

THE SPINNER SPLASH

NOVEMBER 2025

CLASSROOM NEWS

Our students have been blowing us away with their work ethic and drive to learn and grow! Resilience and independence are continuing to grow, and students are continuing to self-advocate for their needs! We are beginning to introduce a new routine this month that allows students to more frequently self-correct and evaluate their work, specifically as Mathematicians. Be on the lookout for some math tasks to contain stamps indicating your child's self-evaluations, including such information as how the work was completed and their reflections on how well they understood the learning targets. This information will be helpful for both of us as it will foster dialogue on your child's learning both at school and home, while also encouraging some critical thinking and analytical skills within your child. As a reminder, unfinished work is not required to be completed at home unless it is accompanied by direct communication from us.

HIGH EXPECTATIONS

Our two core beliefs that all children are inherently good and all children have unlimited potential to learn honor each child by ensuring that our individualized expectations are gauged appropriately. At CSA, implementing high expectations requires purposeful and thoughtful approaches to climate, input, response opportunities, feedback, and relational connections. This, in turn, requires an intentional focus on strong and deliberate modeling. To be effective, our high expectations must be collaborative and spread beyond those we have of our students, extending throughout our community and internally within ourselves as well!

IMPORTANT DATES

- **November 5:** Field Trip to Michigan Science Center
- **November 10:** Parent Council Meeting at CSA, 6:00PM
- **November 14:** Voyager Christmas Concert Solo Auditions, CSA Spirit Wear Day, Start of Education Foundation's Campus Challenge
- **November 19-20:** Smiles on Wheels
- **November 21:** Hug Day!, End of Education Foundation's Campus Challenge
- **November 24-25:** PD Days - No School
- **November 26-28:** Thanksgiving Break - No School

CHARACTER CORNER

As we begin to spend more class time on academics and our expectations during academic learning times, we have reinforced with students the concepts of work ethic and responsibility, while providing students with a choice in their academic work. As Voyager students, we want students to begin to develop an independence that comes with making their own choices to further their learning while also allowing them to show responsibility in completing their work on their own. This skill will be revisited many times throughout the year as we continue to build their independence!

WHAT ARE WE LEARNING?

In Reading, Voyager students will be wrapping our unit on narrative texts and kicking off our studies on non-fiction by exploring and utilizing text features. We'll also enter into a new round of book clubs highlighting various non-fiction texts at students' reading levels!

In writing, we will be taking our personal narratives through the final editing and publishing processes as we compile our Memoirs! Voyager teachers are currently planning some creative modes of sharing and celebrating our writing, too! 😊

Our early mathematicians will wrap up their unit on multiplication and transition into division by exploring strategies and properties and how it relates to multiplication. Developing mathematicians will begin their unit on multiplication by exploring strategies for multiplying multi-digit numbers. All Voyager mathematicians will practice telling time, including telling and writing time, problem solving with time, and elapsed time, and writing time using equivalent measures.

We will continue our Geography unit in Social Studies as we explore the regions of the United States, including their unique physical and human characteristics, climates, products, and cultures. We will also discuss humans and their environment, including push and pull factors, adaptations and modifications, and positive and negative consequences of human activity on our environment.

SPIRIT WEAR DAYS

There will be CSA Spirit Wear days on November 14th and 21st! Students may wear their CSA Spirit Wear with uniform bottoms.

THANKSGIVING BREAK

As our staff will be having Professional Development on Monday and Tuesday, November 24-25, there will be no school for students the week of November 24th in observance of the Thanksgiving holiday.

COMPREHENSIVE STUDENT REVIEWS

We're so grateful for our time with you during our Fall CSRs! The insights we glean from you are incredibly valuable as we partner to best meet the needs of your child. We're always happy to meet with you to discuss your questions and concerns as they arise!

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CLASSROOM WISHLIST

Spinner has an Amazon Wishlist this year to help supply our classroom with fun games, engaging activities, new supplies to help support the learning of our students! If you're interested in donating, follow [THIS LINK](#)! Please let us know if you have any questions. Thank you so much for all of your support!



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