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Message from Principal Juanita Daunoy



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Dear Meadowcreek Community and Family,

It is indeed my pleasure to serve as principal of Meadowcreek Elementary School. I am looking forward to partnering with you to provide a quality education for all students. In addition, I am excited about building on a culture that is focused on continuous quality improvement so that the students are prepared to excel in their learning.

As I entered Meadowcreek, I was extended a warm welcome from students, faculty, and staff. I am absolutely thrilled to collaborate with the teachers and staff as we develop and foster educational opportunities for our students. More importantly, I am very grateful that our community is committed to supporting the vision and mission of our school in order to ensure that all students are learning at high levels.

Please know that teamwork is an essential part of our school's success. For years all stakeholders have been dedicated and committed to this key component. Therefore, as principal, I graciously ask that we continue with this tradition to pave the way for a brighter future for our children.

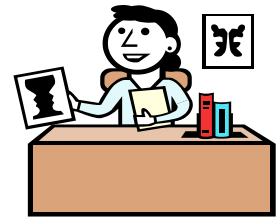
Functioning as a successful community, we must consistently focus on excellence. This means that we must continue to model and communicate the importance of academic achievement. In doing so, the students will be challenged to embrace this major effort and act accordingly.

Meadowcreek Elementary is dedicated to striving for academic excellence while maintaining a high standard of behavior to empower students to acquire the knowledge and skills to become contributing members of a diverse society. So, I look forward to building a partnership with parents, students, staff, and community members as we connect to promote and enhance student achievement.

Sincerely,

Juanita Daunoy
Principal

COUNSELOR'S CORNER



Twenty-Two Ways to Tell Your Child "I Love You"



- 1 ♥ Spend a little time each day playing entirely at your child's direction.
- 2 ♥ Cuddle up under a blanket and watch what she wants to watch on TV.
- 3 ♥ Give a chocolate kiss along with a real one.
- 4 ♥ Exchange nose-to-nose Eskimo kisse s.
- 5 ♥ Find something about your child's appearance to compliment.
- 6 ♥ Find something about your child's music to compliment.
- 7 ♥ Do one of your child's chores for him.
- 8 ♥ Run fingers through hair.
- 9 ♥ Send an encouraging note with your child's lunch.
- 10 ♥ Cook something together.
- 11 ♥ Talk in the car on the way to school instead of listening to the radio.
- 12 ♥ Give a foot massage.
- 13 ♥ Take a long walk together, at your child's pace.
- 14 ♥ Read the funny pages together.
- 15 ♥ Do a jigsaw puzzle together.
- 16 ♥ Use magnetic letters to put loving messages on the fridge.
- 17 ♥ Send your child a card in the mail, with stickers or a treat inside.
- 18 ♥ Stick an encouraging note on your child's mirror as she sleeps.
- 19 ♥ Find a board game you both enjoy and schedule regular tournaments.
- 20 ♥ Develop a secret gesture only the two of you know the meaning of.
- 21 ♥ Take your child out to lunch every now and then, just the two of you.
- 22 ♥ Say it. Just say it, say it, say it, say it, say it.

PARENT CENTER NEWS



PARENT INVOLVEMENT

Welcome back parents!! Hope your family had a wonderful and restful break! The months of December and January were very active and exciting months for the Parent Center. But for the month of **February**, we have even better activities for the entire family. Take a look of what is ahead:

February 9 th , at 9:30AM	English Special Math Workshop	Special Math class targeting basic Math skills. This workshop will be for English speaking parents only.
February 16 th at 9:30AM	Spanish Special Math Workshop	Special Math class targeting basic Math skills. This workshop will be for Spanish speaking parents only.
February 27 th and 28 th	Teacher/Parent Conferences	Early release. Regular Ed. 12:00PM Special Ed. 11:40AM

We hope that all parents take advantage of these important workshops.

Parents, please remember that the Parent Center's library is for you to use at any time it is not occupied by a meeting or workshop. We have several computers with internet, which are for you to use as you see fit. Our educational materials are available for you to take home free of charge for two weeks to use with your students and help them reach their academic goals.

We are still offering free English classes for those of you who are interested in learning English. Below is the schedule for the classes.

Mondays 10:00-12:00pm	English Classes for Beginners.
Wednesdays 10:00-11:30am	English Classes for Advanced students.

Special thanks to our volunteer parents for always helping out at the Parent Center.

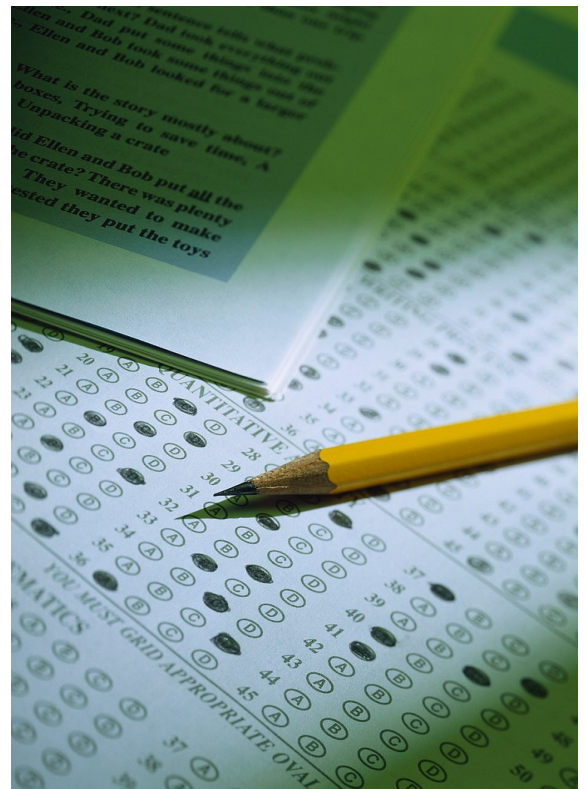
We hope to see you soon!



T echnology Tips



The Georgia Department of Education has developed the **Online Assessment System (OAS)** which contains released test items from previous Criterion Referenced Competency Test (CRCT) exams. The mission for the OAS is to provide school districts, classroom teachers, students, and parents support for classroom instruction and student learning. The Online Assessment System (OAS) website allows students to practice online tests similar to the Criterion Referenced Competency Test (CRCT) which students will be taking in April. All students in grades 3 through 5 will receive a login and password to access the OAS testing site. Parents will receive a letter with more detailed information and instructions on how to access the OAS site. We recommend that your child(ren) practice this as often as possible in order to be more successful on the CRCT.



FEBRUARY EVENTS AT MEADOWCREEK ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2	3	4
			*Girl Scouts (K&1/4&5) 3:30-5p			
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
	*Care Team Valentine Day Gram Fundraiser *Ladies to B.E.E “Hugs” Fruit Drink Fundraiser	*Care Team Valentine Day Gram Fundraiser *Ladies to B.E.E “Hugs” Fruit Drink Fundraiser	*Care Team Valentine Day Gram Fundraiser *Ladies to B.E.E “Hugs” Fruit Drink Fundraiser * 2nd Grade Field Trip to Puppetry Arts of Atlanta 9:30a -1:30p *Girl Scouts (2&3) 3:30-5p	*Care Team Valentine Day Gram Fundraiser *Ladies to B.E.E “Hugs” Fruit Drink Fundraiser *Parent Center Special Math Workshop 9:30a-10:30a(English Speaking Parents)	*Care Team Valentine Day Gram Fundraiser *Ladies to B.E.E “Hugs” Fruit Drink Fundraiser * Math Bee 9a-9:50a	
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
	*School Council 8:00a	Kindergarten In School Field Trip- Mother Goose	*Girl Scouts (K&1/4&5) 3:30-5p	*Parent Center Special Math Workshop 9:30a-10:30a(Spanish Speaking Parents) *M.A.L.E Meeting 3:30-5:00p	Student/Teacher Holiday	
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
	Student/Teacher Holiday	*Ladies to B.E.E. Meeting 3:30-5:00p	Girl Scouts (2&3)3:30-5p	*5th Grade Musical 6:00p (cafeteria)		
26	27	28	29			
	*Early Release	*Early Release	*Girl Scouts (K&1/4&5) 3:30-5p			