

Lyle Creek Elementary Crocodile Chronicles

Thank you Lyle Creek Elementary staff, students, and families for being so welcoming. It is great to be at Lyle Creek and I believe it is the BEST school in Catawba County! I am truly excited and honored to be here and look forward to working closely with you all as we continue to grow! Please remember I have an open door policy and I am always here to support you and most importantly, your child's success!

-Mrs. Sellers

In PE with Mr. Yenor

First quarter Kindergarten through 2nd grade focused on directions (ways our body looks/faces when we move), locomotions (how our body moves), and pathways (2nd grade only: patterns we follow when we move). Our directions are forwards, backwards and sideways. The locomotions we practiced were running, hopping, skipping, jumping, and sliding. Our pathways we learned are straight, curvy, and zig-zag. We also learned and talked about the difference between underhand and overhand throwing. Lastly, when we catch a ball we want to hug it, not high five it.

3rd grade has focused mostly on the same throwing and catching skills mentioned above.

4th-6th grade has been playing basketball. We have used dribbling games and challenges as a warm up because we have mainly been focusing on how to shoot a basketball. We learned the acronym BEEF to teach and remind ourselves how to shoot a basketball (Balance, Elbow, Eyes, Follow Through). You can also ask your child what it means if we shoot the ball with chicken wings or like a T-rex and why those are not good ways to shoot the ball.

In music grades 2-5 we have been covering the pitches Sol, and Mi and how those pitches make melodies. They have also been learning about the history behind our country's song the Star Spangled Banner. K-1 has been learning all about the steady beat while sixth grade has been learning about the rhythms of the rhythm tree through drumming. October we will start diving into harmonies as well as exploring spooky music in music class. - Mr. Long



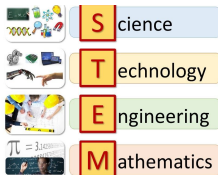
October 2020

- 19th- No School Teacher Workday
- 19th- PTO meeting open to all 4:00 in the cafeteria
- 20th- First day of Plan A for second and third graders
- Monday-Thursday
- 26th-30th Spirit week/Red Ribbon Week
- 27th- Report Cards issued first 9 weeks

November 2020

- 2-5 NC Check Ins for 3rd-6th
- 6th- All Pro Dad VIRTUALLY 8:00 a.m.
- 6th- BLT meeting 1:00
- 11th- No School for Veteran's Day
- 17th- Progress Reports
- 25-29th- Thanksgiving Holiday no school
- 30th- First day of Plan A for fourth and fifth graders Monday-Thursday

Please make sure you talk with your child's teacher about their successes in the first quarter before Nov. 6 They will be scheduling parent teacher conferences soon.



Mrs. Hatfield is our new STEM teacher: STEM stands for science, technology, engineering and math. Throughout the year we will be using science standards that students are learning in their regular

classroom and incorporating technology, engineering and math. We may complete PBL (problem based learning) assignments, use robots, learn how to code, digital citizenship and many other fun and exciting things. So far in STEM students have learned about monitoring their on screen time and taking breaks from screens, password safety and coding. Students have also worked on their engineering skills through a STEM challenge in which they were asked to build a free standing structure with one piece of paper. All assignments in STEM will work to build students critical thinking, communication and problem solving skills.

Fall Online BOOK FAIR INFORMATION **Adventure Awaits In Every Book**

Date: October 12-19

Click here to access our online book fair

<https://efairs.follettbookfairs.com/guest/home?classCode=Z3238>

For every purchase made, our school gets 40% back in rewards to help our literacy mission.



-Mrs. Drum

Red Ribbon Week (anti drugs)

Monday Oct. 26~ Team up against drugs dress in your favorite TEAM shirt/gear

Tuesday Oct. 27~ "Join the fight against drugs" wear camouflage

Wednesday Oct. 28~ "SOCK-IT" to drugs wear your CrAZieSt pair of socks, dress wacky tacky

Thursday Oct. 29~ "Put a cap" on drugs wear your favorite hat

Second Steps helps get students ready to learn, gain better



self-control, increase awareness of self & others, and to build better relationships.

The lessons for K-1 begin with Skills needed for Learning. Ask your students about a song to help them remember the skills (look, listen, keep still, be quiet).

The lessons for 2-3 begin with Skills for Learning which highlight having demonstrating Respect while learning.

Their song is *Be Respectful, Be Skillful, Be a Learner*.

The lessons for 4-6 highlight the topics & importance of Empathy & Respect while being a good learner. The song for the initial lessons is *Walk, Walk, Walk* (focusing on empathy & imagining walking in someone else's shoes.)

The skills learned through this program helps them control their own behavior, get along with others, build stronger friendships, & helps increase their feelings of safety & belonging in school. Scenarios are present so that kids can apply the skills they are learning to situations they may experience at some point in real life.

We are excited about this resource that was provided by K-64. There are home resources provided as part of the kit. If you are interested in these or have any questions, please feel free to email Ms. W (counselor) at

Laura_Wachsmuth@catawbaschools.net.

