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October 2019 Newsletter

A Note from the Principal

Dear Canty Families,

With our first month already ending, school is off to a great start. Way to go on getting students to school on time! The number of tardy passes given out are much lower. Doors open and 7:50am and students are in classrooms at 8:00am. Students are starting their day 10 minutes earlier than last year which means an additional 29.5 hours of learning will happen this school year. Way to go Cougars!

We still have many early dismissals and especially on Friday afternoons. Please begin your weekend plans after 3:00pm. Students are missing out on important learning when being called from class.

After school programming will be beginning soon! I can't wait to have students at school engaging in all the extra activities. **Progress Reports go home on October 4, 2019.** Please sign and return them to the teacher on Monday, October 7, 2019. Students in grades 4th through 8th grades will also receive a report from the Illinois Assessment of Readiness for reading and math. If your child did not attend Canty last year we are still waiting on their individual report from their prior school.



October means there are lots of exciting activities, including Halloween. **A change this year is that all students (Prek to 8th grade) will be allowed to wear costumes at school.** All costumes must be appropriate for school and no masks or handheld accessories will be allowed. More information coming soon!

When in doubt, just reach out!

Sincerely,

Jennifer Rath
Principal
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McTeacher Night Fundraiser raised...



\$1,200 dollars



LSC Vacancies

At the LSC meeting on Monday, September 16, 2019 it was announced that there were two vacancies. **There is one Parent Representative position (must have a student attending Canty) and one Community Representative position (Must live in Canty's attendance boundaries and must not have a student attending Canty) open.** Parent and Community LSC Representative positions cannot be an employee of Chicago Public Schools. Forms are located on the Canty School website at www.cantyschool.org, under news and announcements section. Forms will only be accepted in Canty's Main Office. Forms are due by **Wednesday, October 16, 2019** by 2:30pm (Faxed, Emailed, Mailed or Copied applications will not be accepted.)

School Fee

The Local School Council has set the School fee of \$90 dollars. The School Fee helps Canty School buy additional curriculum materials like novels, magazines and online educational materials. The website to pay online is <https://magic.collectorsolutions.com/magic-ui/Login/cps22541-arthur-e-canty-es>
(The website link is at www.cantyschool.org under the Quick Start tab)



Medical Forms

***Physical Exam** for students: *PreK, Kindergarten, 6th grade and any student entering CPS for the first time* ~ Due by 10/15/19

***Vision Exam** for students: *Kindergarten and any student entering a State of Illinois school for the first time* ~ Due by 10/15/19

Dental Exam for students: *Kindergarten, 2nd and 6th grade* ~ Due by 5/15/20

**Failure to submit the required documents before October 15, 2019 will result in exclusion*

School Website

* Please check out www.cantyschool.org for more information and useful links about Canty School!

Friends of Canty

The first fundraiser of the year will be, World's Finest Chocolate. Kickoff will be on Tuesday, October 1st and orders will be due on Tuesday, October 15th. Friends of Canty will be hosting two Halloween gatherings for the students this year.

On Friday, October 18th students in Kdg to 5th grade will have a Halloween Fest from 6pm to 8pm (Drop-off event). On Friday, October 25th students in 6th to 8th grade will have a Halloween Dance from 6pm to 8pm. More details about these two events will be coming out shortly.

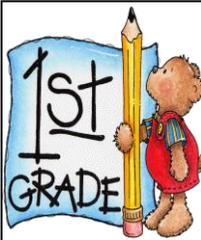
Our next meeting will be on Monday, October 21st at 5pm in Room 113. The Friends of Canty email address is friendsofcanty@gmail.com

Grade Level News



The Pre-K will be working on a farm study, fire safety, and Halloween. All Pre-K's will be learning about animals, their sounds and farm products. Room 126 will have a food experience and taste some healthy items produced on the farm. In room 126's fire safety study will include a food experience as well as fire songs and activities. All Pre-K rooms will be watching for changes in the leaves this month. If you are out walking please point out the leaf colors. It is a fun and active time of year.

We are off to a great start in Kindergarten! We have been getting to know our friends and learning the routine of school. We have started our Letter People program and are excited each week to meet our new letter person. We have also started our Readers Workshop program and have been enjoying exploring books! In Math our focus had been learning about numbers 1 - 5. In October, we will learn about apples, pumpkins and the season of fall and fire prevention.



First grade is off to a wonderful start. The students are focusing on building good reading habits and what it takes to be a good reader. We are working on building comprehension skills so students are able to retell the beginning, middle and end of a story. Students should be practicing their sight words, which are the words that are most common in Reading, at home daily. In Math, we are working on number bonds and moving into adding numbers using different strategies. You can help your child by practicing addition and subtraction facts. In our Science unit, we are learning about predator and prey relationships. Students learn about the structures that plants and animals have in order to protect them from becoming prey like camouflage, poison, spikes, and shells. In Social Studies, currently learning about the differences between schools now and in the past. We are also learning about the pledge and the American flag.

We are going on our walking Field trip to the Dunning Library in October.

October is going to be one busy month for second grade! We are going to be starting our Social Studies unit, which focuses on maps, locations, communities, and transportation. In Science, we are continuing to explore habitats and investigating seed growth. In Math, we will be finishing up place value and start to order and compare numbers, and add and subtract with and without regrouping. We encourage IXL practice at home (section A and M). We began our novel unit in Reading, and will continue to read Flat Stanley. Raz Kids is up and running and we will continue to practice in the classroom and will be assigning stories every now and again for homework.



Be on the lookout for important announcements regarding our upcoming 2nd grade field trips!



October is a Spooktacular month! In **Math** this month, we will be working on fluently adding and subtracting within 1,000 while regrouping when needed. Students should still be reviewing their addition and subtraction flashcards. Finally, we have completed our first IXL assignment, and students should be getting acquainted with logging in and out of their accounts. Looking forward to a great month:) It's been a great September, watching students learn the third grade expectations for **Reading and Writing!** In October, we will wrap up our work in the Storyworks Jr. magazine and move on to our first novel study! We will also learn about homophones and make a homophone haunted house! We will continue to work on writing narrative paragraphs and learn to utilize resources for improving our spelling when we write. In **Science**, we have been given a challenge. The citizens in the fictional town of Faraday are excited about a new train service coming to town, but are concerned because it will be a floating train! Our job is to investigate and learn all we can about forces and motion to figure out how the train works, and then explain it to the citizens! We are up for the challenge and will keep you posted on our progress! In **Social Studies**, we are continuing our unit on being good citizens and learning about how people have worked to improve communities over time.

A big Thank you to all of the parents that attended Curriculum Night! It was a pleasure meeting all of you. **The Fourth Graders are taking a Walking Trip to The Chicago Public Library on Wednesday, October 16th.** We will need chaperones for this trip. Please consider joining us. In **Math**, students are finishing up Chapter 1 on working with whole numbers. This includes writing numbers in expanded word and standard forms. They will also need



to find the value of a number, compare numbers and complete a pattern by finding the rule. We will not work consecutively, rather will skip Chapter 2 and complete Chapter 3 which is Whole Number Multiplication and Division. **Homework is given every Friday and is due the following Friday.** Students may turn in their homework beforehand, they only need to complete three boxes. In **Science**, We are completing Chapter 1 Energy Conversions. For the next several weeks students will be investigating what could have caused blackouts in fictitious Ergstown and figure out what Ergstown can do to prevent blackouts from happening so often. As system engineers for the city of Ergstown, the students will use science knowledge to come up with ways to solve the blackout problem. In **ELA**, students are reading **Because of Winn-Dixie** and **Tales of a Fourth Grade Nothing**. In **Social Studies**, the students are completing **A Walk in The Desert** and **Their Desert Survival Guides**. We will also explore contributions of Native Americans to the region of the Southwest. **In Mr. Johnson's ELA class:** Wow, one month has passed already! This month in **ELA** we will dive deeper into Lucy Calkins reading series. Our goal is to increase the amount of uninterrupted sustained reading time. Additionally, we will learn as readers how to gain a deeper understanding of what we read and make connections to the real world. Finally, we will increase our focus on vocabulary words, with an emphasis on more complex words. One thing that makes reading great for children is having choice. My goal is to have a 1000 book library. At this time my classroom has slightly over 200 books. Help make the 1000 book library a reality for 4th and 5th grade students by making a donation to our classroom library. Donate books today. **In Mr. Johnson's Social Studies Class,** we will continue our journey of the Southwest region of the United States. In particular, we will examine the history and economy of the region and study the Hopi Native American tribe.



Autumn has arrived, and we are deeply involved in our learning. In ELA, our first book project will be collected on 10/19/2019. Our next genre will be Science Fiction. Please keep in mind I require the children to read at least one book per month and submit their signed reading logs. I am hoping that each child builds their reading endurance and he/she actually reads three books a month. The goal is to read often and love the adventures learning brings. Talk with your child about their reading selections and preferences. Happy Fall! In Math with Mrs. Handzic, we have finished Chapter 1 and we are starting Chapter two on Multiplication and Division of whole numbers. Please practice at home how to multiply or divide large numbers by multiples of ten. Understanding how to estimate a product or a quotient is an important mental math skill. For example a stack of playing cards provides endless opportunities for practice. In Science, we are still working on our first unit on the solar system. Please try to observe the sky during the night and day, especially when stars are visible in the sky. Try to locate constellations in the sky. In Math with Mr. Mavridis, we have concluded Chapter 1 and we will begin Chapter 2 on Multiplication and Division. Students should be practicing with flash cards at home. Many students do remember their IXL logins. Please have your child also practice the same skills we are working on in class at home. In Science with Mr. Mavridis, we are continuing our unit in Amplify and working on Astronomy. In Mr. Johnson's ELA Class: Wow, one month has passed already! This month in ELA we will dive deeper into Lucy Calkins reading series. Our goal is to increase the amount of uninterrupted sustained reading time. Additionally, we will learn as readers how to gain a deeper understanding of what we read and make connections to the real world. Finally, we will increase our focus on vocabulary words, with an emphasis on more complex words. One thing that makes reading great for children is having choice. My goal is to have a 1000 book library. At this time my classroom has slightly over 200 books. Help make the 1000 book library a reality for 4th and 5th grade students by making a donation to our classroom library. Donate books today. 5th Social Studies: In Mr. Johnson's Social Studies Class, for the month of October we will focus on the Establishment of the 13 English Colonies. During our examination of the 13 colonies we will focus on life in the colonies and the economy.

In ELA, we will be reading several short stories along with setting up and digging into Achieve 3000's reading program. Some of the content we are covering is dealing with setting in fiction and nonfiction, inferences, foreshadowing, identifying sequence, and author's purpose. Weekly Vocabulary will be continued with each story along with grammar at least three days a week. In Writing, we will be starting our writing process with a Character analysis essay toward the end of the month as well, so this will be a busy month! We have begun our first Amplify Science unit- Microbiome! Our student researchers will continue to investigate how having 100 trillion microorganisms on and in the human body can keep us healthy. Through the use of a digital app, the Scale Tool, they are working to create scale models of cells and molecules, glimpsing the very small world of microorganisms and laying a lifelong foundation for understanding issues of scale in life science. The unit will culminate in creating evidence-based arguments to explain how fecal transplants work to cure infections. In Social Studies, we have been working on Argumentative Writing as well, debating whether the Hoa Hakanahai'a statue from Easter Island, Chile should remain in the British museum. Students have also identified, discussed, and written about challenges that refugees face. Next, we will analyze and discuss recent tensions between the U.S. and Iran, examine the spread of fake news, and learn how to evaluate news stories. Finally, we will read an epic true story and use it to reflect on ancient and present-day China. The beginning of the year, in Math, is a mixture of review as well as being introduced to new skills. Sixth graders have been doing a great job of taking time to remember skills they've been exposed to while persevering through difficult concepts that they've never seen before. During the month of October, we will be delving into GCF and LCM, exploring negative numbers and beginning a deep review of fractions and decimals.



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In Math, we are exploring the real number system. This includes rational numbers (terminating and repeating decimals, positive and negative integers) and irrational numbers (pi and square roots). Going forward, we will perform the four mathematical operations on the numbers in the real number system. This includes adding, subtracting, multiplying and dividing with negative numbers. In Science, we are going to be diving in to our new curriculum, Amplify! This requires students to have access to the internet as it is a fully online curriculum. If you do not have internet at home please send me a signed letter so that I can make paper copies of the assignments students are to turn in online. If your internet goes out and your child is to complete an online assignment, I will need a signed note from you saying so. The student will have one extra day to complete the assignment which will now be on paper. If an assignment is given and students have multiple days to complete it and they wait until the last day, therefore not allowing them to get a paper copy or complete the assignment at another location, the assignment will be late. In Social Studies, we have started to learn about the Constitution from the blue book! Hopefully your child has signed up for Quizlet so they have access to all of the note cards online. Your child should also have actual note cards that you should be seeing them study as our Part 1 test is on Thursday October 3! They must have an overall average of 70% or higher in order to pass. I am confident that each of my Canty students will pass, if they work hard and study.

In ELA, we will begin using Achieve. We will also be read short non-fiction based texts about WWII and the Holocaust leading up to our first novel, *Night*. Students will continue with grammar and our vocabulary series. We encourage students to review vocabulary words daily.

8TH GRADE Rocks!



English Language Learners from 6th and 8th grades will be working on the new math vocabulary. They also will be working on "Changing the Earth"; learning how people affect the environment, how animals feel about environmental changes. They will learn the song "This is Our Land".

The bilingual department has also elected the Bilingual Advisory Committee (BAC) members. We invite all bilingual parents to attend our BAC meetings. These meetings give us an opportunity to meet, talk about the program, and discuss the importance and benefits of bilingualism in a child's life. We will have four meetings this school year and the first one will be held on October 8th, in room 214 from 7:30am to 8am. See you there!

Diverse Learner Information

Welcome Autumn!

Need homework help? Chicago Public Library has in person certified teachers and trained homework helpers for children and their parents citywide. Questions? Email at dunning@chipublib.org

October is...

October is Down Syndrome Awareness Month

www.ndss.org

October 2nd is World Cerebral Palsy Day

www.worldcpday.org

October 10th is National Depression Screening Day and World Mental Health Day

October 6 - 12 is Mental Illness Awareness Week

www.iasp.info

www.wfmh.global

