



# Cheetah Family News

## 2019-2020 School Year

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Hello Chapman's Families:

2019-2020 has been a year that we will all remember. Never in my educational career has school closed for more than a few days for inclement weather. Everyone was hoping for a snow day, but we never imagined it would come to this.

I choose to remember the fantastic memories that were made prior to March 2020. Our students participated in our first full day STEM challenges and knocked it out of the park. Teams of students created habitats, video clips, and challenges; students took virtual field trips; and even kindergarteners programmed a road map using Bots.

Our annual Cheetah Chase occurred in November. Students once again exceeded our fundraising goal and managed to raise \$35,000 for our school! These funds went right back into technology, art room, tables, PE equipment and books and materials for our Learning Commons.

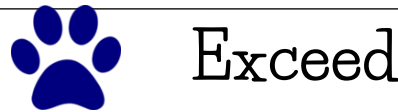
Many of our Cheetahs learned to become newscasters, as they used the new Green Screen and recorded the morning news. Students also had the opportunity to participate in Book Fair, Literacy Night, Walk to School Day, Character Award Assemblies, Jingle Bell Walk, Biztown, Chorus, Harry Potter Book group, Jump Rope and Running activities, and a Friend in Me group.

We may remember 2019-2020 as the year we closed school. But I will also remember it as a year of learning challenges, creative opportunities, and new school initiatives. I hope you will too!

Best memories,  
- Dr. Garrett



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ONLINE  
REGISTRATION

is

OPEN

- Online registration for returning WCS students currently in grades K-11 is open.
- Registration must be completed on a **desktop computer** using a [Skyward login](#). A parent login must be used.
- When registering your child, look for the **2020-21 Registration Update for Returning area** in Skyward.
- When registering, be sure to fully **complete each step and click submit to ensure registration is complete**. A **green check mark** will appear in the right-hand column of the registration window when all steps are complete.

# Welcome to Kindergarten!

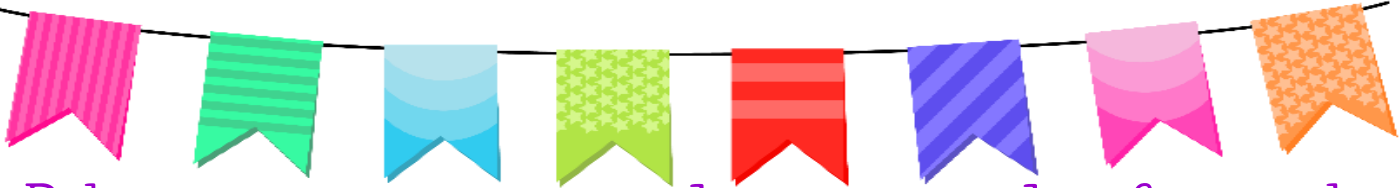
## Updated Kindergarten Registration Information

Kindergarten registration opened this past Monday! Students must be 5 years old before August 15, 2020, in order to be eligible for the 2020-21 school year. Registration will be completed entirely online. Parents should make sure they have the necessary documents before beginning the registration process. For more information, visit

<https://www.wcs.edu/infocus/2020/04/kindergarten-registration-begins-may-4/>

WCS Pre-K  
Application  
Now Available!

The Pre-Kindergarten program is designed to help children prepare for kindergarten and succeed in the school environment. The program serves children who will be 4 years of age on or before August 15. For more information and to complete the online application, please visit <https://www.wcs.edu/district/departments/elementary-education/pre-k/>



Below are some summer reading practice ideas from each grade level.

## KINDERGARTEN

## First Grade

Read 10 different types of print in 10 different places!

(Place ideas: in the kitchen, under a tree, in a closet, in a comfy chair, under the kitchen table...)

(Types of print ideas: nonfiction, fiction- storybook, magazine, billboard, food label, board game instructions...)

Don't leave home without it

Bring along a book or magazine any time your child must wait, such as at a doctor's office. Always try to fit in reading!

Once is not enough

Encourage your child to re-read favorite books and poems. Re-reading helps kids read more quickly and accurately.

Dig deeper into the story

Ask your child questions about the story you've just read. Say something like, "Why do you think Clifford did that?"



## 2nd Grade



- Allow your child to choose his/her own book to read. Be sure to remind them to pick an on-level book (one that is not too easy and not too hard).
- Help your child create a cozy reading spot in a quiet place.
- Make reading part of your daily routine.
- Read with your kids. Read aloud together or read the same book and discuss it.
- Be a role model and get caught reading!
- Take advantage of natural reading opportunities. Encourage your child to read recipes when cooking, directions when putting a new toy together, directions on Google Maps when traveling, etc.
- If you travel, don't forget to take books with you!





# 3<sup>rd</sup> GRADE

Check out the summer reading Bingo board! It's also attached to the email if you prefer to print.

## SUMMER Reading BINGO

After you complete a box, color it in. See how many BINGO's you can get!

Read in the bathtub! (no water, just blankets!)	Read in a blanket fort	Read before breakfast	Read to your pet	Have a "Reading Party" with your friends & treats
Read under a TREE	Read in a TENT	Read to someone who can't read	Read with a FLASHLIGHT	Read a book at the library
Read on the swings	Read under the kitchen table	FREE SPACE	Read an article in the newspaper	Swap a favorite book with a friend then READ
Read to your grandma or grandpa	Read a story in the bible	Read in the car	Read to your favorite stuffed animal	Read in your pajamas
Read a book while wearing sunglasses	Read a book in your swimsuit	Read on your couch	Listen to someone read you a book	Read on vacation

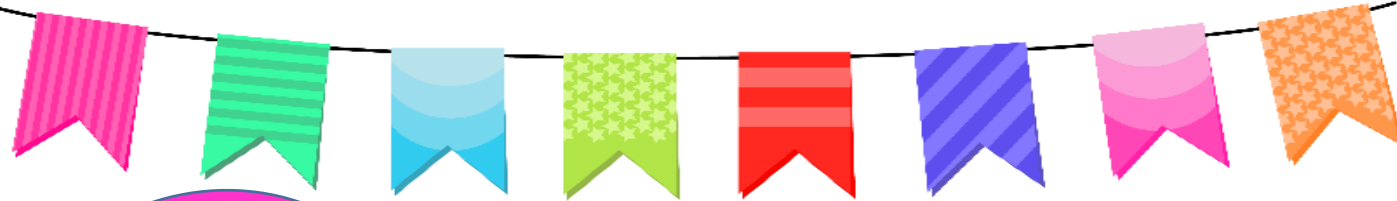
# 4th Grade

- Don't view reading as a chore—Create a positive environment for reading so that children look forward to it. You don't have to read; you get to read!
- Reading doesn't have to only be books—Get a magazine about your child's favorite hobby, turn on the captions and turn down the volume on the television, look for information on the web.
- Your day to day routines can provide reading experiences—cooking, using the phone book, reading instructions for a new game, and reading maps or brochures for your vacation spots are all authentic reading experiences.
- Read during transitions times—Get some more reading time in during the drive to Grandma's house or while waiting for the dentist.
- Read to your child—You get quality time with your child; you are a great reading model and you can talk to your child.
- Talk about books—Ask your child open-ended questions such as "What do you think about that story?" and "What would you have done if you were that character?"
- Visit the library—Not only can the librarian help you find good, interesting books for your child, but they probably have a summer reading program your child can participate in.

# 5th Grade



Fifth graders were challenged to read 25 books this school year. Try to reach that goal this summer before school starts back up again. Choose books that interest your child and set aside just 30 minutes each day to read. Have a discussion with your child about the book they are reading. Better yet, read the same book together and discuss what happens in the story. Your child can practice writing by sending friendly letters to friends, relatives and/or former teachers. Have a great summer and keep reading!



Student  
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Summer Tip

Summer reading can be filled with fun and adventure. On a family walk as your child to find the word "stop", "caution", "walk", "welcome", words can be found on street signs, lawn decorations, banners, etc. It is also fun to find a reading series that the entire family can enjoy as a read aloud. Finally, practice writing your letters, sight words, or words of encouragement on your sidewalk with chalk. Enjoy the sunshine!

### Summer Scholars Guide

Per Tennessee State Board Policy, each student in grades K-8 shall be provided a Summer Scholars Guide prior to the last day of school. Guides are available for ELA, math, science, and social studies. Each guide contains a document for each rising grade, including rising 6<sup>th</sup> graders. Please take a moment to check out these resources.



## SCHOOL YEARBOOK

Unfortunately, yearbooks have not arrived yet. We plan on having a pick-up day, like this week's materials pick up where we will hand out yearbooks. Once they arrive, we will let you know.

Also, we still have quite a few bags of student supplies left in the gym. If you have not picked up your child's bag, you may pick it up when we hand out yearbooks or contact the office about a time to pick it up.



# Congratulations!

Congratulations to our 5<sup>th</sup> graders, as they move from CRES to Spring Station! We've put together a little video as a celebration of their success. We hope you enjoy it!

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mrVXcMea6Fk&feature=youtu.be>

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SCHOOL



Dear Parent/Guardian,

If your child has Asthma please read the following information.

According to the CDC, nebulizer treatments pose a high exposure risk and can increase the risk of sending virus particles into the air if someone may be sick. Due to the challenges with COVID-19, we are asking that you consult with your physician to discuss an albuterol inhaler in place of any albuterol nebulizers in the school setting.

Please remember that each school year you must have a new medication form. As per school policy a student may not bring ANY type of medication to the school.

If you have any concerns or questions, feel free to email me at [gloriap@wcs.edu](mailto:gloriap@wcs.edu).

Sincerely,  
Nurse Gloria



Want to get a jump start on the 2020-21 school year? You can go ahead and order your child's school supplies online at

<https://1stdayschoolsupplies.com/>. If you have questions, feel free to reach out to PTO at [chapmansretreatpto@gmail.com](mailto:chapmansretreatpto@gmail.com)





# Art Room Buzz



As we approach the summer, I wanted to encourage everyone to do a drawing challenge again. Any student can do some or all of the challenge. I will also put it on the Related Arts Google Classroom.

I also wanted to recommend the following books about famous artists.

I hope you have a safe, healthy, and creative summer vacation!



## CHILDREN'S BOOKS ABOUT GREAT ARTISTS



Most of these artists we have talked about or studied in art class but there are some new ones in here too.

- [The Cat and The Bird: A Children's Book Inspired by Paul Klee by Geraldine Elscher](#)
- [The Noisy Paintbox: Colors and Sounds of Kandinsky's Abstract Art by Barb Rosenstock](#)
- [Touch the Art: Pop Warhol's Top by Julie Appel](#)
- [Vincent's Colors by the Metropolitan Museum of Art](#)
- [Henri's Scissors by Jeanette Winter](#)
- [Frida Kahlo: the Artist who Painted Herself by Margaret Frith](#)
- [Linnea in Monet's Garden by Christina Bjork](#)
- [Katie and the Mona Lisa by James Mayhew](#)
- [My Name is Georgia: A Portrait by Jeanette Winter](#)
- [Action Jackson by Jan Greenberg](#)
- [100 Pablo Picassos by Violet Lemay](#)
- [Museum 123, Museum ABC, Museum Shapes by the NY Metropolitan Museum of Art](#)

(This list was from the website Childhood 101)



## Options for Families without Internet at Home

Families who do not have internet access at home will find a list of internet providers below who are offering free public wi-fi and/or discounted access for qualifying households

### AT&T

- Offering free public wi-fi for 60 days.  
<https://www.att.com/support/article/wireless/KM1103818/>

### Charter Communications/Spectrum

- Offering free broadband for households with students through college age who do not already have a subscription. <https://www.spectrum.net/support/internet/coronavirus-internet-offer-students>
- Offering free public wi-fi for 60 days. <https://www.spectrum.com/wifi-hotspots.html>
- To enroll in free Charter wi-fi for 60 days, call 1-844-488-8395. Installation fees will be waived.
- If your family receives benefits such as free and reduced lunch, you may qualify for a reduced cost account. <https://www.spectrum.com/browse/content/spectrum-internet-assist>

### Comcast Xfinity

- The Comcast Internet Essentials Program offers two months of free in-home internet to new customers. <https://www.internetessentials.com/>
- Offering free public wi-fi. Just select the “xfinitywifi” network name in the list of available hotspots.

Want to continue to practice skills over the summer? Check out these WCS math resources:

<https://sites.google.com/myplace.wcs.edu/learning-resources-spring2020/home/elementary-school-content?authuser=0>.

Does your child enjoy STEM? Check out the NEW UPDATED STEM/Engineering Challenges for each grade level!