

September Items for the Good Central Elementary School

Preschool

Preschool is off to a busy start! Our three-year-olds are learning all the ins and outs of attending school and we are excited to see our four-year-olds back for another year! Additionally, we are making our way through new referrals/transitions/evaluations (in order to meet the September 20th deadline). We have spent the first two weeks getting to know each other; learning about classroom expectations and safety procedures; and practicing with materials (scissors, glue, markers, etc.). It takes time to introduce learning centers as we go over the expectations at each one and how to interact appropriately with the toys and materials.



Kindergarten

The beginning of Kindergarten is always such an exciting yet sometimes exhausting time for these kids. Building stamina to make it through an entire day, full lessons, and sitting on the carpet can take awhile. The kindergarteners have already learned so much. In CKLA Skills we have been working on horizontal and vertical lines, diagonal lines, positional words (right/left) and learning to hold a pencil correctly. We have spent the last couple of weeks learning about Nursery rhymes and really focusing on the vocabulary

for our Knowledge portion of CKLA. Math has been all about numbers 1-5 and counting. A big part of the first couple weeks of school is just really teaching expectations and how to treat others with kindness.



First Grade

Our first graders have spent time learning all about each other and building new friendships. Students have also been learning about how to be a good citizen in the community. Students also got to visit with Officer Coleman and talk about the importance of rules and laws in our community. In CKLA, students have enjoyed our first unit on fables! We have been learning new vocabulary words and figuring out the moral of a story. We had a pausing point and the students got to act out a fable!



Second Grade

We are in our 2nd year of our new CKLA curriculum and it has proven to be a welcome addition that is filled with fun and educational activities. Since this is their 2nd year, the students have used their background knowledge gained from the previous year and have applied those skills to the lesson which has made learning more about Fairy Tales and the fun stories and writing activities even more fun for them. They also enjoy listening to the stories and looking at the flip chart pictures.

	Paul Bungan	Pecos Bill	John Henry	Casey Jones	Unit
Amazing Childhood	1. 1st grade 2. 2nd grade 3. 3rd grade				1-5
Creations/Inventions	1. 1st grade 2. 2nd grade				1-5
Amazing Adventures	1. 1st grade 2. 2nd grade				1-5
Humor	1. 1st grade 2. 2nd grade 3. 3rd grade				1-5
Exaggerations	1. 1st grade 2. 2nd grade 3. 3rd grade				1-5



Elementary Art

The Kindergarteners have been working with exploring lines. We have worked with tracing lines, and this will progress through working with lines in different colors and pressures as we complete a picture of a lion. This project will also allow the students to see what happens when you draw on colored construction paper with an assortment of crayon colors. Some colors will stand out and others will appear to blend into the color of the construction paper. The First Graders are working with cities. We are in the process of creating a piece of art based on the artwork of James Rizzi. Rizzi is an artist that uses cities in his work with a fun twist for children through the addition of faces to the side of large buildings or skyscrapers. We looked at a wide variety of ways that artists depict cities and have noted the similarities and differences in the ways that each artist chose to create their illustrations. It was an opportunity to focus on differences and similarities versus the right or wrong way to draw something. You may draw something differently from your neighbor. Neither one of you is right nor wrong, you just draw differently from each other.

The Second Graders are working on drawing silly creatures or monsters. When color is added to the final drawings, they will be transformed into complementary color creatures or monsters. The students began by drawing a silly creature or monster and from there, we cropped the item the way that a school portrait looks for the yearbook. Be on the lookout in the hallway outside of the art room for Central's new colorful art students.

Super Raiders

During the first two weeks of school, we all spent a lot of time reviewing expectations with our students and what it looks like to be a "Super Raider"! We kicked off our first Super Raider Awards with an assembly in the gym! It has been a great start to the year!

