

Cowan Road Elementary Newsletter

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Parent Engagement Corner

Parents,

Students need social studies to make sense of the ever-changing world around them. Subject areas such as history, geography and economics are all areas of social studies that help our students make sense of how people live and the events that shape our lives. Please read this month's newsletter to find tips and websites to help you and your students at home.

As always, please feel free to contact us any time if you need support or information on how to improve your child's academic performance in school. You can reach us at 770-229-3790 or allison.baker@gscs.org or angela.roth@gscs.org.

Estimados padres:

Este es un documento importante de la escuela de su hijo. Si ustedes necesitan que traduzcamos esta información, por favor, llamen a Lisa Bates al 770-229-3710 ext.10327.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR- IMPORTANT DATES IN NOVEMBER

- 11/12 "Fall into Literacy" Parent Workshop
Time: 5pm
Location: Truett's Grill Parking Lot
1455 N Expressway, Griffin, GA 30223
- 11/19 2nd Nine Weeks Progress Report Sent Home

Annual Report Card

In Georgia, the Governor's Office of Student Achievement (GOSA) prepares Georgia's State, Local and School Annual Report Cards.

Below is the link to the district and school state report cards:

- [https://schoolgrades.georgia.gov/school-search?f\[o\]=field_district:138](https://schoolgrades.georgia.gov/school-search?f[o]=field_district:138)

Did You Miss...?

In October, we held the Parent-Palooza Virtual Parent Event. We discussed information on the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA), the curriculum and how it supports content and performance standards, English language development standards, the School-Parent Compact, assessments, CCRPI results, school designation statuses, using technology, and harms of copyright piracy. Parents were also given an opportunity to give input on the use of parent engagement funds and staff trainings.

We coordinated with Special Education program to offer resources to families.

If you missed the workshop but would like the information presented, you may contact your child's teacher, watch a short video clip at <https://bit.ly/COESResources>, or contact Allison Baker or Angela Roth at 770-229-3790 or email at allison.baker@gscs.org or angela.roth@gscs.org.

Academic Tips and Websites to Support Social Studies at Home

- https://www.primarygames.com/social_studies.php
- <https://www.ducksters.com/> (activities for many subject areas!)
- <https://mycapstonelibrary.com/login/index.html> (nonfiction online books including historical figures and events) username: cowanrd password: books

*The listed resources are not endorsed by GSCS but are offered as possible tools that families may utilize.

Griffin-Spalding County School System Testing Calendar

- Link:
<https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1s6DPFgIalEd0V1ifsdq0cHIBHUWuYc4a3qzuV0QkS8/edit?usp=sharing>

Please note: Adjustments may occur throughout the year to reflect updated guidance and requirements.



Statewide Longitudinal Data System

Parents have access to their children’s Statewide Longitudinal Data System (SLDS) data through the SLDS Parent Portal. The SLDS Parent Portal is accessible to parents directly through their district’s student information system—that means no additional logins and passwords to remember!

BENEFITS OF THE SLDS PARENT PORTAL

Using Georgia's SLDS Parent Portal helps parents answer the following questions:

- How can I talk to my child about how they are doing in school?
- How is my child doing in math and reading?
- How many school days has my child missed?
- How does my child compare to other students?

HOW TO ACCESS THE GADOE PARENT PORTAL


- Parents can access the Georgia SLDS Parent Portal by logging in to Infinite Campus, then clicking the SLDS Portal button on the Parent Portal landing page.

WHAT’S IN THE SLDS PARENT PORTAL?

- Student attendance history, Lexile scores, assessment scores, standards-aligned online student resources, and more! For more information about the Georgia SLDS Parent Portal, visit this link: https://www.gadoe.org/Technology-Services/SLDS/Documents/SLDS_Parent_Portal_Guide.pdf.

For login information for Infinite Campus, please contact the school at 770-229-3790.

Parent-Teacher Conferences were held to discuss the academic progress of your child, how you can monitor your child’s progress and how you can use the compact at home to help meet the school goals. If you have not had a conference and would like one, please contact your child’s teacher at 770-229-3790 or email the teacher using firstname.lastname@gscs.org.





SLDS Parent Portal Resources

The Georgia Statewide Longitudinal Data System (SLDS) is a free online tool parents and student can use to access student’s historical academic data through the Georgia’s SLDS Parent/Student Portal.

- Parent Portal Overview: <https://www.gadoe.org/Technology-Services/SLDS/Documents/Parent/Overview.pdf>
- Parent Portal User Guide: https://www.gadoe.org/Technology-Services/SLDS/Documents/SLDS_Parent_Portal_Guide.pdf
- Georgia Student Growth Model Reports Video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DTTahijcSU&feature=youtu.be>

GSCS Instructional Technology Tutorials

- Google sites for resources: <https://sites.google.com/gscs.org/instructionaltechtutorials/parent-tutorials>

Tips for Parents: Homework Purposes of homework

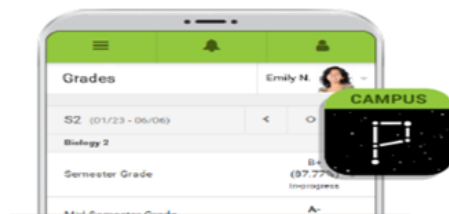
- **Practice.** Assignments are made to increase speed, obtain mastery, or maintain skills. Examples include reviewing multiplication tables, studying spelling words, or practicing poetry.
- **Preparation.** Assignments are made to prepare students for future classroom activities. Students, for example, might be asked to read two chapters on a social studies topic and be prepared to participate in a class debate.
- **Extension.** Assignments are made to extend and enrich a student's classroom learning. Students would be asked to apply knowledge and skills learned during class to related project-like activities.

Did You Know?



Campus Parent

▶ Watch The Video



DOWNLOAD YOUR MOBILE APP TODAY!

This Infinite Campus app provides real-time access to grades, assignments, attendance, schedules, announcements and more. For login information, please contact your child's school.

Watch a demo at: <https://www.infinitecampus.com/audience/parents-students>



Google Classroom and the Power of Infinite Campus Resource

Watch this video to learn how to navigate Google Classroom and Infinite Campus platforms.

- Link: https://drive.google.com/file/d/17zmbel6fjJ2dqzX60--Ah4QVmG_A1/view?usp=sharing