

2022-2023 KINDERGARTEN ORIENTATION

Welcome!



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Reading and Math Intervention

- ❖ **Push In Support**
- ❖ **Small group lessons**
- ❖ **Progress monitoring**
- ❖ **Fluid Roster**

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BUILDING ORAL LANGUAGE

READ SOMETHING WITH YOUR CHILD EVERYDAY

ALL types of texts!

Builds vocabulary,
conversation skills

EXPERIENCES BUILD VOCABULARY

Trips to the beach, zoo, parks..

Visit museums, state parks,

Errands to the post office,
grocery store...

PLAY WORD GAMES

I Spy (I spy with my eye something that begins with /b/)

What's my Word? (Segment word & your child blends sounds together to hear the word)

SING SONGS TOGETHER RECITE NURSERY RHYMES

Raffi and Laurie Berkner are favorites

Link on Cedar Mountain website to Nursery Rhyme pages

EARLY LETTER AND SOUND AWARENESS

POINT OUT ENVIRONMENTAL PRINT

Stores. Streets, family names,
restaurants...

IDENTIFY THEIR OWN NAME

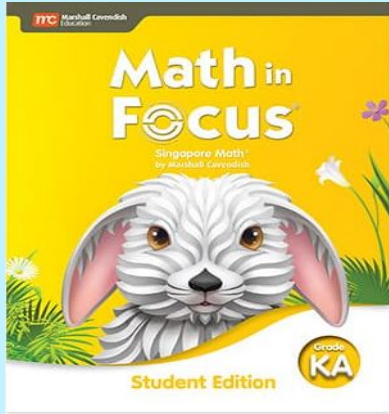
PRACTICE WRITING LETTERS

IN FUN MEDIUMS

Sand, shaving cream, bathtub crayons,
sidewalk chalk...

PHONOLOGICAL AWARENESS

Rhyme together, listen for where sounds are in words,
segments sounds of simple 3 letter words for your
child to blend together into word.. ,listen for syllables
in frequent used words like daddy, nanny, cupcake,
pizza, ice cream..

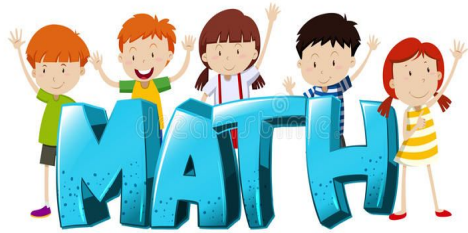


MATH

Math in Focus Singapore Math

- Fun and Engaging
- Self-discovery





Developing Number Sense

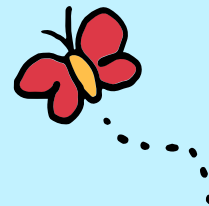
- Counting Objects
- Cardinality-how much in a set
- Subitizing-how many without having to count
- Skip Counting-using objects
- Composing/Decomposing Numbers
- Comparing Numbers

MATH
1 + 1 = 2

MAKES YOUR
LIFE ADD UP!



SCHOOL COUNSELING



WHOLE SCHOOL PROGRAMS & INITIATIVES

Involves all students in the building.

- CLASS MEETINGS (LESSONS) MONTHLY
 - MindUp curriculum
 - Mindfulness/Guided meditation
- SOCIAL SKILL OF THE WEEK
- STUDENT OF THE MONTH
- "CEDAR MOUNTAIN KIDS" RECESS GROUPS
- PUSH-IN SUPPORT/INTERVENTIONS/OBSERVATIONS

Social Skills instruction is based on the 5 Core Competencies outlined by NJ DOE

SMALL GROUPS

Groups up to 5 students to work on specific skills

- STUDENTS ARE SELECTED BASED ON SEL SCREENER TOOL AND OBSERVATIONS
- GENERALLY MEETS 1x/WEEK FOR A PERIOD OF 6-8 WEEKS
- STRUCTURED COUNSELING ACTIVITIES WITH SCHOOL-BASED GOALS.

Emotional regulation, executive functioning, anxiety, behavior, etc.

INDIVIDUAL

Counseling for individual students

- SCHEDULED COUNSELING 1-2x/WEEK
- MAY BE IN COMBINATION WITH GROUP COUNSELING
- AM/PM CHECK-INS
- IDENTIFIED BASED ON IMPACT TO LEARNING OR EXPERIENCE IN THE CLASSROOM
- AS-NEEDED COUNSELING OR INDIVIDUAL SUPPORT (SITUATIONALLY BASED, SHORT-TERM)

Counseling goals are school/learning/SEL based

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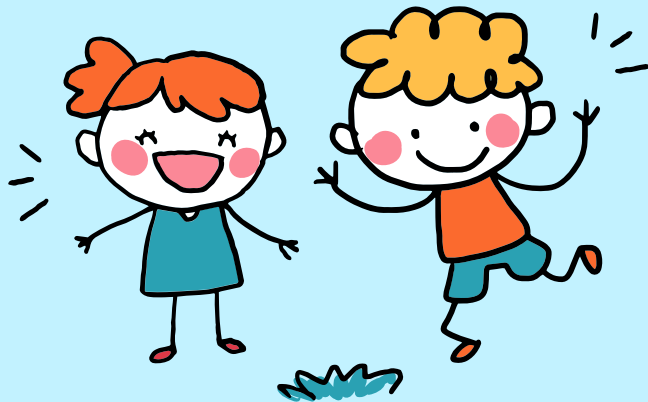
PARENT & FAMILY CONNECTIONS

COFFEE WITH THE COUNSELOR

Monthly virtual presentation and discussion about topics relevant to your child's school experience and social/emotional well-being.

BOOK CLUB!

Participate in a group read and discussion. 2-3 books will be chosen over the course of the year with a virtual discussion meeting.



CONSULTATION

I'm always available to support parents/guardians, and offer advice and information.

[Click here for CM Kids Summer Newsletter](#)

REFERRALS AND COLLABORATION

Resources for connecting with community providers, services, and organizations. Collaborate with outside providers (with consent).

HEALTH OFFICE

NEWS FROM THE NURSE

IMMUNIZATIONS & PHYSICALS

All immunizations & physicals must be received by the first day of school. Students will not be able to attend school until all immunizations are received.

ACCIDENTS HAPPEN

Please supply your child with a change of clothes in the bottom of their backpack in the event of a bathroom accident or spill.



MEDICATIONS IN SCHOOL

Children may not transport medications to & from school. NO medication may be given in school without a doctor's order.

KEEP SICK CHILDREN HOME FROM SCHOOL

Please keep sick children home from school. This will help to prevent the spread of illness in school. Please reference illness criteria on the VTSD website.

IS YOUR CHILD KINDER READY?

CAN THEY:

- ❖ Use the bathroom independently (and wipe themselves)?
- ❖ Put on their own clothing (and button/zip/velcro)?
- ❖ Put on/take off shoes?
- ❖ Open their own lunch/snack items?
- ❖ Blow their nose?
- ❖ Wash their hands?
- ❖ Know and say their first and last name?
- ❖ Know and say their age/birthday?
- ❖ Tying shoes a plus!



Over the summer, practice toileting/wiping, clothing changes, hand washing, covering coughs and sneezes, etc. This will help to build skills needed for independence in the bathroom as well as to help prevent the spread of germs and illnesses. Fostering a sense of independence and responsibility builds self-esteem and problem-solving skills!

WELCOME TO THE CM CAFETERIA

BREAKFAST IS PRE-ORDERED DELIVERED TO THE CLASSROOM, INCLUDES MILK, JUICE/FRUIT

LUNCH IS SERVED THROUGH THE CAFE LINE NO PRE-ORDERING NEEDED INCLUDES MILK, FRUIT AND VEGETABLES

MENUS ARE POSTED MONTHLY ON THE SODEXOMYWAY SITE LOCATED UNDER THE PARENT TAB ON VTSD.

PRICES

BREAKFAST PAID \$1.60

LUNCH PAID \$2.75

FREE AND REDUCED \$ 0.00

Free & Reduced Meals

PARENTS MAY APPLY AT ANY TIME DURING THE SCHOOL YEAR FOR FREE OR REDUCED MEALS. CONTACT YOUR SCHOOL MAIN OFFICE FOR

AN APPLICATION OR APPLY ONLINE FROM THE DISTRICT WEBSITE

So Happy

So Happy is an easy-to-use menu and nutrition app that allows parents and students to see all ingredients and allergens in every meal served in their school cafeteria on a weekly basis.

Available as a FREE download on the App Store & Google Play. Search "So Happy"



TRANSPORTATION

We transport over 3,000 students every day on 115 bus routes, traveling almost 1 million miles per year

Email transportation dept. ASAP if you need a bus stop other than the closest to your home or will drive your child to school

Check portal 2nd week of August for bus assignments

Use the bus stop change form on district website - allow 72 hours

One bus per student; only permanent/long-term changes allowed

Refer to Transportation website and Parent Handbook



COMMUNICATION AND INFORMATION...

- Let's meet this summer! Go to Sign Up Genius to select a time to have Meet and Greet with your child and me- see the CM blog to sign up
- Check out the CM Blog...you'll find lots of information there
- Look out for School Messenger emails, they contain weekly information and attachments
- Digital backpack contains at-a-glance information
- We're here to help you navigate your child's first year of school! We are your partner in education!

Welcome to Kindergarten and

ENJOY YOUR SUMMER!!!

