



— SOUTHWEST ELEMENTARY SCHOOL —

**COYOTE CLASSIFIED**



JANUARY 2021

JANUARY CALENDAR

**A NOTE FROM THE PRINCIPAL...**

Welcome Back! I hope everyone had a fun and relaxing winter break and are refreshed and ready to learn. As we gear up to finish the second quarter remember to finish strong. What I mean by that is show up to class, be engaged, turn in assignments.

When we return to the building safety is on our mind. Please remember to follow the guidelines and stay home if you are sick. Wear a mask at all times, wash your hands whenever possible, and stay 6 feet away. We take sanitation seriously at Southwest. Classrooms are cleaned after students leave, desks are spaced 6 feet apart, and masks are enforced.

Common areas like bathrooms are sanitized multiple times throughout the day to keep the space clean. Students are checked before getting on the bus or out of their vehicles for temperatures.

Here is to a fabulous second semester!

**AVID**

Goal setting is a big part of AVID and is something you can totally do at home to help motivate your student. Whether academic or personal goals, charting and recording growth makes the goals more achievable!

- 1/4 Staff institute—No Students
- 1/5 Return from break
- 1/8 Farmer/Camo Day
- 1/15 Mustache Day
- 1/18 MLK Day— No School
- 1/22 Asynchronous Day
- 1/25 Asynchronous Day
- 1/27 Report Cards Sent Home
- 1/29 Twin Day
- 2/5 Hat Day
- 2/8 Asynchronous Day
- 2/12 Mismatched Day
- 2/15 Presidents’ Day— No School
- 2/22 Asynchronous Day

Food Distribution for Remote Learners only

If you have kids in multiple schools, you can pick up all their food at one school.

Danville High School

Tuesday mornings 10-11AM

Tuesday evenings 5-6 PM

North Ridge

Tuesday evenings 5-6 PM

South View

Tuesday evenings 5-6PM

Mark Denman

Tuesday evenings 5-6 PM

~~~~~Pre-K~~~~~

Welcome back Pre-K students! We hope you had a happy and healthy winter break! Now that tablets have been distributed and the teachers and students have troubleshot through many issues, the teachers are ready to establish a routine and really extend learning to include more live interactions. As a reminder, it is recommended that parents spend 20-60 minutes each day on remote learning activities. We will begin 2021 learning about winter but quickly jump into a theme on the Creative Curriculum theme of "Buildings." If you are interested in getting your child into the pre-k program, please call 444-3266 to set up a screening time!

### KINDERGARTEN

Dear Kindergarten Families,

We appreciate everything you are doing at home to help your child learn and to be successful in school. We would like all students to know every letter and sound. If your child has not mastered this, please continue working on that. In math, students should know numbers 0-10 and know greater than and less than. Again, thanks for all your help.

### FIRST GRADE

Happy New Year and welcome back from break! During this remote learning time, please make sure your student is sitting in a quiet comfy spot with few distractions. If you have multiple learners, please spread them apart as much as you can. Also, please remind your student to keep all school materials together in a safe spot like a bookbag. Thanks for all your help during this challenging time! We are working on story elements. Your student will be learning about the parts that make up a story like, setting, character, narrator, and plot. Ms. Coffman's in person students will be starting unit 4 in math that focuses on using various strategies they have learned to solve mixed addition and subtraction facts. In Math, Dr. Brown's and Ms. Randolph's remote learners will continue using part-part-whole boxes to help them in addition problems within ten.

### Second Grade

Our second graders have been doing a great job of getting online each day ready to learn! We know learning from home is not easy but appreciate the students hard work and perseverance. We also want to thank you parents/guardians for working with us and assisting your students when we cannot from the other side of the screen.

In unit 5 of reading, we will begin exploring how to solve problems through technology (we may even have a few stories to add from what we've learned from working online together this past year haha. In math we will continue working on fluently adding as well as learning how to fluently subtract within 100. We hope you all are staying safe and well. We cannot wait to see you in person again, hopefully one day soon!

## **Third Grade**

January will be a busy time in 3rd grade. We will continue to practice memorizing our multiplication and division facts. Please encourage your child to log on to Reflex Math each school day to practice that fact fluency. It really makes a difference! Soon we will be working on addition and subtraction of 3 digit numbers. In Reading, we will begin the year with a Unit about comparing points of view. Our essential question that we will be discussing each day is, "What makes people view the same experience in different ways?" Thank you to all the 3rd grade parents for helping your student stay organized and be on their meet or in-person each day. Your support at home along with the determination of our students will help them succeed!

## **Fourth Grade**

Hello 4th grade families! PLEASE remember that students need a quiet space to concentrate and work during their school time. We are having a lot of issues with students not turning in assignments. Please make sure your student is getting their work completed and all assignments for after class are done. This year it is so important for your involvement and we appreciate you!

## **Attendance Counts**

Even though we are working through a pandemic your attendance matters. We only have three hours of direct instruction a day. That is why it is so important to utilize the little time we have to get the best education possible. Remote students please sign in on time and remain in class until dismissed. We still have to take attendance for the state just like if you are in person.

## **Data Driven**

It is important to read aloud to children of all ages. Children who value books are motivated to read on their own. The more that we read to our kids the more they will appreciate books. Reading to children builds their background knowledge, increases their vocabulary, and encourages them to use academic language. This winter on a cold day take the opportunity to stay at home, cozy under a warm blanket and read to your child. Give them the chance to see beyond their own experiences through the text of a good book!



### A Note from Mrs. Pribble, School Social Worker

Each week your child receives a social work lesson. Success in school is not just about reading and math. It is also about knowing how to learn and how to get along with others. I have been using the second step program in your child's classroom to teach these critical skills. The Second Step program teaches skills in the following areas: Skills for Learning, Empathy, Emotion management and Problem Solving. If you have any questions about the second step program, please do not hesitate to contact me for more information. Thank you for supporting your child in learning the skills that lead to success in school and in life.

If you think your child would benefit from a small group for social skills, managing emotions or self-esteem, please contact me at 444-3505. Thank you- Mrs. Pribble

## CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR AMAZING SW STUDENTS!!

| Note from Mrs. Ahmed                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | AVID Spotlight Students                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
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| <p>As we start the month with remote learning I will continue to join the google classrooms to read a story to all the students K-4. I would like to say thank you to all the students for joining the classrooms, keeping the cameras on so we can see each other and enjoying listening to the stories. We will make this work until we are able to go back to our building. Happy reading!</p> | <p><b>Pre-K:</b> Jose Escobar-Garcia, Anatasia Bryant, Demi Bouslog, Andrew Williams Jr., Brentley Powell</p> <p><b>Kindergarten:</b> Anna Grupe, Khalib Hillsman</p> <p><b>1st Grade:</b> Alic Turner, Jamir Smith, Cash Shutes</p> <p><b>2nd Grade:</b> Amira Melendez, Rayne Thomas, Jaylin Crenshaw</p> <p><b>3rd Grade:</b> Amarii Crider, Mila King</p> <p><b>4th Grade:</b> Rylee Hardesty, Blaze Gimer, Robert Cunningham</p> |

## AVID

Southwest students have been continuing to practice how to defend an idea or argument. They have been participating in daily "would you rather activities" in class. This month we will focus on "goal setting" as a school and celebrating goals that are being met. Remind your child of the importance of them being an AVID role model. Teachers can nominate AVID "Spotlight Students" each month. Please continue to check their folders/agenda books nightly. Help us by encouraging your child to be an **AVID** student!

**A**lways prepared, **V**ery respectful, **I**ntentionally safe, **D**etermined and responsible