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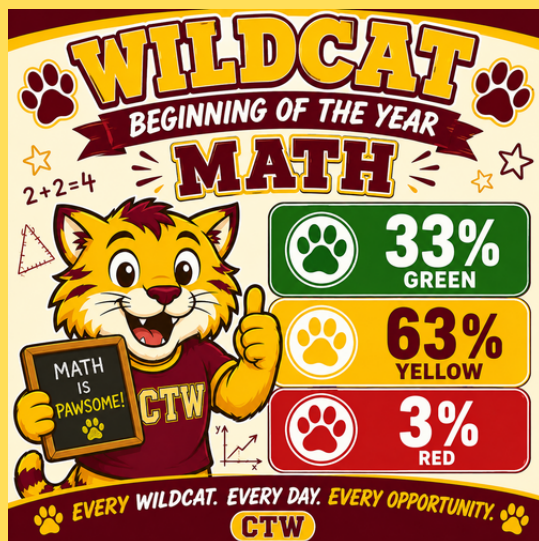
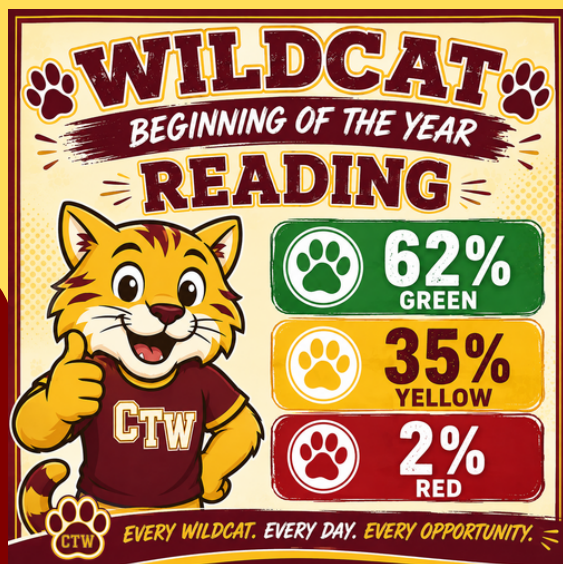
HAPPY SEPTEMBER, WILDCAT FAMILIES!

WHAT AN EXCITING START WE HAVE HAD TO THE 2026-2027 ACADEMIC SCHOOL YEAR! AS WE CONTINUE OUR JOURNEY TOWARD OUR DESTINATION: SUCCESS FOR EVERY WHILDCAT, I WANT TO THANK OUR FAMILIES, FACULTY, STAFF, COMMUNITY PARTNERS, AND STAKEHOLDERS FOR THE TREMENDOUS SUPPORT YOU HAVE ALREADY SHOWN OUR SCHOOL COMMUNITY!

AS WE MOVE BEYOND THE EXCITEMENT OF THE BEGINNING OF THE YEAR, SEPTEMBER IS A TIME TO SETTLE INTO STRONG ROUTINES, BUILD MOMENTUM, AND REMAIN FOCUSED ON EXCELLENCE. EVERY SCHOOL DAY MATTERS. CONSISTENT ATTENDANCE, ARRIVING ON TIME, COMPLETING ASSIGNMENTS, READING AT HOME, AND MAINTAINING OPEN COMMUNICATION WITH TEACHERS ALL CONTRIBUTE TO THE SUCCESS OF OUR SCHOLARS.

CHECK OUT OUR BEGINNING OF THE YEAR DATA! IN READING, WE ARE STARTING OUT WITH 62% OF OUR SCHOLARS ON OR ABOVE GRADE LEVEL. IN MATH, 33% OF OUR SCHOLARS ARE ON OR ABOVE GRADE LEVEL!

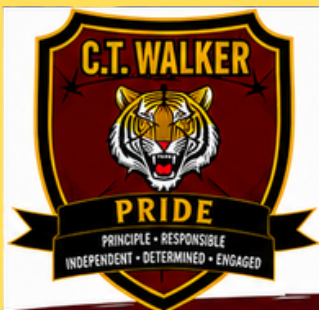
STUDENTS IN YELLOW AT THE BEGINNING OF THE YEAR MEANS OUR STUDENTS ARE READY FOR GRADE LEVEL CONTENT. WHAT AN AMAZING START! THIS DATA MEANS WE NEED TO ACCELERATE OUR SCHOLARS AND KEEP THEM ENGAGED IN THEIR LEARNING! GROWTH IS THE NAME OF OUR GAME!





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INSTRUCTIONAL SUPPORT



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Welcome Back FAMILIES!



MEET YOUR INSTRUCTIONAL TEAM!



Mrs. Staley
Literacy Specialist

I am passionate about building strong readers and confident communicators. I am here to support our students, families, and teachers!



Mrs. Boyd
Instructional Specialist

I am here to help our students grow academically and provide tools for success in all content areas!



We are your partners in education.



We are excited for another amazing year of learning, growing, and achieving together! We are here to support you and your child every step of the way.

⇒ *Excellent Starts With Us!* ⇒



i-Ready Testing is Done! We're Learning and Growing in Unit 1!

Thank you for helping your child do their best during our i-Ready BOY Diagnostic. Now, we're diving into Unit 1 instruction and building strong foundations together!

COMPLETE 2 i-Ready PERSONALIZED LESSONS



Encourage your child to complete 2 Personalized Lessons each week in i-Ready.



Lessons target the skills your child needs most.



Aim for a passing rate of 70% or higher! (That's our goal!)

How You Can Support at Home



READING

- 1 Read Together Daily**
Read with your child for 15–20 minutes each day. Let them read aloud and take turns.
- 2 Ask Questions**
Talk about what they read. Use questions like: Who? What? Where? When? Why? and How?
- 3 Build Fluency**
Practice reading high-frequency words, short passages, or favorite books to build speed and expression.

MATH

- 1 Practice Fact Fluency**
Work on math facts (addition, subtraction, multiplication, division) for 5–10 minutes daily.
- 2 Solve Word Problems**
Practice solving one- and two-step word problems using real-life situations.
- 3 Talk It Out**
Encourage your child to explain their thinking and show their work.



EXPLORE MORE WITH LAUNCHPAD!



Students can access digital tools at home through Launchpad and Canvas Resources!

- i-Ready – Personalized practice
- IXL – Skill practice in ELA & Math
- Nearpod – Interactive lessons & videos
- First in Math – Math fact fluency
- MyOn – Digital books
- Canvas Resources – Helpful learning resources, assignments, and more!



LET'S WORK TOGETHER FOR A SUCCESSFUL YEAR!



Consistent support at home leads to confident, successful learners!



Thank you for being our greatest partners!





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UPCOMING SEPTEMBER DATES & EVENTS



9/7 LABOR DAY HOLIDAY - NO SCHOOL

9/10 CTW SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING 4PM

9/11 CTW RED, WHITE, & BLUE REMEMBRANCE DAY!

9/11 LUNCH WITH A LOVED ONE - KINDERGARTEN ONLY

9/11 PROGRESS REPORTS GO HOME WITH ALL STUDENTS.

INCLUDED WILL BE BOY IREADY REPORTS AND DETAILED ATTENDANCE REPORTS.

9/14 PICTURE DAY

9/14-10/9 FALL PARENT CONFERENCE WINDOW OPENS

9/14 LUNCH WITH A LOVED ONE - 5TH GRADE ONLY

9/15 LUNCH WITH A LOVED ONE - 4TH GRADE ONLY

9/16 LUNCH WITH A LOVED ONE- 1ST GRADE ONLY

9/17 LUNCH WITH A LOVED ONE- 3RD GRADE ONLY

9/17 CTW ANNUAL TITLE I MEETING/CLASS

ORIENTATIONS/HISPANIC AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH KICKOFF CELEBRATION 5:30-7:00

9/18 LUNCH WITH A LOVED ONE- 2ND GRADE ONLY

9/21-9/25 PBIS SPIRIT DRESS UP WEEK

9/22 BOE MEETING TO CELEBRATE OUR GEORGIA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION GA LEADS ACCOMPLISHED DESIGNATION TEACHERS (MRS. STALEY, MS. DAVID, AND MRS. BOYD) AT BELAIR MIDDLE SCHOOL. LET'S PACK THE MEETING OUR WITH WILDCAT SCHOLARS AND FAMILIES IN CTW ATTIRE AND GEAR. 6PM.

10/8 POWER UP ASYNCHRONOUS LEARNING DAY FOR STUDENTS

10/9 TEACHER WORKDAY - NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS

10/12 & 10/13 FALL BREAK - NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS

