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CORCORAN BULLDOG NEWS



From the Principal's Desk Mrs. White

Thank you parents/guardians for your support and dedication to AC Corcoran Elementary School. Because of you and our outstanding staff, it has been a wonderful start to the school year! I absolutely love the AC Corcoran community, the students most of all.

Please remember that when your child is absent, it is very important that you have a doctor's excuse or write an excuse and send it to the teacher the day your child returns to school.

Additionally, I truly appreciate you allowing your child to walk into school by him/her self. This teaches independence and responsibility. Most importantly, teachers can keep their eyes on children. The mornings are very busy, so safety is paramount.

If you need to meet with the teacher, it is best to send a message to the teacher to set up an appointment during his/her planning time or after school. This way you will have the teacher's undivided attention.

Thank you so much for your understanding and helping us assist your child through a successful educational journey.

Have an awesome Labor Day!

CLASSROOM CORNER

Welcome to Kindergarten! We are so excited to have your child in our Kindergarten class this year! We will be learning all about school: SOPs and expectations for the next month or two! Please ask your Kindergartner about their day when they come home! We will also begin learning about alphabet letters, how to count, recognizing numbers, and so much more! Please read with your Kindergartner every night and discuss what is happening in the pictures/story!

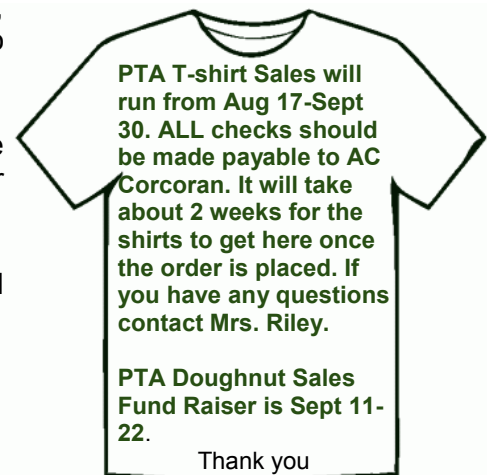
3rd grade has gotten off to a great start, we have set up or SOPs (rules for the classroom) and we did a scavenger hunt, while learning about our the a Solar Eclipse. We are now rocking and rolling along. We have started our science unit on rocks and minerals. We will start our first reading story next week and we are excited to get down to work. Finally, we are politing a new math program called Bridges Math. Ask your student about what they have been learning. They would love to tell you!

A.C. Corcoran Elementary



OUR SCHOOL SHARED VISION

At A.C. Corcoran Elementary,
we believe we should always
be responsible for our actions,
treat others with respect and
dignity, and strive daily to be
the best scholars we can be!



CD: Welcome to March! The year sure is flying by all of us. We are well into the third quarter. If you have not had a conference with your child's teacher, we cannot express how important this is in the success of your child's education as well as begin to prepare for summer and entrance into Kindergarten. CD applications for the 2017-2018 school will begin to be accepted March 1, 2017. Screening will be towards the end of May for the DAIL-4. As always, every student MUST BE screened. As a friendly reminder, the SC Aquarium will be here on March 13, 2017 to share an exciting lesson about animals that are native to us here in the Low Country.

Kindergarten: This month in Kindergarten we are working really hard on our reading skills and strategies! We are finishing our word family unit study and beginning to work on word endings, super E (cvce), and vowel teams. In math, we will be working on composing and decomposing numbers 11-20 and subtracting! In writing, we will integrate our reader's workshop study of non-fiction text and write non-fiction pieces. In Science, we will be studying plants and animals. We will continue to work on problem solving strategies, in our Second Step program. In social studies, we will continue to work on how to be a good citizen. We look forward to all of the exciting and enriching work ahead of us this month.

1st Grade: First grade have had a wonderful February! We were excited about all we have learned about famous African Americans this month. Our first graders have been working hard. We are working on editing our writing and continuing to become stronger readers. We are beginning a unit on plants as spring is coming up! We are excited about planting and watching our plants grow! In math we are learning about measuring and practicing our fluency. We have many fun activities to look forward to!

2nd Grade: Second grade is looking forward to the upcoming field trip to McLeod Plantation. The students are excited to learn about the important cultural contributions made by the African Americans that once lived there. In science, we are beginning to learn about weather. Students will be learning about different weather tools and the different types of severe weather.

In reading and writing, students are working on informational texts. The students are using text features and structures to learn new facts and information while reading and using the same features in their own writing. Students will also begin publishing their own hardcover books so be on the lookout for a way to purchase your own copy early next month.

3rd Grade: Third grade has been busy this month of February! We've been reading and analyzing text as well as responding to it using the RACES format. We are preparing ourselves for the end of the year, SC READY test! In Math, we have been finishing our units on measurement, exploring area and perimeter and are beginning to create and interpret different types of graphs. We finished our unit, in S.S., on the Revolutionary War and have started our Science unit on Matter. All of our third graders were required to research an African American, write a biography, and present it to the class this month, as well! Finally, we are going on a field trip, Monday, Feb. 27th, to the Gaillard Auditorium to see a play called 'I Have a Dream"! We are super excited!!!

4th Grade: The fourth grade students are getting excited about the upcoming Camp Cooper field trip. We have approximately 60 students who will participate on the two night trip. The mandatory meeting for the trip will be on Thursday, March 9th. During this meeting parents will receive field trip packet. In this packet will be the important papers that have to be completed before students attend trip. The packets also contains a list of items for the students to bring. The Old Exchange field trip has been postponed until April 21st.