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FAY GALLOWAY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL - September 2022

PRINCIPALLY SPEAKING

Dear Galloway Family,

The end of our first quarter of school is fast approaching. During this first quarter, students have reviewed content from the previous school year, learned new skills and participated in MAP (the district wide assessment) the reading benchmark assessment to determine each student's reading level and more! Our new science program, Amplify Science, has allowed our students to explore the Next Generation Science Standards through hands-on learning. We are excited about what the remainder of the school year will bring.

We re-opened our Snack Shack this week. Therefore, students are able to purchase snacks during recess again this school year. Currently we have items priced at either 25 cents or one dollar. We do not accept large bills so please have your child bring no more than \$10.00.

Upcoming Events

September 23rd - Galloway's Game Night, 5:00pm - 7:00pm

October 7th - End of Quarter 1, Monthly Progress Report will be accessible to families in Infinite Campus

October 13th - Parent/Teacher Conferences, 4:00pm - 6:00pm

October 14th - Parent/Teacher Conferences, **No School for students**, during the day

NOTE: We encourage families to come to school for a face/face conference however, we will accommodate the need for families to attend virtually or over the phone. Our goal is 100% participation. During conferences, we will share any pertinent information about your child(ren) as well as MAP assessment scores and the progress report. Please work directly with your child(ren)'s teacher(s) to schedule your conference.

Thanks to those who attended McTeacher's Night and the #OneHill parade! We hope to see you at our PTA hosted Game Night on Friday, September 23rd, 5:00pm - 7:00pm.

Respectfully,

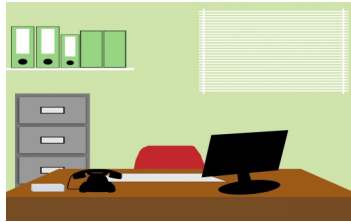
Mrs. Smith, Principal

FROM THE OFFICE

When your child is sick, you can either write a note and send it with your child the next returning date to give to the teacher or you may submit an absent note from our school's website instead of sending the note with your child if you prefer.

Late Arrivals: Students will not be admitted without a parent/guardian or designee to sign them in. The child and the adult must enter the school office via the front door.

Tardies are disruptive to the classroom and also have an adverse effect on students' education progress. We are required to note late arrivals (tardies) on a student's report card and attendance record. Excessive absences/tardies may result in disciplinary action.



TO CONTACT THE OFFICE

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[Schools.ccsd.net/galloway](https://schools.ccsd.net/galloway)

Have Questions? Visit our school website.

We do our best to keep you up to date and informed through our website.

Need your child's teacher's email address? Want to know what the school is serving for lunch?

Need a prearranged absent form. This and more can be found on our school website. Visit our school website

LIBRARY NEWS FROM MRS. CARNEY

Welcome back! It has been wonderful seeing everyone back in the library! We just started checking out books. Please help your child find a safe place to keep their books. Remember, you are responsible for any lost or damaged library books, Chromebooks and chargers. We have an in-school and online Book Fair scheduled from October 17 - 21, so look for more information coming soon. Please have your child read at home and sign off on their Apple Core bookmarks. The more they read, the better they will become. Remember that reading with someone or listening to someone read can be just as valuable as the students reading to themselves. The suggested daily reading minutes are as follows: Kinder and 1st grade = 15 mins., 2nd and 3rd grade = 20 mins., 4th and 5th grade = 30 mins.



KINDERGARTEN

We are having a blast in kindergarten! We have learned so much since the beginning of the year! In Language Arts we are working on learning our letter names for both uppercase and lowercase letters. We are also working on letter sounds. We have learned 5 sight words so far and will be having our first sight word test soon. Please, keep practicing those at home with your child. They are a key factor to the success of their reading in kindergarten! In math we are learning about and comparing numbers 0-10. One way you can help your child at home is to give them a group of objects up to 10 and have them count with 1:1 correspondence. You can also give them 2 groups, with no more than 10 in each group, and have them tell you which group has more, which group has less, or are they equal, and explain how they know. In writing we are working on Informative Writing. We are learning about topic sentences, adding a detail, and providing closure to our stories, as well as adding a WOW! Illustration that matches our words. Parent Teacher Conferences are coming up and we are looking forward to meeting with each of our families. As always, if you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact us.

The Kindergarten Team



FIRST GRADE

Welcome to 1st Grade Happenings, we are off to a wonderful start this year. First, we would like to thank you for entrusting us with your amazing children. They have been doing a great job of adjusting to the school routines and procedures. Your children have worked so hard on the MAPS testing that occurred, their scores will be coming home shortly. In our literacy block, we have been working on foundational skills and review for the first few weeks to prepare us for our first unit in Reach For Reading which is all about families. In our Math block, we have been focusing on addition and subtraction and learning what words in a word problem will indicate addition or subtraction. They all have been working hard. To help out your child, read with them 15 minutes every night, go over the letters and what sounds each letter makes, or have them count objects around the house. Any little bit that you work with them at home will definitely help them out. This is going to be a great year!



SECOND GRADE

2nd grade has had an amazing start to the school year. We have been able to give the beginning of the year benchmark assessments to all students so we can get started with reading groups and intervention groups. In reading, we have begun Unit 2 of Reach for Reading which is all about how animals survive. They are also working on the plant and animal investigation unit in our Amplify science program. The students are working on narrative writing and taking part in the writing process. All writing pieces will have complete paragraphs with a title, opening sentence, transitions, detailed sentences, and a conclusion. In math, we completed Topic 2 on arrays and will be working on Topic 3 which is adding within 100 using strategies. Please remember all students should read at least 20 minutes a day, complete their math, language and spelling practice, and also practice math facts and sight words daily. Please check that all students have their current sight word list to practice at home. We appreciate your continued support and are looking forward to many more fun learning activities together.



THIRD GRADE

Welcome back to school and a big welcome to third grade! We are all looking forward to a wonderful school year. As you can tell by looking through homework, spelling words and returned tests and quizzes, third grade is rigorous. As we are establishing and practicing routines, please make sure that your child is practicing spelling words nightly as well as completing some of the homework packet, reading for 20 minutes and practicing multiplication facts. We have just started a new unit in reading that is about nature and what happens when our ecosystems are out of balance. We look forward to some great discussions around this topic. Some of the skills we will be learning in this unit are comparing and contrasting, figurative language, identifying cause and effect, and identifying main idea and supporting details. Multiplication is a large part of the third grade math curriculum. Multiplication fact cards 0-12 were sent home earlier this month. It is important that your child becomes fluent with each set of multiplication facts; meaning they know the answer within 3 seconds. Therefore, practicing each night as part of their homework routine will help build multiplication fact fluency. Each week students will be given a two-minute/25 question multiplication fact test. The students will pass a fact test if they have two or less errors. Then they will move on to the next set of multiplication facts. Finally, third graders have completed the beginning of the year district assessments and teachers will be discussing the results of how your child is doing in reading, math, and writing during parent teacher conferences in October.

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FOURTH GRADE

4th grade is off to a great start! We're almost finished with our students' benchmark testing. This enables us to hone in on the areas in which each child needs the most support. Please remember to work with your child on their multiplication facts. We will be doing division this year, so multiplication is a must! This year we will be learning about the state of Nevada and will have a project to culminate at the end of the year. If you are not already on Class DoJo, please join so that you can stay connected to all that is going on here at Galloway.

Thanks for your support!

4th grade team



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FIFTH GRADE

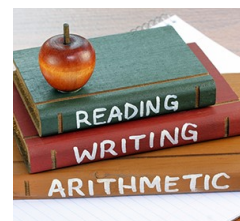
Can you believe we are more than a month into the school year!?! We want to thank all parents and families for your continued support. Please feel free to contact your child's teacher with any questions you may have. We are in this together!

In writing, students have been working on creating personal narratives. They have learned how to write strong hooks to catch the reader's attention, add sensory details to make the writing interesting, and write closing statements that leave the reader satisfied.

In math, students just completed topic 2 which focused on adding and subtracting decimals. We are now beginning topic 3 which focuses on multiplying multi-digit numbers. Knowledge of all the basic multiplication facts will be a huge benefit to your child. We encourage your child to practice multiplication facts using flashcards.

In reading we just completed unit 1 which focused on stories of personal change, immigration, with a little bit of social studies mixed in. The theme of unit 2 is science based, focusing on stories that relate to the sun.

Student grades are updated frequently in Infinite Campus. Please check your child's progress and contact your child's teacher with any questions.



SPECIALTY PROGRAMS

Preschool is off to a great start! In Mrs. Forbes and Mrs. Thompson's classes we spent the first month getting to know each other, learning about routines, and forming friendships. During the month of September we will practice counting, writing our names, and learning about dinosaurs. Our first Family Engagement Day is on September 16th at 10:00am. We hope to see you there.

Welcome to another school year! Mrs. Vargas Primary Resource Classroom is working with students from kindergarten to third grade who are receiving inclusion services in their general education classroom, and Resource in the resource classroom. Additional support is given for reading, writing, math, and social-emotional skills. Our students are working to enhance their basic reading skills, reading fluency and comprehension, math calculation, math problem solving, and social/emotional/behavior. We also have done some benchmarking using MAP, Core Phonics Survey, Read Well, and EasyCBM. We are looking forward to learning more skills in the next month.

Welcome parents and guardians! I am the new Intermediate Resource Special Education teacher for this school year. My name is Dennis Vargas. I am doing inclusion and resources for grades 3 to 5th. Our students at resource have done their best with the CORE Phonics, Read Well, and MAP assessments. We are working on enhancing their basic reading skills, reading comprehension, reading fluency, math calculation, math problem solving, and written expressions. You can always message me through Class Dojo or my email.

ReadWell is underway in Mrs. Mason's class and our students are loving our sound cheers, but most importantly the Boogie Woogie ABC's! Please look for your child's ReadWell magazines in their Tuesday Take Home Folders so you can practice with them nightly! In math, we have been working on using one-to-one correspondence when counting in groups 1 and 4 and building number sentences with unknowns in groups 2 and 3! Our friend, Theo the bear, has helped us understand which lines we use when writing (hat line, belt line, shoe line). Please help your child write their first and last names using correct formation and sizing in their free time at home. Your continued support and constant communication is greatly appreciated and has helped in the growth of our students, thank you!

In Mrs. Carr's class, we have been very busy completing our assessments and working hard on Reach for Reading and our Eurika units. We are working on our rhyming books and learning about parts of a sentence, This week we will be talking about nouns and verbs.

Welcome to Primary Autism class! Since the school year began, in Ms. Calo's class, we have been learning about the school, classroom rules, routine and schedules. In reading, we have been focusing on letter A in our Read Well Curriculum. In math, we have been working on counting groups of 5. In writing, we have been learning how to trace different kinds of lines and writing our names. We are also working on our listening skills, following directions, and participating in our fun activities. We are looking forward to learning more skills in the next month! Thank you dear parents for your great support!

We are so excited to be back in the classroom and together once again. In Mrs. Holman's class, we have started with procedures and learning to get to know each other and our classmates. We have Ms. Kari and Ms. Aranne in class to help us throughout the day. We have a busy schedule that includes music on Mondays, PE on Tuesday and Fridays, library on Wednesdays and art on Thursdays. We look forward to diving into our reading, writing and math programs this year, along with our new science curriculum. It is going to be a great year. If you have any questions feel free to reach out on our class Dojo.

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Welcome to S.T.A.R.! First off I want to introduce myself, I am Chrystal Rupert and I will be teaching the STAR Program. I am so excited to be here to start this program at Fay Galloway. Not only have we been working on our academics but our class has been going through Social Emotional Learning. We have been learning how to understand ourselves, our feelings, and how to manage our emotions and behaviors. Through this we are learning empathy and how to make and maintain positive relationships. We do this through class discussions, social stories, activities, games and curriculum. Please check your students backpacks for our daily communication and educational enrichment. Our educational enrichment will be to enhance what we are working on in class and provide additional practice to help them hone in on their skills. We also encourage your students to spend 20 minutes of reading at home. This can be done independently, with an adult, a friend or even you reading to them! I look forward to getting to know you and your students.

FROM OUR COUNSELOR

Hello Fay Galloway families!

My name is Kaitlin Lynch and I am the school counselor here at Galloway. I am entering my sixth year with CCSD and have worked as both a school counselor and social/emotional specialist. I am passionate about helping our students grow and nurturing their individuality while encouraging them to share their unique strengths with others.

This school year is already off to a quick start. It's amazing we've already made it through August! I know the start of the school year can be filled with nervous energy and want to recognize all the amazing efforts of our students' parents/guardians in encouraging helpful and healthy habits to ease this transition.

This year, our students will focus on building healthy habits and skills to cope with stressful situations in our monthly counselor lessons. I will be visiting with your children in their classrooms and providing instruction in areas of social/emotional wellness, including: self awareness, self-regulation, social awareness, responsible decision making, and relationship skills.

In the month of September, children in grades 3-5 will be completing the CCSD Panorama Survey to share their current levels of skill in the areas mentioned above, while students in kindergarten through second grade will be learning about recognizing the feelings of self and others. I am so excited to support your child at Galloway and welcome any questions or feedback you may have this year!



PTA

We are off to a great start and so excited about the new school year. We want to thank all those who participated in our first fundraiser of the year - Penny Wars. It was fun and the kids really got into it. We will be celebrating the winning house with a Pizza Party at the end of September. We want to remind everyone that while we have lots of opportunities for you to get involved and help out, just by joining PTA and paying your \$5 membership fee for the year, you are helping all students and that is greatly appreciated. You can still get membership forms in the front office or join directly at gallowaypta.weebly.com.

Be sure to stay updated with our events, activities and general information on our Facebook page and email us with any questions at gallowaypta@gmail.com