Lockard Elementary School
January
News Letter

Principal's Message

Welcome back from the well-deserved winter break. In 2021 we are moving forward with excellent virtual teaching and learning! There are important notes and tips related to your child's achievement that I want to share with you.

For your child to achieve and grow as much as possible, ensure he/she is:

- **Attending all online sessions each day.**
  - Be sure the child-care provider has a copy of your child's daily school schedule.
- **Completing and submitting all in-class assignments and all homework.**
  - If you are unsure about assignments, reach out to your child's teacher and check your child's CANVAS page.
- **Completing and submitting all tests on the dates they are scheduled.**
  - Check with your child's teacher if you are unsure about tests.
  - Check for text messages from the teacher and check your child's CANVAS page.
  - Check Active Parent for the test grades.
- ***Returning to class after breaks and after lunch.***
  - Call home or the child-care provider and ask if the child is logged on.
  - Your child has morning and afternoon instruction daily.
- **Completing iReady activities**.
  - Have your child work, outside of class time, for at least 10 minutes in iReady reading and 10 minutes in iReady math each weekday for a total of 45-50 minutes in each subject per week.
- **Joining all afternoon learning sessions including the homeroom teacher's regular classroom instruction, special area teachers' classroom instruction, Ms. Butler's intervention class, Ms. Collins's literacy class, Ms. Cobb's, Ms. Brown's, and Ms. Kari's support classes.**
  - Check your child's learning schedule and CANVAS page.
  - Contact your child's teacher if you have questions about his/her schedule.

What happens when students don't login and attend classes?

- **Students' learning gaps increase rather than decrease.**
- **Students miss guided practice and collaboration with other learners.**
- **Students miss quality instruction from teachers.**
- **Students perform at lower achievement levels when attendance is low.**
- **Students miss assignments resulting in poor grades.**
- **Students are considered absent, which leads to truancy issues.**

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I hope the notes, information, and tips are helpful to you. For more tips and information on virtual learning, please visit our Lockard Elementary School Facebook page then select and watch helpful videos we've posted. Also, visit the district website to find more resources (www.sunflower.k12.ms.us). Thank you for working diligently with us so we can effectively educate your child! Please reach out to our office if you have any questions. Our office number is 662-884-1260. We are here to help!

Daphne Heflin, Principal

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Terrell Hayes – Assistant Principal

Linda Rule – Parent Liaison
Parent Center Hours ~ Monday-Friday 8:00AM-3:00PM

Burkett Library Life

Happy New Year to all of you!! I hope and pray that 2021 will be a wonderful year for all of you!

In January we will be reading The Snowy Day by Ezra Jack Keats and other books by Keats. We will also read The Mitten by Jan Brett and other books by her as well.

We have several digital libraries available to your child this year. Go to your library Canvas class to use the following resources:
Use Lockard Little Library every day. Look for new January rooms with winter themes.

You may use EPIC every day as well. The link is on the homepage of your child's library class. The class code is ayh5887. Look for your name in Epic. Epic is available from 7:00-4:00 daily. You may use JLG every day. Username and password is Lockard. One other source you may use is MackinVIA. This is available in Clever. It has hundreds of books to read.

Remember that no matter what is going on in this world, reading is always a good adventure!

So no matter what, READ, READ, READ!

Mrs. Burkett

January Student of Month

Franklin James

January Parent of Month

Andrew James

January Teacher of Month

Latrice Davis

Counselor Corner
S. Mason

Keep moving forward...

"If you can't fly then run, if you can't run then walk, if you can't walk then crawl, but whatever you do you have to keep moving forward." Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

Never have I been so thankful to change the calendar to the New Year! While so much has changed in our lives, the encouraging words of Dr. Martin Luther King still apply!

Each year on the third Monday of January our nation observes a holiday to honor Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. for his service and sacrifice to make our country a better place. I am always moved when I listen to his speeches and the interviews of those who lived life along- side of him. To have lived such a short life, Dr. King left a wealth of wisdom for us to learn from and to live by each day.

The above quote by Dr. King reminds me of how things and life are always changing. There are days that I am flying high and there are days that I can barely crawl an inch, but either way I must *keep moving forward.* Education is like that at times also but with the support from the families of each student in our school we *keep moving forward*. Lockard Elementary is one piece of the puzzle that makes up the Sunflower County Consolidated School District. We each play a part in the success of each student in our school which in turn plays a part in the   success of our district and ultimately the success our county.

Our ultimate goal is to "grow students" or to *keep moving each child forward*. Thank you for supporting us as we work to *keep our school moving forward*.

Music Room

Students will be following along with Freddie the Frog on his adventures on Treble Clef Island. They will use this story to learn the lines and spaces of the treble clef.

C.Ray, Music Teacher

January Calendar 2021

- **Staff Return – 1/4/21**
- **Students Return – 1/5/21**
- **ELA Biweelky – 1/14/21**
- **Parent Workshop (Resources) – 1/19/21**
- **Math Biweekly – 1/21/21**
- **2ⁿᵈ Nine Weeks Assessments – 1/25-29/21**
- **Parent Reports – 1/25-29/21**