

Calendar of Events

December 22 nd –	Winter Holidays
January 5 th	Teacher In-Service Day
January 8 th	NO SCHOOL
January 9 th	Students return
January 10 th	Papers go home
	Report cards go home
January 15 th	Martin Luther King Holiday
	NO SCHOOL
January 18 th	Class Pictures
	WEAR UNIFORM
January 24 th	Papers go home
January 25 th	BETA club induction 9:30am
January 30 th	Star student breakfast
February 7 th	Papers go home
February 8 th	Progress reports go home
February 19 th	Mardi Gras holiday
February 20 th	Mardi Gras holiday
February 21 st	Teacher In-Service Day
	NO SCHOOL
February 27 th	Star student breakfast
February 28 th	Papers go home

Miscellaneous Information

Mrs. Bellue would like to thank everyone who supported our book fair. It was a huge success!

Copper Mill is enrolled in the Office Depot 5% Back to Schools Program. Our ID number is: 70213507. When you check out at Office Depot, give them this ID number and the school will receive credits for the purchase.



Pride of the Colts

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From The Principal

I was recently asking Ashlyn (the 3 year old queen of our home) what she wants for Christmas. With confidence she replied, “I want a **big** Ariel Kitchen set. Of course, I did what any good Santa helper would do. I began searching for the **big** Ariel Kitchen set. I found this item to be as rare as gold mining operations in Zachary. Although I was discouraged by the search, I was devastated when I read the parent reviews for this product. The comments were:

- “This item is very difficult to assemble.”
- “It took me an hour to put it together.”
- “It was falling apart before I finished assembly.”
- “The sound didn’t work, but it was too hard to put together to return.”

There were some positive comments, but the long assembly time broke my heart. After reading the reviews, I did the second thing a good Santa helper would do. I tried to interest her in another item. The Little Tykes kitchen set comes

almost fully assembled with decals. “How about a Little Tykes kitchen play set, I asked?” “I want a **big** Ariel Kitchen set”, she replied.

Our children at times are like **big** Ariel Kitchen sets. Sometimes they are difficult to put together. Sometimes, to our dislike, they have moments when they fall apart before we get all the pieces in place. We have to see our children in “seed form”, realizing that it takes time and effort to nurture the seed into maturity. Monitoring school work, modeling appropriate behavior, teaching responsibility, and offering accountability are all parts of the pieces that must be assembled in the lives of our children. It’s hard work, no doubt about it.

By the way, I’ve gotten word from Santa that a **big** Ariel Kitchen set will be under the tree. Hard work / happy girl, it sounds like a winning combination. I hope you and your family have a wonderful holiday.



News From The Classes

4th grade

We will continue to prepare your children for the LEAP test that is rapidly approaching us. Please make sure they are completing the entire LEAP packet. That means to complete all written work. This is very important.

We will be attending another field trip this month. We feel like these are very instrumental in preparing them for the LEAP test. The hands-on experience helps reinforce the instruction in the classroom. Please make sure that you have sent your money in. Remember, if your child has a D or F average, they will not be attending these field trips.

We will be studying pronouns, adjectives, and adverbs in language this month. Be sure that your child is studying for their test.

In spelling we will be studying Unit 19-21 for the next month. Be sure to check your teacher's web page for any notes or further information you need.

Science will lead us into discovering fossils and many different types of rocks. We will investigate the fossils as well as fossil fuels. In social studies, we will further develop our understanding of government.

Division will be our focus in math. Students will learn long division with and without remainders. Students' understanding of basic multiplication and division facts are essential for their progression. If your student is

having difficulty with these facts, we urge you to help them by creating or purchasing flash cards. Consistency is the key. A few minutes everyday will make all the difference!

Gifted

We have explored Einstein's theory of relativity, both in class through novels as well as at LIGO, the Laser Interferometer Gravitational-wave Observatory. We have viewed the Impressionist exhibit at LASM, the Louisiana Arts and Science Museum, and we have created our own still life as well as our own abstract paintings. We have completed our biomes projects. We have read Number the Stars and explored life during World War II. We are finishing up our unit on explorers, where we will end it with their stories. We will retell the stories that abound from these explorations.

5th grade

Welcome back! After a restful holiday, fifth graders are ready to continue their training in order to conquer the iLEAP test in March. Ongoing practice for the test will resume with iLEAP packets being sent out on Friday and checked the following Friday of each week. Please pay close attention to the content in

the materials included in the packet.

Fifth grade teachers continue to report that although many students are to be congratulated for doing their homework on a regular basis, there are still quite a few students in each class that fail to do their homework regularly. Parents, please expect daily homework assignments in math with occasional assignments in science, social studies, reading, and spelling.

The genre for the third nine-weeks book report will be biographies and the writing focus will be descriptive and expository. The focus in language will be mechanics such as commas, quotation marks, colons, punctuating titles, etc.

Please expect a letter this month that will contain information about our next field trip. We will be visiting the Louisiana Arts and Science Museum (LASM) in February.

Concepts being covered in math are conversions between units of

measure for length, weight, and time, in U.S. and metric. Please review basic math facts for multiplication and division, as well as basic fraction concepts.

Study skills are an area that we feel the students need improvement. We cannot stress enough the importance of the students being responsible for knowing their homework assignments and upcoming test information. Parents, please continue checking our teacher web pages for homework assignments and the parent command center (which can be found on the Copper Mill Elem. home web page under LINKS) for students' grades.

★ Star Students ★

Emily Johnson
Ariana Minor
Katelyn Riles
Jillian Boyd
Burke Daigle
Hannah Richards
Jackie Odom
Kevin Dotson
Jami Kleinpeter

Javaski Ford
Kristen Flowers
Angella Dardenne
Hailey Dickerson
Ashley Adams
Emily Claeboe
Miguel Torres
Ali White
Christian Fuller

Mason Pendergist
Michael Tran
Mikelyn Amphion
Jalen Drake
Matlin Amphion
Kelcie Hinton
Brandi Edgen
Linsey Barkley
McKyra Jones