

SEPTEMBER , 2017



LAKEHOMA LEDGER

Kindergarten:

We have had lots of fun learning our color words. Our themes for September are Abc's, alphabet books, Chicka Chicka Boom Boom, apples and Fall. We are still reviewing our letters with our reading series. Please practice letters, numbers, sight words and read at home every day. We begin Dibels testing in September. Please make sure your child gets plenty of sleep, a good breakfast and is on time to school. You can help at home by practicing naming letters (there is a page in your child's binder/folder) and listening and saying the first sound they hear in words. Thank you for your support. We are off to a great start this year!

First:

Welcome back! Thank you for attending our parent night! First graders are learning many different things this month. We are starting with our Community Helpers unit and we are so excited to learn about many different careers. We will also be doing an Apple unit this month so be on the lookout for more information about that. Please be sure to practice spelling words, sight words and math facts at home and try to read at least 20 minutes a night. We are looking forward to a great year!

Second:

Welcome back! Second grade is off to a great start. We know it can be difficult, but it is time to get back into a school routine. Please include checking your child's folder nightly for homework, and setting aside a time every evening for reading and math fact practice in your school routine. The second grade teachers were pleased with the participation at the second grade parent meeting! Thank you for investing time in your child's education. It's going to be a fantastic year!

Third:

We are excited for a great year!! Just a few reminders... please check homework folders and homework every night. Students should be reading 20 minutes a night and studying Math facts for 10 minutes a night, parents/students record this on the Reading/Math log that comes home at the first of the month. Students will want to continue to bring a healthy snack since we have last lunch (12:50-1:35). If you have not, please sign up for Parent Portal after Labor Day!! Parent Portal will let you see your child's grades daily.

Fourth:

Welcome to Fourth Grade! We have enjoyed getting to know our students over the last few days. We have practiced procedures and will continue to do so throughout the year. We are beginning our year with reviewing reading skills in Mrs. Bullard and Mrs. Ditmore's classes. We are starting comprehension tests as well as spelling tests. We will be taking the STAR reading test and will then be able to determine your child's strengths and weaknesses in reading. Please read with your child 20 minutes each night to help with fluency and comprehension. Mrs. D. and Mrs. Maples have started multiplication tests with your child. Your child should be bringing home a Reflex Math code to use at home to practice multiplication facts. Also, they are starting geometry. They will identify properties of shapes. Regions of the United States as well

Office:

We are off to a fun start at Lakehoma! A few reminders from the office: our tardy bell rings at 7:40am. We do not have school on Labor Day, Monday, September 4th. Western Days are September 8th and 9th. Students and staff are encouraged to dress in western clothes on Friday, September 8th! There is also no school on Friday, September 15th or Monday, September 18th for students. Staff members will have Professional Development those days.

Library:

Welcome back to Lakehoma from the Lakehoma Library Media Center. The library program has some exciting opportunities in store for your child this year including story times, information literacy lessons, and many great books for your child to read and enjoy.

Remember: Parents and grandparents are always welcome to stop by and check out books with their children.

Looking ahead our first Book Fair will start Oct 6th and run through Oct 13th.

This year the Lakehoma Library is looking for parent or grandparent volunteers to work any day of the week, morning or afternoon. If you are interested in volunteering in Lakehoma Library call 405 376-7376. Thank you for your support.



Nurse: We'd like to see everyone getting a good start off to their day with some breakfast! Even moderate under-nutrition can have lasting effects on children's cognitive development and school performance. Those that eat breakfast often have improved test performance, increased attention, improved behavior and emotional adjustment. Oatmeal with raisins and walnuts and a cup of milk would be great at home. If you don't have time at home or they aren't hungry, consider taking a banana, apple, orange, or some nuts to eat with you on the way. Also, we encourage you each to apply for free and reduced meals at school! We serve breakfast and lunch each day. - Nurse Ashly and Ms. Terri :)

Counselor:

Upcoming events for Lakehoma:

Red Ribbon Week will be October 22-28

Food drive will be Oct 2 - 27

Christmas Toy drive will be Nov 27- Dec 15

Thank you for supporting Lakehoma



Art:

Welcome to the 2017-2018 school year! I am Miss Leochner, the new art teacher for Lakehoma. If my name seems familiar, it is because I taught 1st grade at Lakehoma and was last year's Teacher of the Year. As a child, I attended Lakehoma for 4th and 5th grade and feel privileged to fill my former art teacher, Ms. Hutter's shoes! I am excited to start the new journey in art. We will be covering lots of things this year through art: history, art vocabulary, and even math and science! Also, we will have a Principal and Vice Principal Artist of the Month for each grade level! Our first winners for August will be notified soon! You can keep up with all of our fun work in art on our **Instagram** page:

LakehomaElementaryArt. Follow us there! We are looking forward to many colorful days in art this year!

Music Notes from Mr. S.:

Welcome back to Lakehoma! We are off to a great start in music class, and I am excited for another wonderful year full of exciting new opportunities and activities! It's going to be a fun year, so let's make some noise!

PE:

We are fitness testing in PE! We are also practicing for the Western Days Fun Run which is Saturday, September 9th.