. We appreciate the support that we are getting from our families and we truly appreciate they're help with supporting their child with online learning.

First Grade

Jessica York, Kristina Palacios, Maria Meza, Kristen Ayres

Hi first grade families! We are so impressed with how well the students have adjusted and are doing during these last few weeks of online learning. We've learned so much from reading individual words to actually reading those words in a story. In math we are even counting and writing numbers to 100! We are so proud of each and every student. We can't wait to talk all about them at conferences the week of October 5th. Make sure to sign up for a time with your child's teacher to hear all about your child's progress. Please reach out to your child's teacher through remind with any questions or concerns. We are always here to help you!

Second Grade

Maritza Bermudez, Stephanie Badsgard, Sheila McCalpine, Edward Tafolla

Wow! we can't believe it's already October. Time sure does fly when good learning is taking place. This month we will be hosting VIRTUAL parent-teacher conferences starting the week of October 5th-9th, we ask that the students are present at their conferences.

For ELA we will be continuing learning different reading strategies and skills to make us better readers. For math we will continue adding and subtracting numbers between 1-1000 to build our understanding of numbers and have a better number sense. For science will start learning about freezing and melting and the different properties. Again, we want to express our appreciation for all your support as we negative distant learning. We know it's been challenging but if you have any questions or need assistance, we are help to support. Thank you.

Third Grade

Lynette Hill, Maria Serrano, Valerie Cowan, Danielle Skunza

It is hard to believe that we are almost in the second quarter of the school year. This year has been challenging and a learning experience for all of us. Please continue to follow the virtual schedules in our Google Classrooms. It is very important that your child logs in at their assigned times. Please continue to encourage your child to ask any questions they may have. This is very important in a virtual setting so we can clarify any misconceptions. Please make sure that you are also checking your child's weekly agenda as their daily assignments well be there. As always if you have any questions please let us know. We will continue to grow and learn throughout this quarter.

Fourth Grade

Rocio Suarez-Ruiz, Astrid Trzepacz, Sydney Ridenhour, Jemille De La Cruz

Hello parents. We are almost done with the 1st quarter and a well deserved fall break is up ahead. We are looking at having ELA and Math 1st Quarter Interims the least week of September and Virtual Parent Conferences from October 7th-9th. Everything we have covered in ELA such as theme, main ideas and supporting details, inferences, narrative elements and in math including place value, number sense, addition, subtraction, and rounding will be in the quarterly assessment. So please keep reviewing with them. We will come back and work on multiplication and division. For the 2nd quarter you can help us by making sure your child has all materials needed, cameras on, logs in on time, and works on their assignments asynchronously when not in a meet. And like always, read, read, and read some more with your child. It's one of the best ways to help them. If you need to contact us send us an email or text us on Remind at the following; delacruz.jemille@littletonaz.org, ridenhour.sydney@littletonaz.org, ruiz.rocio@littletonaz.org, and garcia.astrid@littletonaz.org (Mrs. Trzepacz).

Fifth Grade

Carrie Rodriguez, Stacey Sobelman, Julie Fach, Celia Schecter

Fifth grade would like to thank all of the families for your flexibility and grace through all of distance learning! We are loving getting to know your children more and more!

As we head into October, we are starting our work with decimals in math. We will begin by adding and subtracting and then onto multiplying and dividing. In ELA, we will begin looking at the theme of a given text and understanding the lesson from a story. In science, we are still exploring matter. In Social Studies, we are learning about the geography of the United States.

Remember to reach out to us if you have any questions! We are excited to be partners with you in your child's education!

Sixth Grade

Ashley Farrell, Stephanie Budzban, Alexandra Gerber, Aileen Ramirez

Woo Hoo! October is here! October will kick-off with our VIRTUAL conferences. Please be sure to attend your virtual meeting with your student and be on time for your specific time-slot. We are so excited to share what we have been up to! Stay updated on your child's progress by checking ParentVue for their grades and Remind for announcements. We hope you enjoy time Sharpening Your Saw with family during Fall Break. We are so grateful for your support and for these wonderful kids!

Seventh Grade

Barbara DeMartino, Itzel Alvizo, Tatum Green, Larry Lopes

Hi there 7th Grade Families! Our journey through virtual learning is well underway and we are so SO proud and thankful for each of our students! We have enjoyed getting to know each of you and engaging with you online!

In science we are continuing our unit on energy transfer but now focusing on weather and weather patterns. Our focus question for this unit will be: How and why does weather change when a mass of dry, cold air meets a mass of warm humid air?

In math, we are continuing our study of adding and subtracting rational numbers as they relate to integer rules, along with intermittent review of basic operations. We are changing our mathematical mindset by doing our Famous Math Person presentation as well as learning to look at the world around us and realizing that math is all around us and used in our everyday lives.

In ELA, we are continuing to discover what drives us to undertake a mission. In order to answer this question, students will research what motivates people to take on a mission, what missions people pursue, and what strategies they might use to accomplish a mission. Sometimes, achieving personal success can be the driving force behind the pursuit of a mission. Other times, it might be something as basic as survival. Often, the mission that we choose to undertake will have far-reaching consequences and will affect other individuals, groups, and even society. In our first unit, students will be reading short stories, poetry, memoirs, and nonfiction narratives to explore the missions some people or characters have pursued to achieve their goals.

And in Social Studies we have been studying the comparison between Greek Rationalism with the Middle Ages, Renaissance and their impact on the Scientific Revolution. Or focus question for this unit is How did Galileo's perfection of the telescope change the thought process of people and or impact theories that came before him.

Eighth Grade

Teresita Ceballos, Rachel Rasey, Randy McCleery, Peter Messieha

Social Studies: In Social Studies we will be learning about being an American citizen and the rights and responsibilities that go along with it. We also continue our reading comprehension practice with Achieve 3000. We will continue to use our RACE strategies to help with writing.

Math: Mr. Messieha's Mathematicians will be exploring multi-step equations, square and cube roots, and the Pythagorean theorem to find the missing length of a side. Students will continue their work in Big Ideas and Dreambox. We will also discover new math skills and activities we can use from the Global Math project to increase number awareness and math i.q.

ELA: this month we are working in our first reading unit in StudySync (Suspense) with a lot of stories from many very gifted authors in this genre. We are also sharpening a writing skill called R.A.C.E. which is making our students responses to writing prompts and short response questions more effective.

Science: For October the students will be learning about Natural Selection and Energy Through Matter.

Specials

Emily Walters, Paul Budge, Morgan Cavanaugh, Anitra Morin

Technology- During the month of October, we will continue learning about Online Safety & Digital Citizenship and Computer Fundamentals in Technology. This month we have focused on our digital footprint. In addition, in October— Grades K-1 will be working on their ABC's using Starfall and ABCya. Grades 2-3 will be practicing keyboarding. 4-8 will begin coding. See you soon. Mr. Budge

PE- 4th-8th: We will be challenging ourselves with different workouts that get our hearts pumping!

k-3rd: We will continue to build up our strength by exercising!

Art: Hello CPLA families! I hope you are all doing very well. For now, students are having art once a week for 30 minutes using Google Meets. We have fun art activities planned that students will be able to complete from home with limited supplies. In kinder, 1st, and 2nd grade, we are making art based off of books we read in class to help promote reading comprehension and literacy, as well as creativity. In 3rd and 4th grade, we are exploring different ways to make art both digitally and with physical materials. In 5th-8th grade, we will be working on developing technical skills and experimenting with nontraditional art materials. If you are unable to attend art class during the day, I upload recordings of the lessons to Google Classroom in the afternoon so that you can still participate. If you need any help or have any questions, I am available through email at walters.emily@littletonaz.org. I am also on Remind! You can email me to get the Remind code for your child's class.

Leadership: In October, students will start off reflecting and revising goals and sharing them with their parents during conferences. After break, students will discuss Habits 1, and 3: Be Proactive and Put First Things First. Classes will work on using proactive, or mindful language, stop and think before acting, planning, and prioritizing. Seventh graders and eighth graders will continue research a topic of choice and creating a product for Genius Hour.

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Tech Tip
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Country Place is on Facebook!
@CountryPlace.Mustangs

Visit our page for all upcoming
events and see what are Leaders
are up to.

Health & Wellness

Dear Parent and/or Guardians:



The Health Office is working hard to make sure all of our students are compliant. **In order to adhere to the Arizona Department of Health guidelines, we are requiring your child be in compliance no later than Friday October 9, 2020.** If your child remains out of compliance, he/she will be excluded from class starting Monday October 19, 2020. This exclusion will apply to both distance and on campus learning. Proof of immunizations need to be sent to the fax number or email address listed below. Thank you for your cooperation.

Friendly Reminder: Parents be aware if your student is turning 11 years old. There will be 2 additional immunizations needed that will be due no later than 2 weeks after your birth date.

Email: Martinez.melinda@litletonaz.org FAX: (623) 478-6120



We at Country Place Leadership Academy believe that all children are capable of success, no exceptions. The students have been dreaming about their futures in the career and education destination. On Wednesday, September 25, we had our Career Day. Students were able to listen to 3 different speakers about their careers and the education needed to do the job. Students also began to look at different careers using Achieve 3000. This program helps children with their reading and understanding the information presented. It lets children know how well they understand a text and what their Lexile levels are. It tells students what the Lexile level they will need to do a wide variety of jobs.

Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports

This month the PBIS team would like to remind you to follow our 3 expectations even in a distance learning model: Be Respectful, Be Responsible, and Be Safe. Be respectful by considering the needs of others, be responsible by having your materials ready for class, and be safe by washing your hands frequently.

Grab and Go Meals!

Meals will be available only at Country Place Leadership Academy and Estrella Vista STEM Academy on Mondays and Wednesdays from 10am-noon & 4-6pm. Monday distribution will include 2 days of meals (both breakfast and lunch) & Wednesday distribution will be a 3-day meal pack.

Lunch Cost- \$2.50 full price and \$.40 for reduced.

***Reminder :** Please fill out new lunch application

Dress Code

Uniform Tops: Solid dark green, ash gray, or burgundy with a lay down collar. This may include but is not limited to: a "Polo" shirt or dress shirt/blouse). No logos or labels. Shirts must be tucked in. Tops must be free from rips or tears. If a t-shirt or turtleneck is worn under the top, it must be black, white, or conform to the dress code top color.

Uniform Bottoms: Solid navy blue or Khaki pants or shorts, skirts, skirts, or jumpers/rompers. No logos, labels, blue jeans (denim), blue-jean shorts, sweat pants, or stretchy type material. No sagging of clothing is allowed. Bottoms must be free from rips or tears. No undergarments may show.

Kindergarten through fifth grade students are required to wear the district issued Littleton lanyard, with License to Learn badge, as part of their uniform each day. Sixth through eighth grade students are required to wear a lanyard of their choice (must follow dress code requirements) and their License to Learn badge, as part of their uniform each day