



PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

The holidays are rapidly approaching. This is a perfect time to enjoy our families and friends and reflect upon the first semester of school. So many great things have happened at AES, and we are truly sailing the seas of success with our students as they learn and grow.

Our teachers have been actively involved in a continuous effort to provide a quality learning environment for all students. They are developing our students into life-long learners and are constantly seeking out creative and exciting ways to structure rigorous lessons and assessments which will increase our students' achievement in reading and math. Our children are engaged in reading, problem solving, exciting and motivating enrichment classes, and a variety of other unique and valuable learning experiences each and every day.

Please take time during the holidays to support our efforts to continue to increase our learners' achievement. Consider setting aside a time each day to read to and with your children. Talk about the stories, characters, and events and have your child retell you the story orally and in writing. Make time for a review of math facts and practice with flashcards. We would also like to encourage our students to write a daily journal focusing on the special times during the holidays. They could also write about plans for the new year and set goals for the next semester.

On behalf of the faculty and staff of Allemands Elementary, we would like to wish all of our families a joyous and peaceful holiday season. We appreciate your continued help and support of our many activities. Your cooperation truly makes a difference in our school. It is only through a true partnership that we create positive conditions for learning in our school.

Lisa Perrin

Principal

MISSION

We are committed to ensuring high levels of learning for all students to build a strong foundation.

VISION

Our students are engaged, well-rounded learners who accept others and work as a team.



UPCOMING EVENTS

December

4th	Playgroup @ 10:00 PTA Board Meeting @ 1:00
5th	Stakeholder Meeting @ 9:00 Volunteer Day @ 10:0
6th	Education Expedition: Visit AES, JBM, HHS, LPAC, and Satellite Center (must rsvp to Alexis Cannon at 985-785-7222)
10th	Family Center- Spanish speaking parent check-in 9:00
11th	Playgroup @ 10:00 Rotary Lighting @ Community Center @ 6:00 School Board Meeting @ 6:30
12th	Family Center- Kindergarten Fact Session 9-10 (Math) AES Holiday Play at LPAC @ 6:00
13th	Saints shirt day
18th	Playgroup @ 10:00
20th	Community Morning Meeting @ 9:15 Pajama Day Early Dismissal @ 12:45
20th- Jan. 3rd	Christmas Break- No school
Jan. 6th	Students return



Fall Fest was a success!

Thank you for all of your support for Fall Fest. The PTA was amazing, and everyone had a great time. We appreciate your support for this fundraiser.





Sailing the Seas of Success at AES!



STEAM ACTIVITIES



Outerwear Reminders

Outerwear must open the length of the front by snapping, buttoning, or zipping. No hooded sweatshirts may be worn on any school campus during the school day.

In addition, please make sure that all of your child's outerwear is labeled with their first and last name.

We have a lost and found area with many unclaimed jackets. If your child is missing a jacket, please make sure to have them come to the lost and found.

Newsletter Delivery

As part of our efforts to embrace technology, take care of our environment, and monitor spending, we will have an electronic newsletter delivery. Allemands Elementary will deliver the monthly school newsletters via email. Additionally, the school newsletter will be posted to the school's web page. If you would like a printed copy of the school newsletter, please notify Lakia Butler at lbutler@wearescpss.org and a copy will be sent home each month with your child. Thank you.

Early Dismissal: December 20, 2024

When our school has an Early Dismissal schedule, it is imperative to talk to your child about what will be different for that day. If you need to have a child picked up from carpool instead of riding the bus, a note or email must be written and submitted to the office by 10:30. Emails must be sent to aesbus@wearescpss.org. Please call school if you have any questions about our Early Dismissal procedures. Our Early Dismissal this month is December 20th at 12:45.

SSP Stakeholder Advisory Group

We are looking for parents, grandparents, and community members to work with us! Our School Improvement Team wants to hear your voice in regards to making improvements to our school. Each month we will hold a meeting with the group of stakeholders to talk about activities and initiatives. These meetings will be in-person and will last 30-45 minutes. At our November meeting, we discussed upcoming events and reflected on Fall Fest. If you are interested in being a part of this group, please contact Valerie Chlasson at vchlasson@wearescpss.org.

Congratulations to the winners of the Fall Fest Writing Contest:

PREK

1st place Olivia Finstad

KINDERGARTEN

1st place Khye Matherne

2nd place Sawyer Schaubhut

1ST GRADE

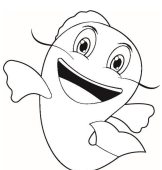
1st place Oaklee Stephany

2nd place Cayson St. Alexander

2ND GRADE

1st place Laycen Snyder

2nd place Luke Brown





OUR LEARNING



pre-k

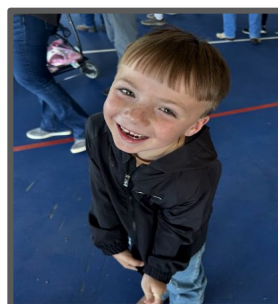
December is a very exciting month of learning and celebrating as we look forward to learning more about families' holiday traditions.

We will also be comparing and contrasting stories, real and make-believe and learning the levels of writing. In math, we will continue learning about shapes, patterns, identifying numbers, quantifying, and positional words. These last few weeks of 2024 will be busy, fun, meaningful, and memorable as we Sail the Seas of Success into a New Year!



kindergarten

Kindergarteners are working so hard! In math, we learned all about shapes. We continue to review counting and writing numbers to 10. We continue to practice phonemic awareness by segmenting sounds in words. That means the teacher says a word (mat) and the students say each sound in the word (/m/.../a/.../t/...). We are also working on phonics by learning letter sounds and practicing reading consonant vowel consonant words. We are learning all about our 5 senses by listening to nonfiction read alouds! In reading and math we are going to have lots of fun activities surrounding our Gingerbread Man theme. Learning is so much fun! Let's have a great winter!





OUR LEARNING



first grade

In the month of December, our first graders are continuing to build their learning in all subjects. In reading, we are learning to read and write words with vowel digraphs. Have your child discuss the story read in class with you. You can help by asking about the characters, setting, and major events in the story. In Knowledge, we are enjoying learning about Early World Civilizations. We will move to learning about Early American Civilizations at the end of the month. Your student is learning more about solving problems in math. We are focusing on making a ten to solve addition and subtraction problems within 20 and measurement. Please complete nightly homework to support your child with these skills we are learning. We look forward to a wonderful holiday season, and we hope you have a happy holiday!

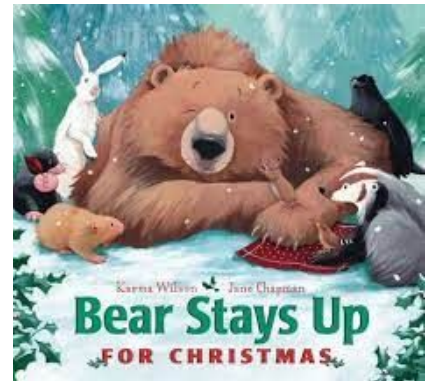
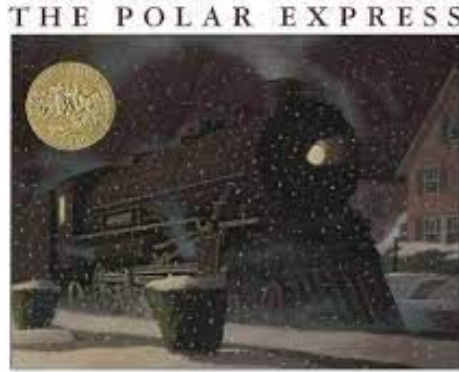
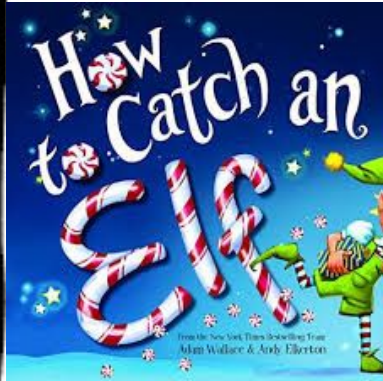
second grade

It's the season to celebrate the joy of learning. You may want to check out The Legend of the Poinsettia by Tomie dePaola or a timeless classic like How the Grinch Stole Christmas by Dr. Seuss. Second graders are making reading more enjoyable by analyzing the plot in stories. When reading, students should use a variety of reading strategies and should be able to ask and answer questions about the text. Second graders are writing personal and fictional narratives. Imaginations are soaring! In math, students will continue solving word problems and using place value strategies to add and subtract within 1,000. Knowing basic facts will help your child solve problems with larger numbers efficiently. Please have your child continue practicing these skills and memorizing math facts to 20. Have a safe and happy holiday season! See you next year!



ENRICHMENT

Librarian's Letter Holiday Books



COUNSELOR'S corner

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HEALTHY HABITS TO TEACH YOUR KIDS FOR A BETTER LIFE

- 1 KEEP A POSITIVE ENVIRONMENT 
- 2 ENCOURAGE YOUR KIDS 
- 3 LIMIT SCREEN TIME 
- 4 INTRODUCE READING HABIT IN YOUR KID FROM EARLY ON
- 5 EAT BREAKFAST IN THE MORNING 
- 6 ENCOURAGE OUTSIDE PLAY 
- 7 MAKE EATING COLORFUL 
- 8 PICK ENJOYABLE PHYSICAL HABITS
- 9 ENJOY A FAMILY DINNER
- 10 FOLLOW A GOOD ROUTINE
- 11 GIVE THEM HOUSEHOLD CHORES AND REWARD THEM 
- 12 MAINTAIN HYGIENE 
- 13 DRINK MORE WATER
- 14 MAINTAIN GOOD ORAL HYGIENE
- 15 MAKE FRIENDS 

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How Can You Support Your Child Academically:

Find out how your child is doing.

Ask the teacher how well your child is doing in class compared to other students. If your child is not keeping up, especially when it comes to reading, ask what you or the school can do to help. It's important to act early before your child gets too far behind. Also be sure to review your child's report card each time it comes out.

Apply for special services if you think your child may need it.

If your child is having problems with learning, ask the school to evaluate your child in his or her strongest language. The teacher might be able to provide accommodations for your child in class. If the school finds out your child has a learning disability, he can receive extra help at no cost.

Make sure that your child gets homework done.

Let your child know that you think education is important and that homework needs to be done each day. You can help your child with homework by setting aside a special place to study, establishing a regular time for homework, and removing distractions such as the television and social phone calls during homework time.

Find homework help for your child if needed.

If it is difficult for you to help your child with homework or school projects, see if you can find someone else who can help. Contact the school, tutoring groups, after school programs, churches, and libraries. Or see if an older student, neighbor, or friend can help.

Help your child prepare for tests.

Tests play an important role in determining a student's grade. Your child may also take one or more standardized tests during the school year, and your child's teacher may spend class time on test preparation throughout the year. As a parent, there are a number of ways that you can support your child before and after taking a standardized test, as well as a number of ways you can support your child's learning habits on a daily basis that will help her be more prepared when it's time to be tested.

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Apoye los esfuerzos académicos de su hijo

Averigua cómo le va a su hijo en sus cursos. Pregúntele a la maestra cómo le está yendo a su hijo en comparación con los demás estudiantes. Si su hijo se está rezagando, especialmente en la lectura, consulte qué puede hacer usted o la escuela para ayudar. Es importante actuar oportunamente antes de que su hijo se retrase demasiado. Lea los reportes o informes escolares de su rendimiento académico. Para obtener más información, consulte la página [Cómo saber si su hijo necesita ayuda adicional](#).

Solicite servicios especiales si cree que su hijo los necesita. Si su hijo está teniendo problemas de aprendizaje, solicite que la escuela lo evalúe en el idioma que más domina. Es probable que la maestra pueda hacer "adaptaciones" en la clase para su hijo. Si la escuela concluye que su hijo tiene una discapacidad de aprendizaje, usted podrá recibir ayuda adicional libre de costo. Para recibir más información consulte la página

Supervise la tarea. Haga a su niño comprender que usted piensa que la educación es algo importante y que hay que cumplir con la tarea escolar. Usted le puede ayudar a su niño con la tarea en las maneras siguientes: aparte un lugar especial para que su niño estudie, fije una hora para hacer la tarea, y elimine las distracciones cómo el televisor y llamadas sociales. También hay muchas maneras en que usted puede ayudar si no conoce la materia a fondo o porque no domina el inglés tan bien como su hijo.

Busque quién le ayude a su hijo con las tareas. Si se le dificulta ayudarle a su hijo con las tareas o los proyectos escolares, consulte para encontrar a alguien más que pueda ayudarle. Comuníquese con la escuela, los grupos de tutoría, los programas después de la escuela, las iglesias y las bibliotecas o busque la ayuda de un estudiante mayor, vecino o amigo.

Ayude a su hijo preparar para las pruebas. Las pruebas estandarizadas cumplen en la actualidad un papel fundamental en las escuelas públicas de los Estados Unidos. Su hijo puede dar una o más pruebas estandarizadas durante el año escolar y es posible que el maestro de su hijo dedique tiempo de clase a la preparación para el examen a lo largo del año. Como padre o madre, hay muchas formas de apoyar a su hijo antes y después de dar una prueba estandarizada, así como también hay muchas formas de apoyar los hábitos de estudio de su hijo a diario, que lo ayudará a estar mejor preparado cuando llegue el momento de la prueba.

Our 2nd annual Pre-Kindergarten Thanksgiving Celebration was a success! Thank you for everyone who supported our PK program and PTA for their generous donation.



PTA News

Dear Catfish Families,

I wanted to thank all the volunteers, AES Staff, and PTA members for helping make Fall Fest a success. We honestly can not do it without your help. Congratulations to all of our basket raffle and kids bike winners. All proceeds from this years Fall Fest will be going towards purchasing a new Finley mascot.

Our next meeting is December 4th at 1:00PM in the Family Center. If you are interested in joining PTA we would love to have you! For more information about PTA, volunteer opportunities, faculty/staff information sheets, purchase Spirit Wear and much more please visit our PTA website below.

www.allemandspta.org

Thank you for your continued support. Should you have any questions or concerns please feel free to reach out directly to me at president@allemandspta.org. We have had an amazing start this year. PTA looks forward making this school year a memorable one for faculty, staff and students.

Kindly yours- Laura Brown



Scan QR Code for:
PTA Membership,
Spirit Shirts, Magnets and all other
PTA related signups.

December

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4 PTA Meeting 1PM	5 Stakeholder Mtg - 9 Vol Day - 10	6	7
8	9	10	11 SchBd Mtg - 6:30	12 Christmas Play @ LPAC 6PM	13	14
15	16	17 Santa Gifts 9AM	18	19	20 Early Dismissal	21
22	23	24	25 Christmas Break	26	27	28
29	30	31				

ST. CHARLES PARISH PUBLIC SCHOOLS EDUCATION EXPEDITION

Friday, December 6, 2024

8:00 AM - 1:30 PM

This exciting program gives you the opportunity to step inside the classroom and gain an understanding of what students experience daily.

Expedition Itinerary

Satellite Center

Hahnville High School

J.B. Martin Middle School

Allemands Elementary School

Lafon Performing Arts Center

Please RSVP to 985-785-7222 or
acannon@wearescpps.org.

**LET'S TRAVEL
THROUGH
OUR SCHOOLS
TOGETHER.**



Catfish Character Traits

Our School Improvement Team has designated a character trait each month to teach the Essential 11 Traits each week. In addition, the PTA will support our school by sending home a family activity to practice this trait. In December, we will focus on **Acceptance**. Our teachers will read a grade-specific book and review the trait during the month. Please help us to reinforce these character traits at home and in the community.

12/2- Celebrate the Success of Others

12/9- Family Holiday Traditions

12/16- Holidays Around the World

Let us know if your child shows this character trait at home or the community by returning the information below. We will read it during the announcements to celebrate your child!

Student Name: _____

What did he/she do to show acceptance in your home or the community?

Holiday Health and Safety Tips

1 Wash your hands often.

Keeping hands clean is one of the most important steps you can take to avoid getting sick and spreading germs to others. Wash your hands with soap and clean running water for at least 20 seconds. If soap and clean water are not available, use an alcohol-based product.



2 Stay warm.

Cold temperatures can cause serious health problems, especially in infants and older adults. Stay dry, and dress warmly in several layers of loose-fitting, tightly woven clothing. Check on children, the elderly and pets.



3 Manage stress.

The holidays don't need to take a toll on your health. Keep a check on over-commitment and over-spending. Balance work, home, and play. Get support from family and friends. Keep a relaxed and positive outlook. Get enough sleep.



4 Travel safely.

Whether you're traveling across town or around the world, help ensure your trip is safe. Don't drink and drive, and don't let someone else drink and drive. Wear a seat belt every time you drive or ride in a motor vehicle. Always buckle your child in the car using a child safety seat, booster seat, or seat belt according to his/her height, weight, and age. Get vaccinations if traveling out of the country.



The holidays are a time to celebrate, give thanks, and reflect. They are also a time to pay special attention to your health. Give the gift of health and safety to yourself and others by following these holiday tips.



5 Be smoke-free.

Avoid smoking and breathing other people's smoke. If you smoke, quit today! Call 1-800-QUIT-NOW, or talk to your health care provider for help.



6 Get check-ups and vaccinations.

Exams and screenings can help find problems early or before they start. Vaccinations help prevent diseases and save lives. Schedule a visit with your health care provider for a yearly exam. Ask what vaccinations and tests you should get based on your age, lifestyle, travel plans, medical history, and family health history.



7 Watch the kids.

Children are at high risk for injuries. Keep a watchful eye on your kids. Keep potentially dangerous toys, food, drinks, household items, choking hazards (like coins and hard candy), and other objects out of kids' reach. Learn how to provide early treatment for children who are choking. Develop and reinforce rules about acceptable and safe behaviors for all electronic media.



8 Prevent injuries.

Injuries from falls and fireworks often occur around the holidays. Use step stools instead of furniture when hanging decorations. Leave the fireworks to the professionals.

Most residential fires occur during the winter months. Keep candles away from children, pets, walkways, trees, and curtains. Never leave fireplaces, stoves, or candles unattended. Don't use generators, grills, or other gasoline- or charcoal-burning devices



inside your home or garage. Install a smoke detector and carbon monoxide detector in your home. Test and change the batteries regularly.

9 Handle and prepare food safely.

As you prepare holiday meals, keep you and your family safe from food-related illness. Wash hands and surfaces often. Avoid cross-contamination by keeping raw meat, poultry, seafood, and eggs (including their juices) away from ready-to-eat foods and eating surfaces. Cook foods to the proper temperature. Refrigerate promptly. Do not leave perishable foods out for more than two hours.



10 Eat healthy, and be active.

With balance and moderation, you can enjoy the holidays the healthy way. Choose more vegetables and fruit. Select just one or two of your favorites from the host of tempting foods. Find fun ways to stay active, such as dancing to your favorite holiday music. Be active for at least 2½ hours a week. Help kids and teens be active for at least 1 hour a day.



To learn more, including the holiday song *The 12 Ways to Health*, visit www.cdc.gov/family/holiday



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December 2024 Elementary Menu

This institution is an equal opportunity provider.
Menus are subject to change.

With all meals

Low Fat White Milk
Fat Free Flavored Milk
Cold Lunch Choice
Monday: Sunbutter Sandwich
Tuesday: Charley Box
Weds.: Deli Sandwich
Thursday: Entrée Salad
Friday: Sunbutter Sandwich



Christmas Holidays begin
at the end of classes

Friday, December 20

Classes resume

Monday, January 6

We'll see you in 2025!

Monday, December 2

Breakfast

Grits / Yogurt Parfait
Cereal w/ Graham Crackers
Yogurt w/ Tiger Bites
Fruit or Juice Choice

Lunch

Red Beans w/ Steamed Rice
Seasoned Mustard Greens
Steamed Carrots
Cornbread
Diced Pears

Tuesday, December 3

Breakfast

Chicken Biscuit
Cereal w/ Graham Crackers
Yogurt w/ Tiger Bites
Fruit or Juice Choice

Lunch

Nachos w/ Golden Queso
Steamed Corn
Refried Beans
Nacho Salad Cup
Apple Wedges

Wednesday, December 4

Breakfast

Cinnamon Roll
Cereal w/ Graham Crackers
Yogurt w/ Tiger Bites
Fruit or Juice Choice

Lunch

Shepherd's Pie
Green Beans
Dinner Roll
Banana
Jell-O w/ Topping

Thursday, December 5

Breakfast

Sausage Biscuit
Cereal w/ Graham Crackers
Yogurt w/ Tiger Bites
Fruit or Juice Choice

Lunch

Stewed Chicken w/ Rice
Carrot Soufflé
Steamed Cabbage
Strawberry Cup

Friday, December 6

Breakfast

Fresh Donut
Cereal w/ Graham Crackers
Yogurt w/ Tiger Bites
Fruit or Juice Choice

Lunch

Fresh Hot Pizza
Marinara Sauce
Garden Salad
Fresh Orange Wedges

Monday, December 9

Breakfast

Pancake on a Stick
Cereal w/ Graham Crackers
Yogurt w/ Tiger Bites
Fruit or Juice Choice

Lunch

Pork Chop
Mashed Potatoes & Gravy
Cal Blend Veggies
Cinnamon Apple Slices

Tuesday, December 10

Breakfast

Chicken Biscuit
Cereal w/ Graham Crackers
Yogurt w/ Tiger Bites
Fruit or Juice Choice

Lunch

Fish Nuggets
Macaroni & Cheese
Green Beans
Cucumber & Tomato Salad
Diced Pears

Wednesday, December 11

Breakfast

Cinnamon Roll
Cereal w/ Graham Crackers
Yogurt w/ Tiger Bites
Fruit or Juice Choice

Lunch

Chili, Fritos
Garden Salad
Steamed Corn
Banana
Cake or Fruit Crisp

Thursday, December 12

Breakfast

Sausage Biscuit
Cereal w/ Graham Crackers
Yogurt w/ Tiger Bites
Fruit or Juice Choice

Lunch

Jambalaya
Broccoli Florets
Steamed Carrots
Pineapple Tidbits
Dinner Roll

Friday, December 13

Breakfast

Scrambled Eggs w/ Toast
Cereal w/ Graham Crackers
Yogurt w/ Tiger Bites
Fruit or Juice Choice

Lunch

Hamburger/Cheeseburger
Crinkle Cut Fries
Lettuce/Tomato/Pickle
Baked Beans
Orange Wedges

Monday, December 16

Breakfast

Breakfast Pizza
Cereal w/ Graham Crackers
Yogurt w/ Tiger Bites
Fruit or Juice Choice

Lunch

Chicken Tenders
Waffles w/ Syrup
Green Beans
Steamed Carrots
Sliced Peaches

Tuesday, December 17

Breakfast

Chicken Biscuit
Cereal w/ Graham Crackers
Yogurt w/ Tiger Bites
Fruit or Juice Choice

Lunch

Orange Chicken
Fried Rice
Asian Chopped Salad
Edamame Beans
Tropical Fruit

Wednesday, December 18

Breakfast

Cinnamon Roll
Cereal w/ Graham Crackers
Yogurt w/ Tiger Bites
Fruit or Juice Choice

Lunch

Turkey & Sausage Gumbo
Steamed Rice
Potato Salad
Cucumber/Tomato Salad
Banana

Thursday, December 19

Breakfast

Sausage Biscuit
Cereal w/ Graham Crackers
Yogurt w/ Tiger Bites
Fruit or Juice Choice

Christmas Brunch

Scrambled Eggs, Sausage
Grits, Biscuit
Potato Coins, Salsa
Strawberry Kiwi Frozen Cup

Friday, December 20

Breakfast

Pop Tarts
Cereal w/ Graham Crackers
Yogurt w/ Tiger Bites
Fruit or Juice Choice

Early Dismissal

Lunch

Bosco Sticks
Marinara Sauce
Green Beans
Pineapple Tidbits