



Cleveland Metro Remote School K8

# Hello December!

Monthly Parent Ambassador Message.

## India Jones: Parent Ambassador

This month, while it is the last month of 2022, it is the start of many learning resources for students. This month's message will include information about the various tutoring and enrichment programs being offered through the district.

Also, this month the school will be hosting families on **December 14th** for a winter celebration with toy and coat giveaways. An informational session about bullying for parents and students and various other winter time themed activities and dinner.

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## Learning Resources and Opportunities

After School Tutoring sessions have begun for students in grades K-5 and sessions for students in grades 6-12 will start December 5th. Sessions are from 3:30 PM-7:30 PM. That is four full hours! So you have plenty of time to get some extra help for your students because we want them to be on track and successful. Students will be tutored by a CMSD teacher using this link.

<https://outlook.office365.com/owa/calendar/CMSDTutoringProgram@ClevelandMetroSchools.org/bookings/>

**Parents, be sure to use your child's CMSD email address. The system will not accept any personal use email addresses.** The link to the session will be emailed to your student's email, so stick around if your child still needs assistance with email. For more and better detailed instructions, use this link.

<https://files.constantcontact.com/08f35703401/5416ad0d-8922-467b-b051-b9d340aec17a.pdf?rdr=true>

The Huntington Learning Centers are partnering with The City of Cleveland to provide learning sessions at three recreation centers in the city. This program is the Reading Boost Program and it starts **December 5th, 2022 and ends March 3rd, 2023**. These after school sessions are for students in grades K-6. Here are the locations and days and times.

- Lonnie Burton Recreation Center: Mondays and Wednesdays from 4-6 PM
- Stella Walsh Recreation Center: Tuesdays and Thursday from 4-6 PM
- Zelma George Recreation Center: Mondays and Wednesdays from 4-6 PM.

Each of these locations are on the Eastside of Cleveland. If you are unfamiliar with these places, you can email me for addresses and directions. I am very familiar with each location. You must register to participate using this link. Click on **Register Online** and sign up to become a member of the city's recreational activities. There are other activities and sports to participate every season.

<https://www.clevelandohio.gov/CityofCleveland/Home/Government/CityAgencies/ParksRecreationandProperties/DivisionofRecreation/SeasonalActivities>

If at any time you feel like your child needs more assistance with technology or using the learning management systems like Schoology, Clever or Seesaw contact Ms. Jordan Shaw. Her email address is [Ronisha.Jordan@clevelandmetroschools.org](mailto:Ronisha.Jordan@clevelandmetroschools.org). She is our distance learning coordinator.

## Family Day at the Zoo Recap

Last month, our school hosted a family day at the zoo. Thank you to all of the families that attended that event and I hope you enjoyed yourselves. Several resources were distributed to families and I want to take a moment in this newsletter to share them out. A table with reading resources was set up in the pavilion. There were tips and tools to help support our children's literacy efforts at home. I will be sharing some tips that are most appropriate for students in grades K-3.

1. Have conversations before, during and after reading together. Having conversations with children helps them develop higher level thinking and language skills., such as predicting, problem solving or contrasting. While reading a book aloud, ask your child questions and talk about the content of the book, before, during and after.
  - Use open ended questions to ask your child to think about the book's message and what is happening.
  - Ask your child to take the contents of the book and apply to the world around them by connecting events from their own life.
  - Start to ask your child more complex questions the more that you read to them. Continue to help them beef up their vocabulary and language skills.

2. Help your child learn how to break sentences into words and how to break words into syllables. (This is most appropriate for students in kindergarten and first grade.) Before children can identify letter sounds in words or reading, they can learn how spoken language can be broken down into smaller pieces. Show children that they can break down sentences into words.
  - Practice identifying the words in a sentence by saying a sentence aloud and asking your child to count the number of words in that sentence.
  - Talk about how to combine two words to form another word and about how some words can be broken into smaller words.
  - After children learn that they can identify words in sentences, they can begin to break words into syllables. A syllable is a part of a word that has one vowel sound. One or more letters can be the vowel sound and a consonant may or may not come before and/or follow it.
3. Help children sound out words smoothly. Sounding out a word involves saying the sound of each letter or letter combination one by one until the end of the word, and then saying them all together again quickly.
  - Showing how to say each letter sound in a word, starting at the left-hand letter and moving right, and then joining all the sounds together to form the word.
  - Stretching and connecting sounds together as much as possible. Remind your child to check their pronunciation after they connect the sounds together. Ask your child if the word makes sense or if it is a real word. Ask your child if they know the word that they said after saying the letters all together quickly. If the word is not familiar, ask them to read the word again to make sure they joined all the sounds together correctly.
4. Model reading fluently by practicing reading aloud with your child. Having children read aloud daily, both with and without feedback, helps them develop the skills of reading accuracy, fluency and comprehension.
  - When reading with your child, model and provide feedback on proper tone, pausing, and which words to emphasize.
  - Set a slow, steady pace, slowing down for words that are challenging. Gradually increase the pace, moving on to more challenging books. Remind your child that reading fluently does not necessarily mean reading quickly.
  - Use familiar books. Make sure that the book is appropriate to your child's reading ability. If the book is too difficult, children can develop poor reading habits.

I hope these reading tips are helpful and that you will try them at home with your children, especially during winter break. There will be upcoming events that will help support literacy this month. The Cleveland Reads Kick-Off Celebration will be held **December 17th, 2022 from 12pm- 3pm at the Public Auditorium, 500 Lakeside Avenue East. Register**

**here;** <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/cleveland-reads-kickoff-event-tickets-461805321147>

Also, students can join Mrs. Lowery on Wednesdays in her Zoom room for Reading Through Music. From 9 am-2:30 pm, it's open for all students and no appointment is needed. Just join in for the reading and singing! <https://clevelandmetroschools.org.zoom.us/j/89076497985?pwd=M2ljVXFZUXILOEJMSG1pV0RUUTA3QT09> **Meeting passcode: 238117.**

## Important Upcoming Dates.

The High School Choice Portal for the 2023-24 school year opened November 28th. This is very important for our 8th grade students. A school choice fair will be held at Max Hayes on December 8th, 2022, from 5-7 pm. The High School Choice portal will close January 13th, 2023 at 5 pm. Here is a link to the school choice book.

[https://www.clevelandmetroschools.org/cms/lib/OH01915844/Centricity/domain/166/2022/23-24HSChoiceBk\\_Nov30\\_web.pdf](https://www.clevelandmetroschools.org/cms/lib/OH01915844/Centricity/domain/166/2022/23-24HSChoiceBk_Nov30_web.pdf)

**December 9th, 2022** there is no school for Kindergarten students.

**December 14th, 2022**, the school will be hosting students and their families for a fun filled Winter Celebration from 5pm-7pm. Dinner will be served and toys, books and coats will be distributed. There will be plenty of fun activity tables. There will be entertainment and music and an informational session about bullying for students and parents. Please don't miss out, come to John Adams High School and join the Remote K8 family for fun.

**December 16th, 2022**, last day of school for Winter Break.

**December 19th, 2022- January 2nd, 2023** is Winter Break. Enjoy your time spent with family.



**January 6th, 2023**, end of 2nd marking period.

**January 9th, 2023**, start of 3rd marking period.

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**Thank you for reading,  
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