

Calendar of Events

September 5th
Labor Day Holiday

September 13th
Raising Canes Night
3PM-8PM

September 14th
Papers go home
Progress Reports go home
Choir Auditions
3:30PM-5:30PM

September 15th
Choir Auditions
3:30PM-5:30PM

September 27th
September Star Student breakfast @
7:30AM

September 28th
Papers go home

September 29th
Fall pictures
-Students must wear uniforms

Miscellaneous News

Music

CME Choir Auditions are Wednesday, Sept 14th for 4th graders and Thursday, Sept 15th for 5th graders from 3:30-5:00 in the school cafeteria. 5th graders who made the choir last year do not need to audition again, they are automatically in the choir. A sheet with more information will be given to your child in music class if they wish to audition.

Spanish

Student of the Month:

Gabrielle Dent

Class of the Month:

Mrs. Washington's homeroom

September is the start of Hispanic Heritage Month. If you know of any Hispanic heritage in your family, please talk with your child about it, so that he or she may share in our classroom. We will soon graph the heritage of our school in honor of Hispanic heritage month. We will also honor famous Hispanic people that contributed to our lives. ¡Hasta Luego!

A few notes...

Students are not allowed to check out 30 minutes prior to dismissal for safety reasons.

Changes to transportation can not be made over the phone. Please be sure to send a note to school with your child, or fax a note to the office. The fax # is 658-1298.

Owe lunch money? Please call the cafeteria (658-0128) to check your child's lunch balance.

Please make sure you have turned in your child's emergency card.

Our reading and 4th grade science textbooks are available online. Notes will be going home soon with your child's individual username and password. Be on the lookout for it.



Pride of the Colts

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From the Principal

School is off to a great start. As I examine the resources that are available to students, teachers, and parents, I feel truly blessed. When school began this year in Joplin, MO, about 900 students made their way to their seats in a shopping mall. The deadliest tornado in U.S. history destroyed their school killing seven students and one teacher. Joplin has a determined spirit. Although their community lost 160 lives, they are moving forward. Many people have helped Joplin and many people have helped us (Zachary). We are

not "stand alone" schools or a "stand alone" community. We are dependent on one another. Successful schools are interwoven with their communities. Both are dependent on one another. As I thought about the achievements of some of our system's students this last year, I see we are increasing our community nationally and globally. That is a great thing, but that increase occurs because of the community we touch and the community that touches us every day. I deeply respect the community of

Joplin and hope we never experience the challenges and hurt that they have faced, but I am glad to know whether we experience "want" or "plenty" we are in things together. Thank you for another great start to the school year.



David Gang

Star Students

Jordan Arnold	Sterling Babin	Rebecca Boyd
Jarred Brown	Rodney Dorsey	William Drew
Katie Emberton	Caroline Fontenot	David Gang
Jaylon Greening	Kalli Gregory	Anisah Hassan
Indya Jackson	Sierra Johnson	Dylan Jones
Katy Knecht	TeJun Lee	Jorgie Marcks
Carsyn Martel	Katie Mestayer	Kaitlyn Messelman
Lennon Nguyen	Luke Nguyen	Patrick Ogbonna
Julia Palmer	Nya Puckett	Reagan Rineheart
Kayla Scott	Kamryn Stewart	Kyrcia Tennessee
Lindsey Webb	Dyesha West	Noah Weston
	Misterie Wilkerson	

News from the Classes

4th grade

Fourth Grade is off again to the race
And last year's third graders are new to "Our Place".
So we'll hop right in and take a LEAP
For # 1 status we INTEND to keep!

In August and September we'll begin
With number order sense through the millions.
We'll throw in a bit of algebra, too
And problem solving – what a coo!

We'll move right on to graph a bit
Look out now Zachary we're "movin it"!

In science we'll investigate
And study matter – we can hardly wait.
From there we'll learn of things that move
Light, heat, sound, and electricity-that's a groove.

Social studies will keep us on the go
As we discover how maps do flow.
From land to sea and back once more,
Directions we will learn by the score.

We will compare both globes and maps.
We'll journey far – well how about that!

Let's not forget our language arts,
It's most important and has three parts.
Reading, language, and spelling we'll learn,
Let's talk of each one in its turn.

Narrative Elements we'll discuss,
Along with trade books – reading is a must!
Don't forget to study vocabulary
As its important wait and see!

"Who does what to whom" we'll learn
As writing is one of our main concerns!

Narrative writing we will work on you know,
Using four types of sentences to make it flow.

Last, but not least, we'll learn to spell
Units 1-6 should ring your bell.
All fourth grade teachers will work at the task
Of teaching you everything so in the limelight
you'll bask!

The beginning of school was really "sweet"
Fourth graders have already "wet their feet"
In the pool of knowledge they'll now quest
To show all of Zachary that they're the BEST!!!!!!

5th grade

Welcome back to school! We are so excited
about all the great things planned for the upcoming
school year. Things are already off to a fantastic
start as we dive deeper into Reading, Language,
and Spelling.

The teachers have all completed beginning of
the year assessments to make sure your child is
learning at a challenging but not frustrating pace.
This month in reading, we will be focusing on
realistic fiction, autobiographies, biographies, and
historical fiction. We will be working on skills like
conflict and resolution, character's motives and
traits, and sequence of events. In reading, we try to
encourage relating one genre to another genre about
a specific topic. For example, we read a realistic
fiction story about a boy learning to climb a rope
into his friend's tree house, and then we paired that
reading with a magazine article about tree houses
built for disabled kids. If you are looking for ways
to challenge your child's reading at home, offer a
variety of readings on a subject of interest to your
child.

Types of sentences, prepositions, nouns, and
verbs are the fun skills we are working on in
language this month. We have daily work to help

us learn and identify all our grammar rules. We
are also working on becoming amazing writers by
learning to enhance and elaborate our work. We
steadily are on our way to becoming fifth grade
grammar whizzes!

Spelling is taking off as well, as we focus more
on phonics and sound combinations, and how they
affect the spelling of words. The students are
learning how different combinations of letters can
all create the same phonetic sound. Please be sure
your child is studying his or her words each week.
Make it a car game, and challenge them to an oral
spelling bee! Be sure you have something to
reward them with once they win!

This year we will set an AR goal for every fifth
grade student. If the student reaches his goal each
nine weeks, they will get a small reward or a
privilege. Also, students may use their AR tests
towards their reading goals if they pass the test. It
is also never too early to begin working on the
reading goal! Fifth grade students have a reading
goal of thirty books, and we know all students are
capable of reaching this goal! We want this goal
to be about your child reading simply for the love
of reading! Encourage them to pick up books that
really interest them. Remind them to keep track of
the page numbers of each book they read. We are
looking forward to the children enjoying all the
characters they will read about and meeting the
challenges their teachers put before them!

This will be a fantastic year, full of tremendous
growth and success, and we are looking forward to
working with each child to reach all of his/her
goals!

In math we have gotten off to a busy start. Our
first few weeks have had us exploring place value,
number forms, estimation, and comparing and
ordering whole numbers. We have all completed
assessment tests and the "Star" math assessment.
This will help our teachers determine our strengths
and weaknesses in math. Of course, we don't

expect to find too many weaknesses!

In social studies, we have been cartographers.
We are studying the many different types of maps
and the specific uses of each map. The lines of
latitude and longitude have been a little tricky, but
we are determined to learn the difference. We
have also learned to recognize the many
landforms found in the United States and around
the world.

We have discovered that "scientists" are
everywhere here at Copper Mill Elementary.
Each fifth grade class has been busy with process
skills and the scientific method. We used our
qualitative observation skills to draw conclusions
about scientific investigations. We took 'flight'
as we tested to see if design affected the distance
a plane would travel. We are excited about our
new science series. The wonders of science never
cease here at Copper Mill Elementary.

We would like to thank our parents for helping
us get off to a great 2011-2012 school year.
Please be sure that all supply fees are paid and
that all paper work has been returned. Remember
that conduct folders come home every Friday.
They should be signed and returned on Monday.
We know this will be a great year!



50 Point Club:

Logan Thompson
Joshua Burns
Colt Crain
David Gang
John Norris
Krystal Harrigill