Welcome Mustang Family!

ONE TEAM, ONE GOAL, RISING TO NEW HEIGHTS!

Dear Mustang Family.

We are into the last quarter for the 2018-2019 school year. Ensure that your child continues to complete their homework assignments on a nightly basis. In addition, each and every Monday, your child will receive their Reading log. Your child is required to read 20 minutes per night and record on their Reading log. Reading is fundamental! Have your child study their basic Math facts at least 15 minutes per evening.

Important Dates:
- April 1st - 5th – PARCC Spirit Week
- April 8th – PARCC testing begins
- April 11th – 3rd Quarter Report Cards Released
- April 15th - April 22nd - Spring Break
- April 23rd – Students return to School
- April 25th – Concord Poetry Slam 12:45pm
- April 26th – 3rd Quarter Honor Roll Assembly
- May 20th – 4th Quarter Progress Reports
- May 27th – Memorial Day Schools Closed
- June 14th – Last Day of School

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Happy Spring 2019!

Please be advised that all 3rd – 6th grade students will be administered the PARCC assessment beginning on Monday, April 8, 2019. Parents, we need your help to make sure your child does his/her best!!! Make certain that:

1. Your child arrives to school on time on a daily basis.
2. Your child eats a substantial breakfast in the morning that will give him/her the necessary energy and alertness for participation in the test.
3. Your child gets a good night sleep the night before each testing day.
4. Students absent on a testing day will participate in make-up testing.
5. Please encourage your child to do his/her best!
6. Have your child utilize i-.Ready (online resource) at home for answering practice questions.

Lastly, if you are dropping off and/or picking up your child from school, do not double park or leave your car unattended. Please park in a parking space. In addition, all car, van, and walker pick-ups will be on the side of the school, not the main entrance.

If you have any questions, please feel free to call the school at (301) 817-0488 and/or contact us via email; Dana.Doggett@pgcps.org and Tracie.Connelly@pgpcs.org.

Dr. Dana Doggett, Principal
Tracie Connelly, Assistant Principal
This month the kindergarten classes will be implementing the use of Quick Writes. Please continue to practice spelling and writing sight words that have been covered in class. The sight words covered in class will be used in the Quick Writes. In math, students will be expected to count to 75 and count by 10’s. We are still practicing addition and subtraction word problems.

Third quarter is over and our scholars made it with flying colors. As we approach the last quarter of this school year, our students are gearing themselves for DRA and MAP-R that will happen next month. One of the categories of the DRA assessments that each student will take this month is sentence dictation.

The fourth quarter theme for Reading and Social Studies is “Our Country/What Makes Our Country Special?” The stories in Unit 4 cycles one and two are “Alaska A Special Place” and “Grace for President”. They’ll learn how to infer and summarize fiction and non-fiction stories. Our writers will study and write poetry in Writing Fundamentals. The fourth quarter will be more challenging as our scholars are going do a lot of writing assignments.

In math, students will describe and analyze shapes by examining their sides and angles. Through building, drawing, and analyzing two- and three-dimensional shapes, students develop a foundation for understanding area, volume, congruence, similarity, and symmetry in later grades. In science, students observe and describe evidence that shows that matter takes up space and has properties. In health, students will learn about germs and how they can make you sick.
We are starting the last quarter of the school year! Our students are working hard preparing for the MCAP (PARCC) Assessment.

In math, our young Mathematicians will focus on solving word problems involving the conversion of measurements from larger to smaller units (e.g., meters to centimeters, minutes to seconds). They will be introduced to Geometry as well. Students will be working on geometric figures, drawing, and measuring angles using a protractor.

In science, we will continue exploring Physical Science. In particular, we will learn about waves, sound waves, and light.

We will study poetry this month in reading. We will also identify structural elements in poetry. Students will engage in collaborative discussions and they will write responses to text using textual evidence.

In social studies, the focus will be on how geography affects the way we live. In particular, we will review Maryland’s regions, environmental issues, Maryland’s population, and Maryland’s transportation and communication.

In sixth grade math, we will begin April by converting decimals, fractions, and percents. Next, we will find the percent of a number. We will end the month by beginning our unit on Geometry. During this unit, students will find the area of a composite shape. Don’t forget to keep practicing your math facts!

In reading, we will compare multiple accounts of the sinking of the Titanic. In writing, students will create their own narrative plays. In social studies, students will be learning about the Revolutionary War and the impact it had on the founding of our nation.

As we move into our final quarter of school please continue to encourage daily reading and math facts review. We are also planning a trip so look out for more information coming soon.

Ms. Codling’s homeroom class code is e4dad7 and Ms. Kometa’s homeroom class code is 4h7kke.
For the first week in the month of April, students in primary grades will practice a variety of kicking skills using soccer and playground balls.

Intermediate students will practice passing and receiving soccer balls with their feet. For the remaining weeks in April, all grades will learn striking skills - hitting a ball with an implement.

TIPS ON HOW TO PREPARE YOUR CHILD FOR PARCC

Parents can do great things to prepare their children for PARCC. Before the testing season visit with the teachers of your child and know their strengths and weaknesses. Work with the teachers on how to strengthen those weaknesses. Practice with your child on their weaknesses daily. There are practice tests online that could help you with this task.

If your child has not mastered the basic facts of addition, subtraction, multiplication, and division, daily practice of the facts would be very helpful. You may use flashcards to drill them or introduce some simple games to interest your child in doing the practice with you. Make the practice fun and exciting.

On the day before the test, make sure your child gets enough sleep. On the day of the test, make sure they eat a healthy breakfast and stay calm and relaxed.