



Country Place Leadership Academy

September

iLEAD– Inspiring Leaders to Exceed, Achieve and Dream

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Administrative Team:

Michael Cagle - Principal

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Dean of Students**

Important Dates in September

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| Sep 1 | Virtual Curriculum Night– 5:30pm-6:30pm |
| Sep 4-7 | Labor Day Recess |
| Sep 8 | Governing Board Meeting 6pm-8pm |
| Sep 16 | Staff In Service Day |

Thanks for all of your patience and support through the start of our very different school year!

Our teachers and leadership team are hosting our Curriculum Night on September 1st from 5-6:30. Our staff will be sharing about the different resources that we are using this year.

Our focus Habit this month is Habit 1: Be Proactive. Effective people make decisions based on their principles and the outcomes that they want. Ineffective people respond based on their emotions. One of the Highly Effective Practices for Being Proactive is the Circle of Control. Life consists of



things that are in our Circle of Control and things on our Circle of Worry. Focusing on things we control, and not focusing on things we can't control, helps us increase our effectiveness. And improves our overall health.

A strategy that helps when we are worried about something is to think about what parts

of the issue are within our control and taking action on those things.

Don't forget to read with your students and have them play games in Dreambox! The more you read, the smarter you get! The more you play, the smarter you get!

Dr. Cagle

We are looking forward to a great year and have many fun events planned. We appreciate and need your support. Join the Country Place PTA. We are currently offering memberships for \$10/person or \$15 per Family!



Kinder

Jacqueline Davis, Anastasia Hanns, Karina Hernandez, Jazmin Guadarrama

Kindergarten just completed their first Acadience test online. We believe it went very well. We have started our “No More letter of the week” where students become the master of a given letters. We have never done this virtually, but it seems to be going well. Students draw pictures of things that begin with their letter and share them with the class. They send them to their teacher, and they get printed out and placed on the “No More Letter of the Week” wall. We have created small groups online providing a more personal interaction with our students. We have jumped into letter names, letter sounds, blending and reading high frequency words. We have begun reading our leveled reading too. Our students are adapting very well to virtual learning and have gotten very good with their computer skills. Our team continues to work hard to ensure we have productive lessons that will enhance the students learning and provide a little fun too.

First Grade

Jessica York, Kristina Palacios, Maria Meza, Kristen Ayres

First grade is off to an amazing start for virtual learning. We want to take this time to thank each of our families for being flexible and patient as we figure out this new way of learning. It is such a joy to see our kiddos everyday even if it is through a computer. Please remember to keep doing your best to complete all the assignments and make sure your child is reading every day. Please reach out to your child’s teacher if you are still struggling with any of the online components. Remember, we are in this together and we will continue to take it one day at a time.

Second Grade

Stephanie Badsgard, Maritza Bermudez, Sheila McCalpine, Edward Tafolla

On behalf of all the teachers in 2nd grade we would like to thank you for your continued support so far as we navigate distant learning. We know it has been challenging and we appreciate your support as we continue to adapt to this new normal. We cannot wait to be able to welcome the students back on campus as soon as it's safe to do so. In mathematics we will shift into addition and subtraction math facts. In ELA we will continue learning a variety of different reading skills to help us become better readers. Again, thank you for your amazing support and partnership that you have given us. As challenges arise, just know we are here to assist and support you.

Third Grade

Lynette Hill, Maria Serrano, Valerie Cowan, Danielle Skunza

We have been learning virtually for the past 4 weeks. It has been a learning process for all of us. There have been challenges but we will continue to grow and learn. Please make sure to talk to your child about virtual learning expectations. It is very important to try to minimize distractions during the time the students are meeting with us since it is limited. Please remind them to stay focused ask questions and to do their best. Thank you for your patience and understanding as we navigate virtual learning.

Fourth Grade

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

Hello parents. We are 3 weeks into our virtual learning and it has definitely been a learning experience. This quarter we have been focusing on literary elements, theme, and main ideas and details in ELA. In math, we introduced place value up to millions and comparing and ordering numbers using inequalities. We are going to continue with addition and subtraction of whole numbers in the next few weeks so practice their math fact fluency so it is easier for them to solve problems. If you are still having any technical issues, please let us know. Also, have a quiet working environment with all the materials necessary for your child to have a great virtual learning day. 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 or Remind at the following; delacruz.jemille@littletonaz.org, riden-hour.sydney@littletonaz.org, ruiz.rocio@littletonaz.org, and garcia.astrid@littletonaz.org (Mrs. Trzepacz).

Fifth Grade

Carrie Rodriguez, Stacey Sobelman, Julie Fach, Celia Shecter

Well, this is a year unlike any other! First, thank you for your patience as we are figuring out how best to teach your children. We appreciate your support as we work with your students!

We are rocking and rolling in ELA and math! This month in ELA we will be learning about different text structures and comparing characters between stories. In Math, we are going to finish up working with whole numbers by practicing how to multiply and divide multi-digit numbers. Fifth grade will also be digging into our new Science and Social Studies curriculum!

Please remember to reach out with any questions you might have. Your student can also reach us to ask questions by joining Office Hours. During Office Hours, we are available to answer questions, help students, and work with students on a specific skill or question they have.

Sixth Grade

Ashley Farrell, Stephanie Budzban, Alexandra Gerber, Aileen Ramirez

Thank you for all of your support during our Virtual start of the year! This year has its challenges, but there are SO many things for which we are thankful. We have absolutely LOVED seeing our students every day! Their energy, smiles, and dedication makes our teacher-hearts so happy! Right now, we are seeing success from so many students because of their hard work and effort. If your child is having challenges, please let their homeroom teacher know right away! Troubleshooting technology, getting families the materials they need, and supporting our students' Social-Emotional well-being are just some of the many ways we can help right now. We also have a dedicated Social-Emotional Learning time every morning to check-in as a class and promote emotional wellbeing. Ask your child about how the school year is going and always feel free to contact us with good news, questions, or concerns. Thank you for all of your support!

Seventh Grade

Tatum Green, Barbara DeMartino, Itzel Alvizo, 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 beginning our unit on energy transfer throughout the water cycle. Our focus question for this unit will be: How does energy transfer cause water levels to drop in Lake Mead? In math, we are studying 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 discovering 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. Our 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 McCaleery, Peter Messieha

Social Studies: We will be continuing to look at the formation of our government and our Constitution. As well as using Achieve 3000 to help with our reading skills.

Science: We will be continuing to explore Genetics and Natural Selection.

Math: In the month of September Mr. Messieha's mathematicians will be wrapping up exponents and scientific notation. They will begin their focus on linear and multi-step algebraic equations. We will continue use of the Dreambox app for 5 lessons/week, and introduce the Xtra Math app along with it for extra math fluency practice.

ELA: we are exploring suspense in our first unit of Study Sync. We are reading stories that allow students to analyze the elements utilized in the creation of suspense.

Specials

Emily Walters, Morgan Cavanaugh, Anitra Morin, Paul Budge

Technology- During the month of September, we will continue learning about Online Safety & Digital Citizenship and Computer Fundamentals in Technology. This month we have focused on our digital footprint and cyber-bullying. In addition, in September—Grades K-1 will be working on their ABC's using Starfall and ABCya. Grades 2-3 will be practicing keyboarding. The students in grades 4-8 will be creating an anti-cyberbullying poster using Google Drawing. See you soon. Mr. Budge

PE- : 4th-8th: We will be challenging ourselves with new exercise routines, and expanding our knowledge with fun and engaging health and nutrition lessons!

k-3rd: We will be learning fun dance moves and continuing to build up our strength by exercising!

Art - Hello CPLA families! I hope you are all having a great start of your school year. 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 learning about different types of lines, shapes, and art styles while practicing drawing to develop fine motor skills. In 3rd and 4th grade, we are focusing on using different methods and materials to make art. 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.

Leadership - In Leadership this month we'll be exploring Habits 4, 5, 6, 7, and 8. Students will discuss Win-Win or No Deal and having an abundance mentality meaning there's enough success for everyone. When we delve into Habit 5, students will learn how to demonstrate attentive listening using eyes, ears, and heart. We will celebrate differences and optimize our strengths in order to Synergize. Sharpen the Saw involves finding balance and taking care of our bodies. We'll wrap up September by learning what it means to Find Your Voice and by learning about greetings. Ask your child what they learn each week and incorporate the lesson into your home routines. This helps students see that leadership happens everywhere.

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ParentVue Activation Key letters will be sent home with students. ParentVue is an online portal that allows access to grading and attendance information for all of our students and parents in grades K-8.

Web Address:

http://littleton.apscoc.org/pxp/Login_PXP.aspx
<https://www.facebook.com/CountryPlace.Mustangs>
https://twitter.com/CountryPlace_ES

Health & Wellness

All new or incoming students enrolled in grades K-8th grade must provide proof of immunizations to our health office and must be up-to-date for all required vaccinations.

All students turning 11 years old are required to receive the following vaccines:

1. Tdap (Tetanus, Diphtheria, and Pertussis 2. MCV4 (Meningococcal). The student will have 30 days from their date of birth to provide proof of documentation, if not they will be non-compliant.

The West Valley Immunization Clinic is offering free services.

For an appointment, call 602-506-5888.



We at Country Place Leadership Academy believe that all children are capable of success, no exceptions. We are treasure hunters looking at each child and finding their amazing talents. We will start the year becoming time travelers, looking at the 4 destinations: Home & Family, Education & Career, Community & Service, and Hobbies & Recreation. Students will be thinking about what this will look like for them as they become adults. We know that children succeed when they can talk about their future

Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports

Our new PBIS Expectations Posters are posted in the hallways! When you are on campus look for the Golden iLEAD Be Respectful, Be Responsible, Be Safe Posters that show the expectations that we have for students in different common areas!

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, 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