

Carver News



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"Caring, Creating, Committed...Carver"

As I reflect back on the past couple of months, the word that comes to mind right now is pride. Besides being proud to work in the BEST school ever, I am privileged to become more acquainted with the students, teachers, and parents of Carver each day.

I have had some amazing conversations with students lately. As they have become more comfortable with me, they have shared their stories and thoughts more frequently. There is a Pre-K student who passes by in the mornings who is so polite and articulate. He is so comfortable speaking with others. Then there is the first grader who told me about a Halloween party she was going to attend where there would be fun, food, and laughter. She could hardly wait! Not to mention the second grader who has written a song about his life and shares it with others. Everyday is a new adventure, and I love it!

Amazing teaching is going on in the classrooms! I have never seen teachers so dedicated to their profession. Thank you so much for reading with and helping your child at home. What you do at home is reflected in what your child is able to do at school.

Nancy Bottlinger

Veteran's Day!

If you or anyone in your family has been or is currently a member of the military, and you'd like to recognize and honor them this

Veteran's Day, please submit their photo to the office or Mrs. Molder, the art specialist. We'd like to know their name and branch of the

military and anything else you'd like to include. (i.e., rank, where they're currently serving, etc.) PLEASE put your child's name and teacher's name on the back, so I can return them. If it is a

particularly precious photo, please copy or scan it first and send that in, since bulletin boards get a bit of "wear and tear" at times!

Don't forget!

- To go online and fill out a Volunteer Background Check before volunteering at Carver. Anyone who is around students at Carver needs to fill one out. This is very important!
- To turn in Box-tops. The pink box is right inside the front door of the school.



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10 Rules of Reading:

- You can't make it up!
- Reading is **always** supposed to make sense.
- It's **your** job to figure out if it makes sense, sounds right and looks right. **DON'T** make a habit of looking at someone to do it for you.
- The **words** count **more** than the **pictures**.
- The letters are the **BOSS**.
- If you see a **part** of a word you know, you **HAVE** to say that part or **CHUNK** (for example "un" and "ch" in lunch, "l-un-ch")
- Always read **LEFT** to **RIGHT**
- You **can't** change the order of the letters, they go **LEFT** to **RIGHT**
- You are only allowed to make sounds for the letters you see.
- You're **not** allowed to ignore letters in words. They all have a job - even the quiet ones.





Kindergarten News

Kindergarten is excited to be continuing our Kinder Thanksgiving Feast. Students will make Pilgrim and Native American costumes in class and then dress up for the feast. Teachers will be sending home more information as we get closer. The feast will be Tuesday, November 24th at 1:30.

Happy Fall From Pre-K!

We had a pumpkin pickin' good time at our pumpkin patch. The kids learned so much about their pumpkins! They picked, measured, weighed and decorated with delight!

Community Helpers will be our next theme to study. We would love volunteers to come and speak to our classes about your occupation. If you would like to volunteer, please contact Misty Zieschang at 943-5000 ext 6723 or zieschangm@georgetownisd.org.

1st Grade News

- *Please do 60 min Reading each week (15min per night)
- * Harvest Day Volunteers needed (must do background check-on Carver website)
- *Continue practicing working on Math skills...time, money, addition, & Subtraction.

2nd Grade News

Remember to practice addition and subtraction facts to 20 at home. Knowledge of basic math facts is a skill that is needed for our students to become successful problems solvers. Continue reading at home each week for a minimum of 60 minutes a week, and return your reading logs every Friday. If you want to volunteer at school please make sure you have completed a background check with the office.

	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
25	26 Report Cards Sent Home	27	28	29	30 9:15 Fall Costume Parade at Carver and Wesleyan Nursing Home PTA luncheon for Carver Staff	31 	
1	2	3 Picture Make Ups	4 CIG's Pizza Night 3:00-9:00	5	6	7	
8	9 Book Fair	10 Tobacco Presentation	11 8:30 Veterans Day Celebration	12 5:30 - 7:00 Family Game Night	13 Munch with Moms Smoke Out	14	
15	16	17 6:30 Kindergarten Program	18	19 Pictures with Santa Carver/Pickett Reflections Gallery Night	20 8:15 PTA Board Meeting	21	
22	23 Carver Thanksgiving Dinner	24	25 School Holiday	26 School Holiday	27 School Holiday	28 	

Mathematicians' Corner

What you'll need

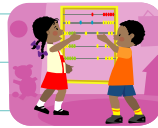
Coins and coupons

What to do

Clip coupons from the newspaper, magazines or collect coupons from the store and have your child make the amount on each coupon by using real money. Have your child tell you the amount on the coupon then share with you the coins he/she used to make that amount. You could even have your child show you the different ways to make that amount.

Websites:

<http://fen.com/studentactivities/Piggybank/piggybank.html>



GISD Gifted & Talented Child Find Campaign for grades K-5

The Gifted & Talented referral process has begun. If you would like to refer your child to be evaluated for the Gifted & Talented program, you may request a referral packet from your school counselor. Please have all referral information to your campus counselor by November 17th. Upon receipt of the completed parent packet and the parent permission to evaluate, the evaluation process will begin.

Physical Education



October is a busy month. We have been learning our bones. The students can receive an "I know my bones" button if they learn all 16. We have talked about Fire Safety and we had the Clowns from the Fire Dept. present a program for all the students. We celebrated Red Ribbon Week. We talked about good and bad drugs, legal and illegal drugs and how we should make good choices and take care of our body. We finally ended the month with a video on Safe Side Adults, knowing what to do around strangers. Along with this we sent home a flyer on Halloween safety.

Next month we will be participating in the Great American Smoke Out and will be selling wristbands for \$1 to go to Rexanna's Foundation for Fighting Lung Cancer. We encourage anyone who smokes to make this the year you are able to Kick The Habit. November 15th is the Great American Smoke Out and also America Recycles Day. We encourage everyone to do their part in taking care of our planet by recycling everything you can. We turn in aluminum cans, printer cartridges and cell phones to raise money for our P.E. department. So keep sending us those items. Have a great Thanksgiving.



Technology - This month, in the computer lab, we are continuing with our technology skills training. Students are learning to select, drag, double click and print. Please allow your children to use the computer at home if possible. They are learning a large amount of information and they love getting the opportunity to apply it.



Students in kindergarten are learning colors, numbers, shapes and patterns. First graders are working on maps and using a compass rose. Second grade has learned about natural resources and urban, rural and suburban communities.

We have a huge selection of fun Halloween web sites with great activities. These links are located at the bottom of the Carver Links page. Have fun and learn at the same time...

<http://www.georgetownisd.org/carver/hamrickd/links.htm>

Read! Read!! Read!!!

The Reading at Home (RAH) program is up and running! We have two first grade classes that have read at 100% for two weeks in a row. Mrs. Terbush and Mrs. Rodriguez have motivated their students to earn two leaves on our "jungle" trees in the cafeteria. Remember to read (or have them read) 60 minutes each week. Students who read 60 minutes earn an individual prize on Friday. If school is not in session on Friday, those extra minutes will be counted the next week. So, please have your children read, read, read!

Art -

Kindergarten students are learning about shapes. They will hear a story about robots, and then we'll have a discussion on shapes. We will then paint a robot using metallic tempera on black paper. When dry, we'll add extra features with sequins, buttons, etc.

First grade is currently working on a printmaking unit. They are using a printing plate created from glue and will do two different types of pictures of pumpkins with the same print plate. They should be very interesting! The project is called - "Pumpkins - Day and Night".

Second grade students are on the last lesson of the line unit - "Lines show Movement". They will be using India ink to create trees with straws, then they will add the background with watercolor. These are stunning works when finished!

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Music -

This month in Music Class we continue to learn about Classical Composers, including Dvorak and Bach. Kindergarten will begin to learn songs for their Thanksgiving Music Program on Tuesday, November 17 at 6:30. First Grade is learning how to read, write, and play quarter notes and quarter rests, and Second Grade practices eighth notes as well. All students continue to have fun learning new songs and playing instruments.



Librarian's Corner

November is going to be an exciting month in the library – we'll be having our fall **Book Fair November 9-13**, so mark your calendars and get ready to do some early holiday shopping! More information will come home in a couple of weeks.

Thanks to all of you parents who are helping your children be responsible for their books! I appreciate your efforts in helping them find a safe place to keep books when they come home and helping them get the books in their backpacks before their library day. It's always exciting when an entire class returns their books on time and earns a trip to the Treasure Chest!

I recently ran across a quote from Albert Einstein that I want to share with you all: **"If you want your children to be intelligent, read them fairy tales. If you want them to be more intelligent, read them more fairy tales."** Anytime you want to check out some of those great fairy tales, or any other wonderful

books, stop by the library and we'll set you up with your own account so that you can check out five books at a time!



If you have changed phone numbers or address, please let your child's teacher and the office know. We need to have a way to get in touch with you in case of an emergency.

From the Counselor:

Dear Parents,
Please make sure that you are in compliance with Texas Law regarding child booster seats. Our teachers helping in the car line have voiced their concern that some vehicles may be out of compliance with state law. We care about your child and only want what is best for him/her. Please review the law at www.txdps.state.tx.us or call the Texas Department of Public Safety at 512-424-2080 for more information.

From the Nurse...

Vision and Hearing Screenings will be done during October for Pre-K-1st and any new 2nd graders to GISD. If your student does NOT pass, you will be sent a referral letter. This letter directs you to take your child to the doctor (eye doctor or ear doctor) for further evaluation. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the school nurse. Thank you for your cooperation. Don't forget to turn those referral letters back in to the school nurse!