

CASEY'S CHRONICLE

News from The Castle

IMPORTANT NEWS



Medical consent forms have been sent home to families who are unable to fill them out in the Parent Portal. Please get those forms filled out and sent back as soon as possible, so that your student may be seen in the clinic. If you did not receive one, please stop by the front office, so that we can give you one.



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SCHOOL SAFETY

Our school was featured by OCPS for our Dismissal Process! Please check out the video to see how quick and easy our car line is.

Click on Image to view video.



As a safety reminder, please do not drop off and pick up your students on Avalon Park Blvd. If they are unable to walk, please use our car line.

COMING SOON February

- Long Wednesday Feb. 1st (3pm Pick up)
- Long Wednesday Feb. 15th (3pm Pick up)
- Feb 4th OCPS Parent Academy @ Boone High School ([Championing for your Child](#))

Link: <https://registration.socio.events/e/parentacademy0223>

- PTA Message Grams Feb. 3rd
- PTA General Meeting Feb. 6th
- PTA Dance Feb. 17th 5:30pm-7:30pm

OCPS NEWS

Please take a moment to take the OCPS Annual Stakeholder Survey. This is your opportunity to provide feedback about our school.

Click on image to go to survey



Upcoming Curriculum

Kinder

For the month of February in kindergarten we are working on self-management in Health. In Science, we are learning about forms of energy. In Math, we are understanding numbers to 20 and counting to 100. This month we will be celebrating the 100th day of school by dressing up like senior citizens! In Social Studies, we will learn what it means to be a good citizen and about historical knowledge. Finally, In Reading, we are reading stories and learning about characters, setting, and events. Remember to keep practicing those sight words and work on writing sentences!

1st

In February, First grade will celebrate the 100th Day of School and Valentine's Day!

We will be working on:


- Math: Measurement with standard and non-standard units and we will begin our Money unit.
- Science: Big Idea 14- Organization and Development of Living Organisms
- Reading: Prose and Poetry- Identify and describe main story elements, identify and explain the moral of a story, compare and contrast two texts on the same topic, use picture clues and context clues to determine the meaning of unknown words.
- Phonics: long vowels, vowel pairs

2nd

In reading this month, second grade will be focusing on identifying and explaining the theme of a literary text, identifying and explaining the rhyme scheme of a poem, and identifying and explaining similes, idioms, and alliteration in text(s). In math, we will pick up where our last unit left off and explore the addition of two whole numbers with sums up to 1,000 and the subtraction of a whole number from a whole number, each no larger than 1,000. In science we will focus on Earth systems and patterns and the organization and development of living organisms. In social studies, we will focus on citizenship and our rights and responsibilities as citizens.




3rd




Third grade had a fabulous time on our annual Sea World field trip in January. We are looking forward to all of the new things we will be learning in February.

In math we are continuing to solve one and two step word problems, utilizing all four operations (addition, subtraction, division, multiplication). After word problems, we will move on to learning about fractions. In reading/writing we will be working with both literature and informational text as well as writing argumentative and opinion pieces. In science, we will be learning about energy transformations (changes) along with Earth in space and time.



4th



In February, the fourth grade will study text structures, text features, authors' claims, and central ideas using non-fiction texts in ELA. In writing, we will expose the facts through expository writing.

In Social Studies, students will learn about the tourism industry and will have the opportunity to visit one of our famous tourist attractions, Saint Augustine. We will finish our equivalent fraction unit in Math and begin collecting and representing data in our data unit.

In Science, we will leave outer space and head back to Earth, where we will learn about rocks, resources, weathering, and erosion. Lots of excitement is happening in fourth grade this month!

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5th

For the month of February, our 5th-grade students will be learning about the informational text in relationship within Social Studies related content. Students are learning how to identify the author's main purpose within the text, and comparing and contrasting primary sources vs. secondary sources. We are also continuing to look into the central idea of the text by using relevant details that support that central idea. We will then continue on to the next unit in the latter part of February which digs deeper into elements of drama and how they contribute to the plot of the story. On February 21st our 5th-grade students will be having the first round of the speech contest in our classrooms, we can't wait to hear how they will turn out!

In Math, 5th graders and teachers are excited to dig deeper into solving multi-step real-world problems. This will involve converting measurement units to equivalent measurements. We will use a single system of measurement. This includes length, time, volume, and capacity represented as whole numbers, fractions, and decimals.

Example: If a truck is 22,860 millimeters long, how long is the truck in meters?

The winning answer is..... 22.860 meters.

This is because 1 kilometer is equal to 1,000 meters.

Therefore, $22,860 \div 1,000 = 22.860!$

Your child will not have to memorize conversions and will have access to a conversion chart for all mathematical problems. We can even send one home, upon request.

On February 2nd, in Science, we will start the exciting adventure of understanding the organization and development of living organisms. This will include, the human body and structures of flowering and non-flowering plants.

Your child will be able to identify organs in the human body and describe their functions. They will also, compare these functions to plants and other animals.

We will finish the month off with heredity and reproduction. Again, in both plants and animals. This will involve, comparing and contrasting the major stages in the life cycles of Florida plants and animals, such as those that undergo incomplete and complete metamorphosis, and flowering and nonflowering seed-bearing plants.

Lookout for our Study Guide with details and rich vocabulary.

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Literacy Week



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Bookmark Contest Winners

We had so many submissions for our bookmark contest! Thank you to all who participated. Congratulations to our grade level winners!



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Michael Gelpi



1st
Fabian Ledezma



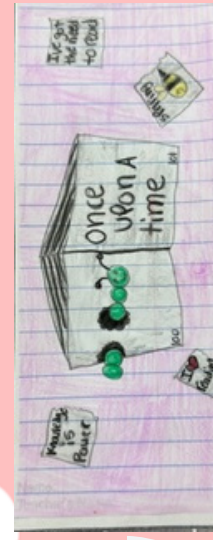
2nd
Annabelle Chin



3rd
Sophia Pichardo



4th
Anniston Murphy



5th
Kara Welsh



Girls On the Run

Congratulations to our Girls on the Run Club for participating in their first 5K in Winter Park on 1/21/23.

Great job Melanie Recio, Mia Chin, Valeda Aduloju, Jayla Robertson, and Kaela Perez Gomez.

Thank you to their amazing coaches Mrs. Hancock, Mrs. Lewis, and Mrs. Dumas for giving them all of the encouragement and support.

And of course a big thank you to the parents for coming out and running the race with them!



CASTLE CREEK CALENDAR

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
		1 Long Wednesday 3pm Pick up	2	3 PTA Message Grams
6 PTA General Meeting	7	8	9	10
13	14 <i>Happy Valentine's Day</i> 	15 Long Wednesday 3pm Pick up	16	17 PTA Someone You Love Dance 5:30-7:30
20 Tropical Storm makeup day	21	22	23	24
27	28			

MAKE-UP DAYS

As promised, we are providing an update on two instructional makeup days due to Tropical Storm Nicole. They will be Presidents Day, Feb. 20, 2023 and Friday, March 10, 2023, which was originally a teacher workday.

In addition, there will be no early dismissal on Wednesday, April 5, 2023 as a make-up for Hurricane Ian. As a reminder, an additional six Wednesdays have already been extended because of Hurricane Ian. See the complete list below:

Feb. 1, 2023
Feb. 15, 2023
March 22, 2023
April 5, 2023
May 10, 2023