



Cleveland Metro Remote School K8

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Happy November!

Monthly Parent Ambassador Message



India Jones Parent Ambassador

We are chugging along! We have entered into the second quarter of the school year. I hope all of our scholars are progressing well.

This month's message will provide important dates for events and any days off we may have. It is also National Family Engagement Month and Literacy Month. Don't forget to check out our school newsletter. It always has important dates and important school resources. <https://www.smores.com/5snfg>

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What's happening this month?

National Family Engagement Month

November is National Family Engagement Month. Family Engagement is all about how a school can effectively forge partnerships with the families and caregivers of its scholars. Studies have proven that schools have strong partnerships with families and that value family engagement have scholars that perform better academically. When families and caregivers are engaged, everyone's a winner. Students have better attendance and enjoy their learning experience more when their parents are involved. CMSD has taken great measures to show how important family engagement is by providing materials to help support parents like the [Academic Playbook](#). Creating a guideline for parents to use to start [parent leadership organizations](#). And by hiring someone like me, a parent ambassador to work in a school building and support the school staff and parents in creating effective two way communication.

CMSD has created an entire section on the [website](#) dedicated to parents and caregivers. To provide information and links to resources that you need everyday to support your child's academic success. The district also has an entire department of staff dedicated to family and community engagement, [FACE](#). The people that work in this department guide me and other CMSD staff in what family engagement looks like. This month our school is kicking it into high gear and organizing our parent advisory committee and we will have our first meeting November 21st, 2023 at 4pm. I am excited to be a part of this and meeting parents in person for the first time. I want to hear your voices and input on your vision for our school. Last month in October, I created a family engagement survey with the guidance of Principal Wyland to get more feedback from families about communications and interest in joining the parent advisory committee. I was pleased with the amount of responses we received but I would like to get more feedback. If you have already completed this survey then thank you. If you haven't, here is the link.

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National Literacy Month

When kids are in school, teachers work very hard teaching them how to read and write. But the school day is limited and children also have other things to learn. Literacy is super important to our children's success in school and in life. Our kids have a limited amount of time to learn to read so that they can start reading to learn. As a parent, one of my biggest concerns for my kids is, "Am I doing enough at home to help them learn to read?" Especially for my two younger kids. What can parents and caregivers do outside of school time to support literacy efforts? We may not be able to teach our children to learn to read at home but there are many things that we can do to help our children have more positive attitudes about reading.

At Home Reading Ideas


Directions: Check the square each time you do one of the reading activities. How many can you complete? Record your reading on the reading log.



- Read to your pet.
- Read and record your voice. Listen to yourself.
- Read a passage 3 times. Record your words per minute. Did you improve?
- Read in the dark with a flashlight.
- Read on your bed.
- Read with popcorn, have a piece every time you turn the page.
- Read to a friend over the phone.
- Read outdoors on a blanket.
- Read some poetry.
- Go to the library and check out some books.
- Read while driving in the car somewhere.
- Read to a stuffed animal.
- Read a bedtime story to a younger brother or sister.
- Read a story online.
- Read a joke book.

From [What to Read for the 50th Year](#)

Reading At Home... Can Make A HUGE Difference!



Choose Books That Are At An Appropriate Reading Level For Your Child


- Use the Five Finger rule. Open the book to any page and ask your child to read. Put up a Finger every time your child does not know a word. If you have put up more than Five Fingers before the end of the page, this book is too hard for your child.
- Choose books that match your child's likes and interests.

Make Reading A Part Of Your Family Time!

Family time is so important... why not make reading part of this valuable time with your kids? Here are some tips for integrating reading into our daily Family activities:

- Read bedtime stories
- Play a board game
- Visit your local library
- Read a recipe and cook something yummy together!
- Create a comfy reading space in your home.
- Put your child in charge of reading the grocery list at the store.

Keep plenty of reading materials in your home: books, magazines, newspapers, and comic books. Children enjoy having a variety of reading materials!



One of the easiest ways to support literacy at home is to read ourselves. Show children that reading is fun and important. Read stories to your children. Reading a bedtime story is always a nice way to bond and help your kid get to sleep. Reading road signs while you're out traveling from place to place, or reading while grocery shopping. You can read nutrition labels together. Have your child read a recipe to you while you're cooking. For younger children, choose a letter of the day and then start working towards a letter sound of the day. For older children, choose a word of the day to use. Go to the library and check out books. Visit a

museum or the zoo and have your child read the label tags about an artifact or an animal.

When you are having a conference with your child's teacher, always ask them what your child's strengths and weaknesses are when it comes to reading and ask them for guidance about how you practice the skills outside of school time. Visit [The National Center for Improving Literacy](#) to learn more about how to support literacy at home.

Important Dates:

November 1st, 2023: Fall Festival for Grades K-2 🍂

Week of November 6th, 2023: Report cards will be mailed out. 🌟

November 7th, 2023: Election Day! Don't forget to vote. NO SCHOOL

November 9th, 2023 11:30 am- 1:00 pm: State of the Schools Address. Watch the livestream at [cityclub.org](#) or at CMSD's YouTube page

November 10th, 2023: Veterans Day Observed. NO SCHOOL

November 21st, 2023: Fall Fest and Parent Advisory Meeting at 4:00 pm @ John Adams High School in the cafeteria. RSVP Here by 11/15/23:

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November 22nd- November 24th, 2023: Thanksgiving Break. NO SCHOOL 🦃

Thank you for reading this month's message. This month I want to change things up and start getting feedback from families that are reading the newsletter. Please complete this very brief questionnaire. It will inform me what families want me to add to the newsletter. Thank you.

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