



— SOUTHWEST ELEMENTARY SCHOOL —

COYOTE CLASSIFIED



SEPTEMBER 2018

SEPTEMBER CALENDAR

WELCOME BACK!

It is so exciting to be back in school. I am thankful for all who attended our Pre-K Orientation, Kindergarten Kickoff, and SW Open House. I hope you spent some time getting to know your children's teachers and learning about their classroom expectations. I appreciate your support and your willingness to partner with us to educate your child. Please come back and join us at our future Family Councils. We are partnering our Family Councils with our Skate Nights and are excited to share how things are progressing at SW along with beneficial ways to support your children.

Please join us for a "Movie on the Lawn" on Friday, September 21, 2018 from 7:00-8:30 PM. There will be no admittance fee, but we will be taking donations for the Vermilion County Animal Shelter. We will be collecting dog food, puppy food, kitten food, kitty litter, paper towels, and Clorox wipes. Please consider donating to our Partner in Education! There will be a small concession stand, but please feel free to bring your own snacks. Don't forget your lawn chairs and blankets. We hope to see you there!

Thank you for your contribution to our education:

Preschool "Touch a Truck" Day (May)

Toyota of Danville	Ameren	Carnaghi Towing
Village of Tilton Police	Pabst Disposal	Danville Mass Transit
Illinois National Guard	Village of Tilton Fire	Scott and Stephanie Holycross
Rick and Rita Knight	Carle AirLife team	Chuck and Becci Cline

Ball for All (May)

Southwest PTA	Southwest Staff	Southwest Parents
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Preschool "Water Day" (May)

Tilton Fire Department

9/3 NO SCHOOL

9/4 Newsletters go home

9/11 4th Grade Volleyball practice 2:30-4:30

9/12 Early Dismissal (K-4)
Wacky Wednesday 50¢
(Sports Team Day)

BOE Meeting
6:30 pm @ JB

9/13 4th Grade Volleyball practice 2:30-4:30

9/18 4th Grade Volleyball practice 2:30-4:30

9/19 Progress reports go home

9/20 4th Grade Volleyball practice 2:30-4:30

9/21 NO PRESCHOOL
PK-4th Movie on the Lawn 7-8:30 PM

9/25 4th Grade Volleyball practice 2:30-4:30

9/26 BOE Meeting
6:30 pm @ JB

9/27 4th Grade Volleyball practice 2:30-4:30

9/28 PBIS Celebration (K-4)
Park Day at Zamberletti Park
Student Birthday Celebrations

September “Spotlight Students”

Preschool: Teppo Enos, Mia Trimble, Jurnii Boston, DeLaniee Dunavan, Da’shaun Chestnut, Abel Montelongo,

Justyce Young, Lillianah Hurst, Alec Britain, Sean Carter

Kindergarten: Ayda Romo, Demi Hardesty

1st Grade: Mila King, Hadley Borst, Carter Trimble

2nd Grade: Sora Diffenderfer, Estelle Cooper

3rd Grade: Faith Perkins, Lia Garcia, Gabrielle Brown

4th Grade: Natalee Rhodes, Je’Lanna Tall

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

The Preschool classrooms have been working hard to learn the classroom rules and routines. Most of the classrooms use the language “good choice” and “bad choice” when discussing behaviors and actions at school. We focus all year long on learning lifelong social skills, such as sharing, taking turns, demonstrating empathy (caring), and being accepting of all differences. If you have or know a child who would like to get screened for the preschool program, our next screening will be October 11th in Danville. Please call 444-3266 to sign up for a screening appointment!



KINDERGARTEN

Welcome Kindergarteners!

We have been working hard on learning the rules and routines for the school. We have learned several sounds in our sound book. Please review only the sounds daily in the book. We have begun math homework also. Review all shapes daily. We are currently having a shoe tying contest. The kindergarten class with the most students that can tie their shoes will win a special party of their choice. Please practice at home daily. Please check backpack daily! We appreciate your support.



FIRST GRADE

First grade came back to school ready to learn! In August we learned a lot about school rules and being an AVID student. The students are learning lots of new strategies and we teachers are very proud of their behavior and readiness. In reading, this month we will be learning about community- what our rights and responsibilities are as citizens. In math, we will be introducing part-part-whole (addition and subtraction to ten).

ALSO, WE ARE THRILLED TO WELCOME OUR UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS STUDENTS MR. BOUILLET, Ms. LETOURNEAU, Ms. RUSH. THEY WILL HELP TEACH IN OUR ROOMS EACH MORNING ON MONDAY, TUESDAY AND THURSDAY. ON WEDNESDAY, THEY WILL HELP TEACH ALL DAY.

Second Grade

Welcome back! We have enjoyed getting to know your children. We started the year off by teaching routines and procedures. This year we are continuing with AVID and teaching students how to be an AVID student. Students are expected to be Always prepared, Very respectful, Intentionally safe, and Determined and responsible. Each night your child will bring home their blue AVID folder. Inside you will find a learning log with a checklist of things to go over with your child and a reflection of what he or she learned that day. On the front of the folder there is a calendar with any upcoming events. You can find the color your child ended the day on which is a reflection of their behavior. Please sign these accordingly. We have started topic 1 in math. Please continue to practice math facts at home as we are focusing on fluency. Fact fluency is knowing the facts without the use of number lines, fingers, or manipulatives. We look forward to a great year!

Third Grade

Welcome to third grade! Mrs. Lehman, Ms. Cerne, and Mrs. Esteppe are excited for a great school year. We are off to a great start with our routines and procedures. We have been practicing reading centers so that we are ready for our Benchmark Reading Lessons. In math we dove right into multiplication and division this year. Students have been learning different strategies to multiply and divide. Soon we will start Rocketmath to help them memorize their facts. We are also looking forward to another year of Accelerated Reader (AR). Once we have students' reading levels, they will be bringing library books home to practice their reading and comprehension skills. Students will then take tests over their books at school. We appreciate you signing your child's agenda books every night, and ask you to continue doing so. They are learning important organization strategies that help them be an AVID student and prepare them for their future.

Fourth Grade

We're off to a great start this year! We have been working on classroom routines and procedures for reading and place value for math. Our first reading unit is on government and how it influences the way we live. After we finish place value in math, we will move on to adding and subtracting multi-digit whole numbers. Our PBIS celebration for September will be Park Day so be sure to encourage your student to follow school expectations! We're looking forward to the rest of the year!



Coping with Back to School Anxiety....

The start of a new school year can come with many emotions for students, parents and guardians. Your student may be excited to meet his or her new teacher. Your student might be happy to see his or her friends from last year. Your student also might be anxious or nervous about going back to school or learning new material (and you might be nervous about new changes, too!). How can you tell if your child is anxious about going back to school? You might see signs such as: headaches, stomachaches, trouble sleeping, acting out, excessive questions or clamming up. As a parent or guardian, if you notice any of these signs you can ask your student questions about what is causing him or her to feel anxious. Offer your student reassurance and then help your student to come up with coping techniques to feel better about the things that are causing him or her to feel anxious. Remember, talking about your concerns is important and sometimes the need to form an alliance with the classroom teacher or school social worker in order to assist with the problem solving is necessary and proactive. In these first few weeks of school, even parents, guardians and teachers feel stressed. Some beneficial self-help tips include: having someone to talk openly with (personally or with school staff); setting attainable goals (school staff can assist with this); and using relaxation techniques. Let's work together and have a great school year!

Data Driven

At the end of August, all students completed benchmark assessments. These tests will give teachers an idea of where each student's reading and math levels are, and help us to know who may benefit from small group time. You will receive a report at Progress Report time informing you how your student scored on these assessments. If you ever have any question on the testing reports please do not hesitate to call Mrs. Edrington at 444-3538.

AVID

Southwest students have been learning and reviewing what it means to be an **AVID** student. Please ask your child what an AVID student is, and why we are an AVID school. We have spent several mornings in "pack" time discussing this. We are trying to communicate the importance of responsibility and organization through your child's AVID folders. Please check their folders/agenda books nightly. Help us by encouraging your child to be an **AVID** student!

A Note from the Nurse....



IS MY CHILD TOO SICK TO GO TO SCHOOL?

Here are general guidelines to use when determining if your child should stay home from school:

- Temperature over 100.0 degrees/ any fever within the last 24 hours
- Frequent diarrhea stools; 3 or more within the last 24 hours
- Open sores that are draining and oozing
- White part of eye is red and there is draining or oozing
- Child acts or looks sick
- Vomiting within the past 24 hours
- Difficulty breathing
- Persistent coughing
- Unexplained rash

This is a good time to remind your children about good handwashing, coughing into their sleeve, and keeping their hands away from their mouth, nose and eyes. If you have any questions, contact the school nurse at 444-3500 or 444-3546.