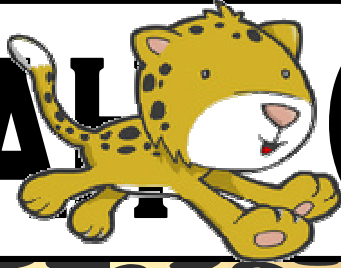


CHEETAAL CHAT



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THE PRINCIPAL'S POINT

Dear Creek View Elementary School Families,

Spring Break is approaching and I do hope you all have plans to rest, relax, and enjoy your families. When we return, we will continue our instruction and CRCT practice as this important test will begin April 14! The purpose of the test is to provide information on academic achievement at the student, class, school, system and state levels. This information is used to diagnose individual student strengths and weaknesses and to gauge the quality of education throughout Fulton County and the state.

Parents can help their children do their best on the test by making sure they are in school every day, and especially on testing days. Tests reflect the overall achievement of a child and time spent in learning situations increases the likelihood of doing well.

Other helpful testing tips include:

- ◆ **Give your child encouragement.** Praise him/her for the things done well throughout the year. A child who is afraid of failing is more likely to make a mistake.
- ◆ **Ensure that your child has a well-rounded diet.** A healthy body leads to a healthy, active mind. Make sure your child has a good breakfast on testing days and every day.
- ◆ **Keep the lines of communication open between home and school.** Parents and teachers should work together to benefit the child.
- ◆ **Make sure your child is well rested on school days.** Tired children are less likely to pay attention in class or to handle the demands of class work and tests.
- ◆ **Try not to be overly anxious about test scores.** Too much emphasis on test scores can be upsetting to children.
- ◆ **Don't judge a child on the basis of a single test score.** Test scores are not perfect measures of what a child can do. There are many other things that might influence a test score. For example, a child can be affected by the way he/she feels that day, physically and/or mentally.
- ◆ **Follow normal routines.** Interruptions of normal routines may affect your child's performance.
- ◆ **Don't forget eyeglasses or hearing aids.** If your child wears an assistive device, such as glasses or hearing aids, be sure he/she remembers to bring it and wear it during all testing sessions.
- ◆ **Plan ahead for medical appointments.** Avoid scheduling doctor's or dentist's appointments during testing times.

Have a great weekend and enjoy the beginning of spring!

Matt Rogers

Spring Buy One Get One Book Fair!

The [Scholastic Spring Buy One Get One](#) book fair will arrive at Creek View on Monday, April 12th until Friday, April 16th in the Media Center. The fair will feature many of the most popular titles offered by Scholastic in the past two years.

Book Fair hours are as follows:

Monday and Tuesday	8:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.
Wednesday and Thursday	11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.
Thursday Night Family Night	4:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.
Friday	11:00 a.m. - 2:00 a.m.



We hope to see you there!



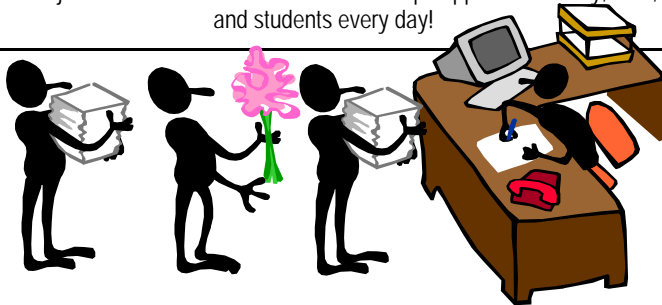
Attendance

Students are required to provide a **written, signed** excuse when absent. Excessive absences and/or tardies will be referred to the administration for follow-up. Students who check in after 11:15 a.m. or leave before 11:15 a.m. are considered absent for the day. Emails to the teacher or front office are not considered proper documentation. Please notify the clinic and your child's teacher if your child has a contagious disease or an extended illness.

The Georgia Board of Education lawfully excuses students for the following reasons: personal illness, death in the immediate family, and recognized holidays observed by their faith. Students will have the opportunity to complete homework and class work missed because of an excused absence. Such opportunities to complete work may not be possible for unexcused absences.

Professional Assistants Day April 21, 2010

National Secretary's Day was created in 1952 to recognize the importance and value of the secretary to a company or business. Today, the title is changing and evolving. But, the recognition is equally important. Please join us we celebrate the ladies who help support our faculty, staff, and students every day!



Kindergarten Orientation



Creek View's annual Kindergarten Safari for new kindergarteners, will take place on Tuesday, April 28th from 8:30 a.m.-10:30 a.m. You and your child will take a tour of our school, visit a kindergarten classroom, take a trip through the cafeteria line, and board a school bus. Please notify your neighbors and friends living in our attendance zone of this important, informational event!



**All Fulton County Schools
Will Be Closed
April 5-9.**

Looking Forward

April 5th - 9th

Spring Break

April 12th - 16th

Scholastic Book Fair

April 15th

Family Book Fair Night 4:00 - 6:00 p.m.

April 21st

Professional Assistants Appreciation Day

Wednesday, April 28th

Kindergarten Safari

8:30 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.

Teacher Appreciation Luncheon

10:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

May 3rd

Final Volunteer Training 9:00 a.m.

Field Day 2010



Warmer weather means Field Day at Creek View is quickly approaching. Mark your calendar for Thursday, April 29th for K - 2nd grades and Friday, April 30th for 3rd - 5th grades. The time for both days is 8:30 a.m. - noon.

Field Day means fun in the sun with all students participating in exciting fitness-related activities, some of which include water. Be on the look out for a letter from Coach Clements and Coach Melnyk regarding the new Field Day t-shirt and volunteer opportunities. Field Day at Creek View works best when we have lots of hard-working, willing volunteers. While parents and guests are welcome to come and watch, the P.E. Department could really use every extra hand available to assist with the game stations, refreshment stand, and first aid. T-shirt order forms will be sent home after Spring Break.

Please contact Coach Clements at:
clements.j1@fultonschools.org

CRCT Testing

CRCT testing will take place **Wednesday - Friday, April 14th-16th and Monday-Friday, April 19th-23rd**. Students perform better on tests when they are feeling their best and are able to take the test in familiar surroundings, such as their homeroom class. In order to avoid having make-up tests, please make certain that students are not scheduled for doctor or dentist appointments, or vacation time.

Testing will begin promptly at 8:00 a.m. and continue until approximately 10:00 a.m.



Wednesday, April 14

Reading - Grades 1-5

Tuesday, April 20

Science - Grades 3-5

Thursday, April 15

English/Language Arts - Grades 1-5

Wednesday, April 21

Social Studies - Grades 3-5

Friday, April 16

Math - Grades 1 - 5

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