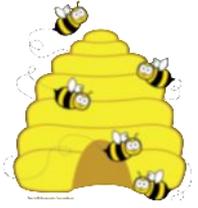

Judge Lionel R. Collins Montessori

Judge Lionel R. Collins Montessori believes that all children will learn and reach their academic potential through engaged learning.



Welcome back to the hive!



Principal's Message

Welcome to our new, returning families, and business partners. We are looking forward to another great year. Methods and techniques are constantly undergoing revision in order to ensure the best practices in educating your child. We want to focus on our goal of continuing to improve student achievement by implementing the Montessori Method in grades Pre-K thru 2nd, Core Knowledge Language Arts in grades K-3rd, ELA Guidebook in 4th and 5th grades, and thru Envision and Eureka Math in Pre-K thru 5th grades.

In today's society, where there is so much to learn, it is essential that your child be taught in the most efficient, effective, and engaging manner possible. We want you as a parent to play an active role in helping to educate your child/children. We want you to continue to visit and work with our school by volunteering at least 50 hours for the school year whether it be in your child's class or general help on campus.

Open house was held on Thursday, September 3, 2015 in the school cafeteria. I would like to thank all of the parents that attended. Please be sure to check your child's homework folder and discipline folder each day. Please make note of all important dates scheduled for the month in the lower corner. Let's work together for the success of the students.



Arrival and Dismissal Procedures

Car Arrival

Please use the main entrance off of Ames Blvd. Car riders may **not** be dropped off on Salome Street. It is a safety hazard for both the students and staff members that are on duty.

Walker Arrival

Walkers are to use the Salome Street entrance at the rear of the school. Walkers are to stay on the sidewalk near the gate until it is opened at 8:00.

Car Dismissal

Students are called for dismissal beginning at 3:15. Please have your car tag visible in your window so that student's names can be called quickly. Please stay in your vehicle while waiting for your child to come out. A staff member will assist your child to your vehicle. **No** car riders will be allowed to be picked up from the rear entrance of the school due to safety concerns. Students must be picked up in a timely manner. Parents are asked to sign the student out when picked up after 3:40. Parent's that are habitually late will be subject to further consequences according to state laws.

Walker Dismissal

Walkers are dismissed at the Salome Street entrance. If you are meeting your child to walk them home, please be on time. The students are not permitted to wait at the gate without supervision. Walkers are dismissed before the buses are allowed to enter the gates.

Principal
Esther Pollard

Academic Dean
Raychell Alexander

September 2015

Reminders

- Breakfast is served until 8:15 (1st-5th)
- Students are tardy after 8:30
- Students cannot be checked out after 2:30

Dates to Remember

September 3	Open House 6:00
September 4	Dress Down \$1.00
September 7	Labor Day Holiday
September 8-11	Interim Reports Issued
September 18	Black and Gold Dress Down \$1.00
September 23	Father/Student Luncheon
September 25	Fall Pictures
September 28	Advent Begins



What's the BUZZ?

PreK and Kindergarten

We are working on our first guidebook unit, Chrysanthemum. The students are enjoying learning all about family and names. We are also working on learning our letter sounds and numbers. The children are excited and eager to learn all of the new things that are being introduced. The student's are looking forward to our field trip to the Audubon Zoo on September 25.

1st Grade

First graders are excitedly learning about the life cycle of the frog. The students are very interested in all aspects of the frog's life. The students are working on expanding their phonics skills to build their reading fluency and learning new vocabulary to enhance their learning. In math, the children are learning subtraction concepts and facts.

2nd Grade

The second grade classes are in the full swing of learning. We are working on our first unit in the guide book and the students are enjoying the different fairy tales that are being introduced. The students are learning all about the different types of sentences and the various parts of them. The students are working hard to learn their addition and subtraction math facts.

3rd Grade

Third grade has been very busy giving reading and math assessments. We feel these simple tools will help us to understand where our scholars strengths and weaknesses are so we can build from their levels. We want every scholar to reach their academic potential this year. 3rd grade is also using Class Dojo as an awesome communication tool for parents. If you have not signed up, please see your child's teacher.

4th Grade

Fourth grade is focusing on the beginning of the year assessments in ELA. We are building the students comprehension and understanding of the English language. The students are learning all about the states of matter in Science . They are enjoying identifying the various states in their environment. In math, we are working on structuring the classroom to enhance academic performance. Also, math homework is given Monday-Friday.

5th Grade

Fifth graders are currently reading Wonderstruck and Maniac Magee. We are working on the similarities and differences throughout the two stories. We are also working on plot, setting, and conflict/resolution. The students are enjoying working on expanding their sentences and writing/editing papers. In math, we are working on several new topics and reinforcing previous skills, including the order operations.

