



Welcome Back!



Edgemont Primary School

October 2017

Second Grade is off to a great start! Superkids Reading has taken off! The children have enjoyed reading the SUPER magazine and two chapter books in addition to their decodable reader. In Math we have reviewed addition and subtraction along with patterns and skip counting. We started off with citizenship/diversity in Social Studies. Currently in Science we are discussing Matter and we will be conducting science experiments and learn how matter changes from one state to another!

2nd Grade



Third grade is off to a great start for this new school year. We began our year by reviewing and modeling classroom procedures. The students learned how to participate in a daily morning meeting where we have learned to greet each other with eye contact, participate in sharing, and activities. Each student created their own hope and dream that they want to achieve in third grade. Together as a class, we created rules to follow in the classroom. In Math, we have been working on place value, rounding, and greater than and less than. We used marshmallows and fruit loops to create umbers and discuss their place values. In reading, the students have been learning about fairy tales and tall tales. They also have been working hard to reach AR goals. The students have been going to first grade to work with their reading buddies three days a week. They enjoy spending that time with their buddies and practicing reading. The third graders have worked hard this first six weeks. We are excited about the progress we will make this year.

3rd Grade



Kindergarten

The kindergarten year is off to a great start! We have spent the first several weeks making new friends and learning routines and procedures of the school day. We are learning to read and write using the Superkids reading program. Each day we sing, write, and do fun activities with our Superkids friends. So far we have met Cass, Oswald and Golly! During math time, we have been learning to count and write numbers. We will be learning to count to 100 by ones and tens and write the numbers 0 through 30.



1st Grade

This is such an exciting time in first grade! We have completed our first Unit of Superkids and taken our FIRST spelling test!! First grade is loving having our third grade Reading Buddies in every Monday, Wednesday and Friday to help with our sight word cards, reading and Accelerated Reader! We will be traveling to the Pumpkin Patch at the end of this month!!



New club for 3rd graders!!

Students in grades 3-4-5 are being invited to participate in a new 4-H after school Adventure Club this school year! The club is being led by Edgemont teacher Mrs. LeeAnn Gray, along with Mrs. Christine Hodges of the 4-H Extension Office.

A letter will be going home in mid-October with details and sign-up opportunities for this special after-school club!



Pre-K News!

We have had fun getting to know your child. We have finished our unit on colors. Tye-Dyeing shirts were our end of the unit activity. They turned out great. We will begin working on shapes and letters now.

From the Principal's Desk.....

Dear Families,

It is my honor to serve as the 2017-2018 principal of Edgemont Primary School. I would personally like to thank our highly qualified and dedicated staff, wonderful students and supportive parents here at Edgemont Primary School! It is because of you that our school year is off to a great start! Covington City Public Schools is an awesome place to be. All three schools; Edgemont Primary, Jeter-Watson Intermediate, and Covington High School are fully accredited by the state for the 2017-2018 school year! Wonderful news!!!

It is my privilege to be part of such an outstanding group of teachers, parents, and community members that support our school. We have been tracking attendance with our new Attendance Policy in place and there has been improvement. We know that sometimes your child will get sick, and will be unable to come to school, but on other days they are expected to attend. We miss them when they are not here and they miss valuable information. Thank you for partnering with us as we improve school attendance! It's exciting to have students back in the classrooms from their summer vacation! They are filled with energy and enthusiasm for learning.

We know you want the best for your child. We do, too! The rigorous curriculum is directly aligned to the Virginia State Standards to help each child achieve his or her fullest potential. Edgemont Primary School provides both enrichment and intervention support for students. We believe in knowing each child by "name and need." We have great teachers who spend hours planning and creating classroom activities to engage our students in learning. Our teachers use research-based best practices and analyze student data to determine learning goals for growth and improvement.

I ask that you take a few moments to read what each grade level has been doing during the first six weeks in this newsletter. We are looking forward to another great year ahead! We ask for your continued support! Don't forget Parent Teacher Conferences are scheduled for Monday, October 9 from noon until 5:00PM. We hope you will plan to attend!

Sincerely,

Cynthia H. Morgan, Principal

To help us work together in strengthening the character of our students, we are learning about CHARACTER COUNTS! The Six Pillars of Character are **Trustworthiness** – being honest and loyal, no lying or cheating, being reliable, and having courage; **Respect** – following the Golden Rule, using good manners, being considerate of others; **Responsibility** –doing the right thing, doing your best, showing self control; **Fairness** – playing by the rules, taking turns and sharing; **Caring** – being kind and compassionate, forgiving others, and helping those in need; **Citizenship** – being a good neighbor, obeying laws and rules, protecting the environment.

I will be providing guidance lessons in the **Six Pillars of Character** and I encourage you to follow the Six Pillars at home to reinforce what your child is learning at school. You might want to visit the CHARACTER COUNTS! Website at <http://charactercounts.org> to look for activities that you can do at home or for more information about this program. If you have any concerns about your child or would like to meet with me, please do not hesitate to call.

Melissa Lee
EPS Guidance Counselor

Counselor's
Corner

Early Childhood

Ms. Tammie and Ms. Ashley's early childhood class has been very busy during the month of September. Our favorite activity was reading the story Brown Bear, Brown Bear What do you See? After reading the book each child was able to take home their own copy of a new version of the book. This version is called Brown Bear, Brown Bear Who do you See? In this book are pictures of each student in the classroom.

The children love reading the book to their classmates and To their family members. Up next for early childhood is FALL!!!

