



February 2018

- 2/1 9:15 Community Morning Meeting
- 2/5 Pre K & K Grandparents Day
- 2/6 9:15 1st Grade Grandparents Day
- 2/7 9:15 2nd Grade Grandparents Day
10:00 Playgroup
- 2/8 Progress reports go home
- 2/9 2:00 Mardi Gras Parade

MARDI GRAS HOLIDAYS

2/12 THROUGH 2/16

2/23 Early Dismissal



Mission

Allemands Elementary School is committed to building the foundation of life-long learning for all students in a safe, respectful environment.

Principal's Message

February is the perfect time to reflect on the goals that were set in January. Re-visit the goals weekly and encourage your child to continue to focus on accomplishing them. Our faculty and staff are working hard to address students' needs and support our children. We welcome your support in encouraging our students to put forth their best effort in all that they do and continue to reinforce the skills and knowledge at home by completing homework, reading with your child, and practicing math facts. Together, we can work hard and help your child have a successful year. It is exciting to see our students grow and blossom everywhere! Mark your calendar for the exciting February events. We hope to see you at them as we work together to help your children.

Lisa Perrin

Values/Beliefs

At Allemands Elementary School we believe...

- A physically and psychologically safe environment is essential to promote student learning.
- A student's self-esteem is enhanced by positive relationships, open and honest communication, and mutual respect among peers, families, community members and school personnel.
- All students and staff meet high expectations for achievement and success by engaging in challenging and relevant work.
- All children can learn at higher levels when supported daily by a variety of instructional **strategies** and resources within their school, families, and community.
- Student achievement and teacher effectiveness increase when teachers and students use a variety of questions and/or prompts to advance high level thinking.
- We are...One School, One Team, Making a Difference!
- Excellence is worth the cost.

Vision

The faculty of Allemands Elementary School embraces the education of all students as a top priority by providing a positive foundation for success to prepare students to meet the challenges within the changing society of the 21st century. There is a commitment from stakeholders to help all students to become college and career ready creating life-long learners. Our school provides a safe, stimulating, atmosphere that is created through respect for self, others, and our environment. Actively engaged students aspire to reach their full potential, reflecting the high expectations among our faculty, family and community

Kindergarten News



In Kindergarten, we are moving towards independence and taking responsibility for our learning. It is an exciting time of showing everything we have learned in the first half of the year. During word study, we have gained an understanding of how sounds create words, and we are using this strategy to read decodable text. Decoding texts and reading for meaning is important for me as a reader. We have begun our study of nonfiction texts. This has given us an opportunity to discuss topics familiar to us and add to that knowledge. We are currently working on identifying main idea and key details. During math we are learning how to put numbers together and take them apart. This leads to the introduction of adding and subtracting numbers. Parents, please remember to complete homework with us every night! It is important to our continued success!

First Grade News



Our first graders have been working really hard since we have come back from the Christmas holidays. With Mardi Gras right around the corner, we will be starting our Social Studies lessons on the history of Mardi Gras. Don't forget to send your beads for the Mardi Gras parade! In math, we have started place value and comparing numbers. Progress reports will be going home on February 8th. Please continue to read with your child every night! In reading we are reading nonfiction books and using text features such as the table of contents and glossary to locate facts and information. We will be using the facts and information gathered to write informative writings. We would like to thank all of the volunteers in advance who have volunteered to help with the Mardi Gras floats for first grade. We are looking forward to seeing all of you at our Mardi Gras parade on February 9th!

Second Grade News

Because we "LOVE" reading, it's a great time to warm your heart reading a good Valentine's Day book with your child. Check out the "Day It Rained Hearts" by Felicia Bond or a nonfiction book "Saint Valentine by Robert Sabuda. In reading, second graders are using reading strategies to help them apply phonics, comprehension, and fluency skills. When readers read fluently, comprehension increases. When your child reads, the reading should sound like natural speech. Encourage them to practice reading carefully, closely, and fluently. Always have them retell what was read in sequential order. Second graders will be reading nonfiction books to locate information and to explain a topic, so have conversations with your child about all the new facts and information they are learning. In writing, students are also focusing on nonfiction as a writer of nonfiction. They will research topics and write informative texts including factual reports.

Second graders must know all basic facts to 20, so remember to continue using flashcards and completing math fact 2-minute drills nightly. Ask your child to try applying one of the math strategies taught when solving basic facts. Learning about the interdependence between people, animals, and the environment will be our focus in social studies. They will look at how this has impacted cultural events, traditions, and celebrations. Working together, we'll have a fabulous February of teaching and learning!



Learning to share in Ms. Janel's class is so much fun!!!!!!

Reading Recovery News

Literacy groups will begin again on January 19th (grades K and 2) and on February 19th (grade 1). Reading Recovery students (2nd round) will begin with their daily lessons on February 19th as well. Please continue to practice reading and writing daily.

French News

Happy February! All students will be learning Valentine's Day related vocabulary words in French and color a French Valentine card. We will also be talking about how people in France celebrate Mardi Gras, and the different ways people in Louisiana celebrate the holiday.



NURSE'S NOTES

Hand Washing 101

Hand washing is one of the most effective ways to keep from getting the flu, the common cold and many other illnesses. Proper hand washing is the key to help prevent the spread of germs.

Proper hand washing technique

1. Turn on warm water
2. Use soap and water and rub your hands together for 15 seconds.
3. Rinse hands
4. Dry hands with paper towels
5. Turn water off with paper towel.



Also remember to wash hands before eating, anytime hands are dirty, and after using the bathroom. It is important to try to sneeze and cough into your elbow, not into your hands. For more information and activities on hand washing, visit www.henrythehand.com.

Melissa Schexnaydre, R.N.

Share the Dream Essay Contest

Students at Allemands had the opportunity to participate in the Share The Dream Essay contest honoring the message and works of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. This contest was open to all students in the district. A.R. won second place for her entry in the K-2 division.



Allemands Elementary Cajun Dancers

The Allemands Cajun dancers received a grant through United Way and the St. Charles Parish Foundation to perform Cajun dancing at other schools. The grant is \$1500.00 and will cover all money needed to go on these field trips.

Thank you,
SCF and United Way



Allemands Elementary Yearbooks are on sale!

Please place your
pre-paid
yearbook order by
April 13th.

Library Lagniappe

The Allemands Library received a grant from the St. Charles Public Schools Foundation. The grant is for \$1,000.00 and will be used to set up Maker Stations in the library. The stations will provide hands-on, creative ways to encourage students to design, experiment, build, and invent. We will solicit support for volunteers to help our students during the initial implementation. Thank You St. Charles Public Schools Foundation!

Allemands Family Center

Home & School: Together We Can Make a Difference

Gaylynn St. Pierre: gstpierre@stcharles.k12.la.us

Phone: 985-758-7427

Hours: 8:30am – 3:30pm

Respect: An Important Ingredient for School Success

When students have respect for teachers and classmates, they help create the positive academic environment all children need in order to be successful. To encourage respectful behavior in your child:

Be a role model. Do what you want your child to do. If you want her to say *please* when asking for something, remember to say *please* yourself.

Discuss respect. What is it? Why is it important? How does it feel to be treated with respect or disrespect?

Criticize constructively. When you need to correct your child, do it helpfully and respectfully. "Next time, please hold the door for Grandpa. That will make life easier for him."

Praise success. Notice times when your child is respectful. "You listened to the coach even when other kids were joking around. I was impressed."

Source: R.J.A. Silverman, Ph.D., "10 Tips on Teaching Respect to Children: You can't get it if you don't give it!" niswc.com/elem_giverespect.

Self-control can improve your child's academic achievement

Research shows that self-control is twice as important as intelligence in predicting your child's academic achievement. According to experts, kids who struggle with self-control are more likely to face criminal, financial and other problems later in life.

What can parents do? Focus on promoting self-control skills, such as working hard, behaving well and thinking before acting. Give your child opportunities to:

Take responsibility. Think about what jobs your child can master, such as putting clothes in the hamper at night or setting the table for family meals. To help your child take responsibility for a routine, such as getting ready for school in the morning, post a reminder chart to help her through the steps.

Practice patience. Make and enforce simple rules that encourage self-control. "Finish your homework before watching TV." "Save dessert for after dinner."

Source: T.E. Moffitt and others, "A gradient of childhood self-control predicts health, wealth, and public safety," *PNAS*, National Academy of Sciences.

Counselor's Corner

The Power of Positive Self-Talk

"It is no secret that thinking can be powerful-especially positive thinking about ourselves and our abilities to solve problems, reach goals, cope with hard times, and accomplish what we set out to do. Positive self-talk creates positive beliefs. Positive beliefs lead to positive attitudes and feelings about oneself and others. Positive attitudes and feelings promote positive behaviors."

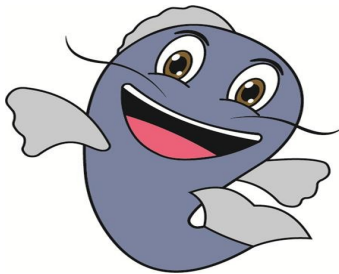
"Successful, capable, competent people tend to be self affirmers. They don't get carried away, but they do give themselves frequent pep talks."

Here are some statements that children can use in their positive self-talk:

- "I'm a good person."
- "Everyone makes mistakes."
- "I can do this."
- "I believe in myself."
- "I can get through this."



The Bully Free Classroom



ASK FINLEY

Finley would like to hear from parents that might have suggestions for school improvement. Each month we will feature this section. Finley is interested in hearing your input. Please write suggestions, positive comments or concerns and return it with your child. Finley (via the Parent Involvement Committee) will print a follow up letter in our next monthly issue.

Questions or Suggestions for School Improvement:

Your name (optional)

ST. CHARLES PARISH PUBLIC SCHOOLS
KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION
March 19-23, 2018

Who: Children who will be 5 years old by **September 30, 2018**

When: 9:00 a.m. until 12:00 noon each day
Monday, March 19, through Friday, March 23, 2018

Where: You must register your child at the school in your attendance area:

West bank schools: Allemands Elementary	985-758-7427
Luling Elementary	985-785-6086
Mimosa Park Elementary	985-785-8266

East bank schools: New Sarpy Elementary	985-764-1275
Norco Elementary	985-764-2787
St. Rose Elementary	504-464-9254

Additional Information:

Parents or guardians should bring to registration:

1. Certified birth certificate for the child
2. Home address, mailing address, and telephone number
3. Proof of residency (Two utility bills showing physical address.
Only gas, water, and/or electricity bills accepted.
Telephone and cable television bills are not acceptable proofs of
residency.)
4. Social Security card for the child
5. Immunization record for the child

It is not necessary that the child be present at registration.

For more information, call the school or the School Board Office at 985-785-6289.



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Mardi Gras Break						
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