



# December- The Word in Third

Sunday, December 1, 2019

Creek View Elementary

## REMINDERS

As the weather gets cooler outside, please keep in mind that we do go outside for recess if the weather is above the freezing point. Please make sure your student brings a warm coat to keep them warm! During the winter season, more students miss school due to cold or flu. At school, we clean desks and surfaces often and provide frequent reminders to wash hands. Please help us be reminding your student to wash their hands with soap and warm water often. Let's do all we can to keep our students warm, happy, and healthy this winter!

### Science

We will begin the Rocks, Minerals, and Soils Unit on December 2. In this unit students will obtain, evaluate, and communicate information about the physical attributes of rocks and soils. Students will ask questions and analyze rock data to classify rocks by their physical attributes such as color, texture, luster, and hardness by using simple tests. Students will also plan and carry out investigations to describe properties such as color, texture, capacity to retain water, and ability to support growth of plants. Students will learn about different soil types such as sand, clay, and loam. Finally, students will make observations of the local environment to construct an explanation of how water/wind have made changes to soil/rocks over time. **Standard:** S3E1. Obtain, evaluate, and communicate information about the physical attributes of rocks and soils.



### Upcoming Dates

- 12/1: SPIRIT DAY
- 12/13: MATH TEST (BOTH ON & ADV.)
- 12/19: WINTER PARTY (8:45-9:45)
- 12/20: END OF SEMESTER 1
- 12/23-1/3: WINTER BREAK
- 1/6: FIRST DAY OF SEMESTER 2



### Special Areas Newsletter

Creek View Special Area teachers are a-m-a-z-i-n-g! We are lucky to have some of the finest art, media & technology, music, physical education and STEM educators in all of Fulton County Schools right here. **Please open and read the special area newsletter for December (<https://www.smore.com/dbe7c>)** for updates on how you can visit the Artsonia giftshop and purchase keepsakes with your children's original artwork. Our Creek View Art Department will receive 20% for every keepsake purchase for the CVES art program. You'll be able to read more about the upcoming Winter Chorus Concert where WBMS and AHS students will join CVES students in a night of music you won't want to miss. The STEM and Media specials also share coding lessons your child will participate in and you'll see the winners of the pumpkin character contest.

### Reading & LA

**Writing:** Students will be working on opinion writing utilizing the Lucy Calkins Writing Units of Study. **Standard:** ELAGSE3W1: Write opinion pieces on topics or texts, supporting a point of view with reasons.

**Reading:** We are going to continue reading nonfiction texts, utilizing the Lucy Calkins Reading Units of Study. Please make sure your student is reading every night to increase their reading stamina! **Standards:** ELAGSE3RI1: Ask and answer questions to demonstrate understanding of a text, referring explicitly to the text as the basis for the answers. ELAGSE3RI2: Determine the main idea of a text; recount the key details and explain how they support the main idea. ELAGSE3RI5: Use text features and search tools (e.g., key words, sidebars, hyperlinks) to locate information relevant to a given topic quickly and efficiently.

**No Drop Off Policy:** Please remember that CVES has a "no dropoff" policy, with the exception of lunch, medications, or eyeglasses.





### How to access online resources at home:

Classlink won't support custom Launchpad apps anymore. Please download the general Classlink app to access Launchpad:

<https://apps.apple.com/us/app/classlink-launchpad/id524297631#?platform=ipad>

**Username:** Student number (sticker in their agenda)  
**Password:** Birthdate (8 digits, no slashes or dashes)  
Students have access to Think Central, Office 365, iReady, and many other programs through Classlink!



### Leadership Trait of the Month-

#### PURPOSE:

Having a purpose is different from being tracked into a specific career or outcome – it's being oriented toward a vision for the future. When kids are motivated by a larger purpose, studies show they have more academic motivation, life satisfaction, identity formation and success in a career. This month, we will be focusing on this trait throughout Creek View. Students will see video clips on the topic on our morning news and we hope many students will complete the Purpose Tic Tac Toe activities to have additional opportunities to practice this trait.

If you'd like to reinforce this leadership trait with your child, consider the following ideas:

- Encourage your child to think about the world beyond himself/herself
- Ask your child to brainstorm how they might make a difference (big or small) in the world
- Provide praise when you notice your child doing little things to help family members or others
- Let your child have a chance to do chores to earn money to buy a gift for someone in need
- Emphasize how all careers provide an opportunity to have a positive impact
- Share examples of how you work to leave the world a better place than you found it through work, volunteering or caring for others



### Math



**On-level**—Students will continue working on Unit 3– Patterns in Addition and Multiplication. In this unit, students will solve two step word problems using the four operations, identify arithmetic patterns, recognize area as an attribute of plane figures, measure area by counting unit squares, and relate area to the operations of multiplication and division. **Standards:** 3.OA.8, 3.OA.9, 3.MD.3, 3.MD.4, 3.MD.5, 3.MD.6, 3.MD.7 For ideas of ways to reinforce these standards at home, visit the GA DOE parent letter for this unit: <https://www.georgiastandards.org/Georgia-Standards/Frameworks/Unit-3-3rd-grade-parent-letter.pdf>.

**Advance Math** – Students are continuing to work on Unit 6– Measurement. In this unit, students will tell and write time to the nearest minute and measure elapsed time (including word problems), measure and estimate liquid volumes and mass using grams, kilograms, and liters. We will also continue to learn about line plots and bar/picture graphs. The test for this unit is Friday, December 13. **Standards:** MGSE3.MD.1, MGSE3.MD.2, MGSE3.MD.3, MGSE3.MD.4. For ideas of ways to reinforce these standards at home, visit the GA DOE parent letter for this unit:

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**Accelerated**— Students are beginning unit 4– Fractions. In this unit, students will learn about adding, subtracting, and multiplying fractions.

**Standards:** MGSE4.NF.3, MGSE4.NF.4, MGSE4.MD.2. For ideas of ways to reinforce these standards at home, visit the GA DOE parent letter for this unit: <https://www.georgiastandards.org/Georgia-Standards/Frameworks/Unit-4-4th-grade-parent-letter.pdf>

### Send a healthy snack with your child every day!

Please remember that birthday treats are ordered through our cafeteria. These items are distributed during lunch time in the cafeteria. Please see the Creek View website for the order form.



### Winter Party

Students will have an in-class winter party on December 19<sup>th</sup>, at 8:45-9:45.



### Grading Policy

#### Grading Scale

- A 90-100%
  - B 80-89%
  - C 70-79%
  - F 69% or below
- Report Cards go home every 9 weeks.

#### Grading Weight

- 50%** Tests, Performance Assessments, In-school Projects, End of Unit Writing, Post Tests (Summative)
- 45%** Quizzes, classwork, at home projects (Formative)
- 5%** Homework