

Hourglass Bulletin

September 2025 - Ms. Ryan - 810-632-2200 (EXT 127) - aryan@csaschool.org

Important Dates

September 10th - Hopes and Dreams Ribbon and Scrapbook Page Due

September 12th - Dive into a Good Book Spirit Wear Day (Students may wear beach theme shirt with uniform bottoms)

September 17th and 18th - Picture Day

September 21st - Color Run and Settlers Park

September 26th - CSA Spirit Wear Day and Rollerrama Party 1pm

September 29th - Spicers Field Trip (Permission Slips/Volunteer forms will be sent home in Tuesday folders)

Highlights from the Hourglass Classroom:

Here is what the Hourglass students are learning this month:

Science/Social Studies: We will be introducing our unit of study: How do scientists learn about the natural world? The students will also be doing an apple investigation by learning the life cycle of an apple and discovering if they sink or float. Students will also learn how to make a hypothesis.

In Social Studies, students will learn about John Chapman (Johnny Appleseed). Additionally, students will talk about their hopes and dreams for the school year, work collaboratively to create a class promise, and complete a family scrapbook page to share with the class.

Math: Students will be introduced to Montessori math works and begin their individual works. Some of the beginning of the year works include: bead stair, spindle box, red and blue rods, and cards and counters. They will practice counting to 100, creating AB and ABC patterns, and composing numerals 1-10.

Literacy: Students will practice Making Great Readers sounds for all letters as well as the blends: wh, sh, th, and ch. We will also begin learning about Secret Stories, an interactive and engaging way for students to remember letter sounds, digraphs, and blends. We will begin with the vowel sounds. Students will learn why readers read, how readers choose, how readers take care of their books, and how readers share what they read with others. Additionally, students will work on building their independent reading stamina, learn how to read with a buddy, and complete beginning of the year literacy assessments.

Writing: Students will work on refining their pencil grasp by using the tripod or quadruped grip. Students will also practice "skydiver letters" l, t, k, i, j. Additionally, students will work on writing their first names.

Social/Emotional: Students will work on meeting new friends, learning their classmate's names, and finding out a fact about each student as the month progresses. The students will work on listening to all teachers/adults as well as their peers. We will also talk about how our classroom is a family, treating others with kindness and respect, and making safe choices with our hands, bodies, words, and actions. Ask your child about safe zone.

Art Projects: Students will create a unique star, a September self-portrait, and draw their own tasty apple.

I am so excited for this first month of school with your students!

Friendly Reminder: If you are going to volunteer in the classroom/field trips please be sure you have turned in your background check to the office and had your ID copies.



September Birthdays

Happy Birthday to the following student(s)!

09/02 - Nora Lankton

Your child can bring in a Birthday Treat or Birthday Trinket to celebrate their birthday. We have 25 students in our classroom. Please email me at least 2 days before you plan to bring treats in!

If your child has a birthday that falls outside of the school year, then we can celebrate their half birthday or any other day that you would like! Just make sure to email me!

Friendly Reminders

- Please label anything that your child brings into the classroom! This will help minimize or eliminate the amount of things that can go missing in a Kindergarten classroom!
- Please send in gym shoes (preferably velcro) for your child. These will stay at school and be used only for gym time.
- Please be sure your child brings a labeled water bottle each day.
- If you send anything in your child's backpack for me, please also send an email letting me know so I can make sure to specifically look in their backpack! Thanks!
- Please send in an extra set of clothing to leave in your child's backpack in the event of an accident.
- Please return any forms via PowerSchool! Let me know if you are having trouble accessing this tool.

Parent Partnerships

In your open house folder, there was a lend a helping hand form. There are a few ways you can support the classroom. Each opportunity has a different time capacity and role (example, working with students or filing). If you have the ability to support our classroom in any way, please send back that form with your preference.

If time does not allow you to volunteer in any of these ways. We also always need things cut for any projects we have. If you would like to help in this way at home, please email me and I will add you to a list of "help from home volunteers". When I need help in this way, I will email you and send home items with your students.

Share Time

We will begin our Share Schedule using our Scrapbook papers. These were sent home in the Open House folders and are due as soon as possible. We will begin taking turns sharing our scrapbook pages this week. Share Time happens during our Morning Meeting. Students get to sit on a stool and share about an object from home! After your child is done sharing, the rest of the class has an opportunity to ask follow-up questions about the item shared or make a comment. This is a great way for students to find connections with their classmates, as well as to practice their speaking and listening skills! *After we go through our scrapbook pages, I will send a share schedule out for future months.

Field Trip To Spicer's Orchard

Permission slips will be sent out in Tuesday Folders this week. This field trip is so much fun and gives your student the opportunity to take a wagon ride, pick apples and pumpkins, enjoy cider and donuts, and play on the playground!

Our field trip will take place on Monday, September 29th We will have snack before leaving and then will return back to CSA for lunch time. Students should still wear CSA uniform.

If you are interested in chaperoning, please make sure to stop by the front office to have the paperwork filled out for a background check and so they can make a copy of your license.

We are excited for this rich and exciting learning experience for our kindergarteners!



Quality Work Binders

Each year, we collect quality pieces of student work and store it in an art portfolio of sorts! This is something that will be sent home at the end of the year and is full of hard-work and art projects that your student did throughout the year! While some things will be sent home during the week, a lot of pieces will be stored in this wonderful, memory-filled portfolio. With this, we are asking every family brings in a 1.5 inch white binder. Please email me with any questions!

Have you been getting my emails?

I have sent at least one or more emails out to every family. If you did not receive an email please contact me immediately. This means that I have missed you in my email chain and I do not want that. If you noticed that the email sent to an email address you do not use that often, please email me with the address you use most often. I want to make sure we have open communication this entire year and email is the primary way I communicate with families. My email is aryan@csaschool.org.

I will be sending out frequent updates throughout the month!

Donation:

Please refer to my amazon wish list.
https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/263DNSOIBX4BZ?ref_=wl_share

Thank you so much for your donation!

Proper Outerwear/Changing Weather

As we move through September the temperature will begin to drop. Please make sure to send your child in with the proper outerwear to keep them warm and dry during our changing seasons! This year, we will only stay inside for recess if it is pouring rain, or below a feels like temperature of 0 degrees, so please ensure your child has the right garments, coats, gloves, hats, boots, etc. **DON'T FORGET TO LABEL EVERYTHING!** This will make it so much easier to sort through misplaced items. Please have a designated reusable bag that your child can put all their winter gear in. If you would like your child to leave this gear in the classroom from day to day, please email me so I don't send it home with them each day.

