

Cheetah Chat

CREEK VIEW ELEMENTARY

September 2024 ♦



Ms. In's Inside Scoop

Dear CVES families,

We have already completed our first month of school and our students are doing great! We are so fortunate to be able to work with awesome students every day!

The Cheetah Chat Newsletter will be sent at the start of each month. The newsletter will include important information for parents to know.

This is my 8th year serving CVES as the principal, and I am looking forward to making this the best year yet! We focus on growth and work hard to get better every year. We have lots of fun things planned for our students to enjoy this year. It is important to us for our students to enjoy coming to school! Our theme for this year is "You're a VIP". Our intent is for every student to be and feel like a VIP!

Our success is possible because of the amazing support from our families. We have many parents who volunteer their time to help make CVES the best school it can be. This is especially true for our PTA members. If you have not joined our PTA yet, please consider joining and supporting CVES. The PTA website may be accessed through the CVES website.

I would like to thank everyone for your continued support and look forward to having a great year!

Proud to be a Cheetah!

Best,
Monica In, Principal

Upcoming Events

September 2
Labor Day- No School

September 3
Teacher Workday- No School
for Students

September 4
Professional Development
Day- No School for Students

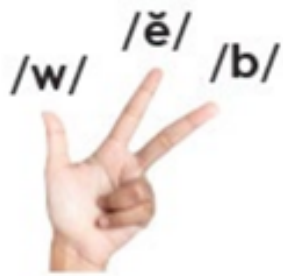
September 5
Spirit Day

September 12 - 6:00 pm
2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th Grade
Curriculum Night

September 13
4 1/2 week progress reports
posted in IC (Infinite Campus)

September 20
PTA- Screen on the Green

September 25
Fall Picture Day



Loving Literacy- Mrs. Reffett, Literacy Coach

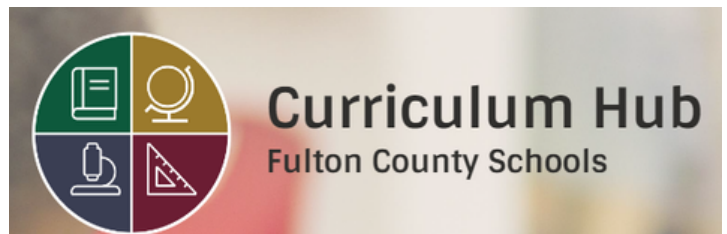
Do you want to help your child with spelling? Check out the finger stretching strategy below:

Finger stretching is an effective strategy for identifying, saying, and counting the sounds in a word. Start by placing your hand in a fist and, starting with your thumb, “stretch” 1 finger up for each sound. It is important to do this from left to right to match the direction that we read! See the picture above for an example word.


Calling all 5th Grade Book Lovers:

Sign up for Creek View’s First Book Club! Book Club will meet once a week, on Wednesday, before school, from 7:00-7:30 AM. Students will meet with Mrs. Scarpa to explore and discuss new authors and titles. Books for Book Club students will be provided!

Click [HERE](#) to sign up!



Math Memos- Mrs. Gower, Curriculum Support Teacher



Did you know that last year the state of Georgia implemented new math standards? There are many resources for parents on the Georgia Department of Education website:

www.georgiastandards.org. You can find a comprehensive grade level overview, curriculum map, parent videos, parent letters, and more for every grade level.

Another website to visit is the Fulton County Schools Curriculum Hub for parents. On the left side, you can select the subject area and your child’s grade level. Next you can see the year-at-a-glance, standards and learning targets, and some parent resources. You can visit: <https://safarihub.fultonschools.org/PORTAL/>. For more information, contact me at gower@fultonschools.org.

SAFETY



Safety Scoop - Martie Jones, Assistant Principal

Updates:

Have you noticed our new Alphaletta Police Department Substation signs? Officer Savannah Morton from the Alphaletta Police Department Community Services Unit will be working from our building periodically throughout each week. Be sure to give her a warm welcome if you see her around the school. We are super excited she is here!

Reminders:

- The school exterior doors will remain locked at all times.
- All visitors must check-in with the office to enter the school.
- Be sure to bring your ID, as you will be asked to present it before you enter.

Upcoming Safety Drills:

- September- Evacuation
- October- Evacuation, Soft Lockdown, Hard Lockdown, Medical

The Discipline Digest- Melanie Barrow, AP

As the new school year is getting started, it's important to equip your child with the discipline they need to succeed. A recent article on discipline strategies offers valuable insights for parents of school-aged children. One key takeaway is the importance of consistency and follow-through.

When you assign a task or give a command, it's essential to ensure your child follows through. By doing so, you teach them that only their best effort is acceptable and that you expect them to complete what they start. This approach not only fosters responsibility but also helps build a strong foundation for success in school and beyond.

To learn more about these strategies and how to implement them, you can read the full article [here](#).

Don't forget to go into your Parent Portal and sign off on the Code of Conduct.



COUNSELOR CORNER

AUGUST
2024

NEWS & UPCOMING EVENTS

- Welcome new and returning Cheetahs! We are so excited for the 2024-2025 school year. Please don't hesitate to reach out to our school counselors if you have any questions or concerns about your child.
- Click [here](#) to check out our new counseling program website.
- Want to know more about the role of the school counselor? Check out this [website](#) that shares the essential role of the elementary school counselor.

Meet our
School
Counselors,
Mrs. Emerson &
Mrs. Hope!

Check out these books that focus on back-to-school anxiety.

- *Butterflies on the First Day of School* by Annie Silvestro
- *First Day Jitters* by Julie Danneberg
- *How do Dinosaurs go to School?* by Jane Yolen

August Classroom Counseling Lessons

**Kindergarten:
Counselor Introduction**

**3rd Grade:
Counselor Introduction
& Size of Problem**

**1st Grade:
Counselor Introduction**

**4th Grade:
Counselor Introduction
& Size of Problem**

**2nd Grade:
Counselor Introduction
& Size of Problem**

**5th Grade:
Counselor Introduction
& Size of Problem**



Check it Out



Officer Morton

We love having Officer Morton around Creek View- especially when she joins in a math lesson in Kindergarten!



Goal Setting

We encourage our students to set goals and to realize that it may take longer to reach some goals than others. 2nd grade students listed their strengths and the areas they want to grow in this year. Way to go!



Having Fun While Learning

5th Grade students are learning about mean, median, and mode by flying paper rockets!



School Ambassadors

Did you know we have a Student Ambassador program at Creek View? These 5th grade students will help welcome new students, assist with tours, and much more!



New Student Popsicle Parties

Our new students were welcomed to Creek View with special popsicle parties!





Supporting Learning

Ideas for Helping Kids Grow

Vocabulary Growth

One way to help your child grow is to encourage learning of new vocabulary. This can be done in everyday activities. Provide simple, kid-friendly definitions and then give examples of using the word related to their daily life.

Another option is to pick out specific words when reading with your child.

Then follow up later by using those new words in conversation!

Games for Vocabulary Growth

- 1) Apples to Apples
- 2) Hedbanz
- 3) Scrabble



Cause and Effect

The cause explains why something happens. The effect is the description of what happened. Many simple activities can be done at home and in the backyard that will help develop your child's understanding of cause and effect. Consider these ideas: Play a simple game in which you orally provide a situation (or a cause). Ask your child to fill in an action (or an effect). For example, you could say, "It was snowing outside." Your child could fill in, "All the kids got their sleds." "Someone rang the doorbell," could be answered with "Our dog began to bark." This game is perfect for helping your child realize that there is not one single right answer – they will learn that there can be several causes and several effects.

Providing Support ideas:

Annie Linton, AA/MTSS Chair & Joy Reinhout, IST

