



October 2018

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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

As we approach the end of the first nine weeks, we are very busy at AES, and it is exciting to watch our students learn and grow. Routines and procedures are in place, and our entire faculty is focused on our core business, teaching and learning. Thank you for making sure that your child completes their home learning, reads to you or with you each night, and comes to school each day.

We will continue to promote and encourage our school priorities for this school year. Our School Improvement Team worked hard this summer to analyze data and identify areas of growth. We held our first Stakeholder Action Group meeting and appreciate everyone who attended. We hope to see you at the amazing events our team has planned for this month.

Don't forget about our first Parent Teacher Conferences for this year; we hope to have 100% participation. Please work with your child's teacher to schedule a time to attend. We will also have Book Fair, Trunk or Treat, and playgroup this month. As always, please remember at AES we are reaching new heights!

Lisa Perrin

Principal



Vision

The faculty of Allemands Elementary School embraces the education of all students as our top priority by providing a positive foundation for success. Our school prepares students to meet the challenges within the changing society of the 21st century while preserving our historical culture. There is a profound 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, families, and community.

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.

Kindergarten News

Happy Fall! Our kindergarteners are making great progress! In math, they have been learning many skills. They are learning to identify, count, and write numbers 0-10. We are practicing more challenging skills such as finding hidden partners in a whole number. An example of this would be to find 2 and 3 in the number 5. They may even be able to write a number sentence ($2+3=5$). In reading, we have started our first ELA unit. In this unit, our students are learning about how they are similar and different from each other. Students are learning to be active listeners. They should be able to focus on a story read aloud and answer questions about details from the story. Our students are learning what kind of readers they are by choosing books that interest them. Some skills that our students have learned to help them become better readers and writers include listening for sounds in a word and blending them together to form words. During the first month of school we practice the different kinds of handwriting strokes that help us write letters. Now, we are moving into using those strokes to help us form letters correctly. Continue to help your child with homework assignments nightly. Homework is a review of what your child has worked on in their classroom. Homework will assist you as a parent in becoming familiar with your child's kindergarten curriculum. The kindergarten teachers appreciate all that our parents do at home to help our students become successful!

First Grade News

The month of October will be a busy one for us. This month we will be learning more about characters, and setting (when and where). Reading with your child at least ten minutes a day is extremely beneficial. It not only helps them with the use of strategies, it also helps them become more fluent when reading. Please make sure that students are practicing their tricky word list each night. It is also important that students complete any math homework that is sent home. This will help them be more successful when assessments are given. Students will need to be fluent with addition and subtraction facts to ten by the end of the year. Students need to be able to solve word problems to twenty by using manipulatives and strategies. Please practice at home. Parent conferences will be this month. Please make every effort to attend. We are striving for 100% participation. Your support is essential to your child's education. Thank you for your continued support!

Second Grade News

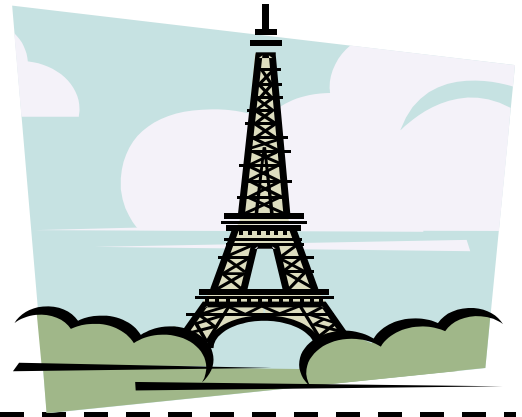
Happy Fall Y'all!

October will bring many exciting treats! Reading regularly at home is a very important step in becoming a good reader and thinker. The fall is a great time to welcome the cooler weather with a wonderful book. You may want to treat your child to a visit to the library to checkout a fall book like: Biscuit Visits the Pumpkin Patch, Why Do Leaves Change Color?, or How Many Seeds in a Pumpkin? You can make connections while discussing the text. After reading, have your child retell what was read in sequential order. Students have practiced procedures and expectations during the first six weeks of school. Please encourage your child to continue to meet expectations listed in the blue conduct folder. Place value is our focus in math as well as using math fact strategies for addition and subtraction. It is vital that basic facts be practiced regularly to help you're your child compute efficiently and accurately. Help your child understand the process in adding and subtracting basic facts by having a number talk with them (listening to how the numbers in the math facts make sense to them). We are immersed in our Cinderella Unit in English- language arts. We've read several versions of Cinderella from various cultures. Students have written personal narratives and will now begin writing fictional narratives including their very own version of Cinderella after researching different cultures. We're looking forward to observing the creativity of our 2nd graders through their narrative writings! Our second grade scientists and engineers are exploring the environment and local animal habitats by learning about barrier islands and the Barataria -Terrebonne Estuary. All classes have enthusiastically participated in experiments using our Finley Science Classroom. Students will be exploring and learning about American history in social studies. Ask them about their new learning. Parent conferences will be this month. Please make every effort to attend. We are striving for 100% participation. Your support is essential to your child's education. Thank you for your continued support.



French News

Bonjour! Bienvenue à l'automne! Welcome to Fall! We will have a "spooktacular" October as we learn Halloween vocabulary and sing a Halloween song. Kindergarten will continue to learn greetings and numbers. First and second graders are working hard to learn conversation words.



Counselor's Corner

Conversations About School

When you think of parent involvement, do you picture moms and dads volunteering in the classrooms? That's one way to help - but **research shows that supporting your child's education at home is even more important.**

Here are conversation starters that will help you stay involved:

- "Let's see what you brought home."
- Show me what you have for homework."
- Describe a book you enjoyed today."

Tell me what you learned that you would like to know more about."

Stakeholder Action Group

Our first Stakeholder Action Group was held on September 21st. We reviewed our School Improvement Plan Action Steps and had amazing discussions. The next Meeting is on January 4th. at 2:30. We invite everyone to attend.



Please donate your gently used school uniforms.



Let's Reach "New Heights" Together!

Join the PTA

Our PTA Membership Drive is in full swing for the 2018-2019 school year! We encourage every family to participate so that we have a PTA member for every child enrolled at Allemands this year! (No volunteer time required!) We are currently at 40% of that goal. While amazing (and incredibly encouraging), we know that we can "reach new heights"!

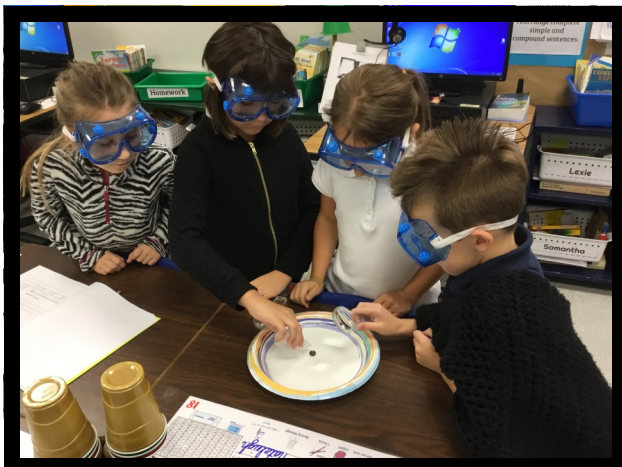
If you have already signed up, THANK YOU for supporting AES Students, Faculty and Staff, and our Community as a whole - and for showing our children how important their education is to us!

If you have yet to sign up, don't worry! There is still time! Forms are located on the PTA portion of the bulletin board in the front office of the school or email allemandspta@gmail.com and we can send one your way.

Thank you, Allemands PTA Board Members

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News from Reading Recovery and Literacy

First grade Reading Recovery students and Literacy Group students in K, 1st and 2nd grade are working during each lesson to use their skills in reading and in writing. We would like to extend a sincere THANK YOU to our Allemands families that are helping with reading and writing at home. Reading familiar books only take a few minutes but the practice it provides is most valuable!



SPOOKY times lie ahead for us all as the holiday breaks are fast approaching. Please remember that practicing these emerging reading and writing behaviors each and every day is so important in helping the students continue on the path of steady progress. Reading Recovery and Literacy students will be given extra books to take home over these breaks. Please see that a little of their "down time" is spent practicing.

Trunk or Treat October 31, 2018

Students may wear orange and black shirts.

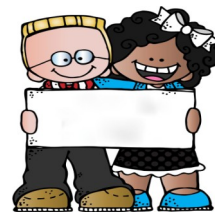


E-Newsletter

As part of our efforts to embrace technology, take care of our environment, and monitor spending, we will transition from paper to electronic newsletter delivery. Beginning in October, Allemands Elementary will deliver the monthly school newsletters via email. Additionally, the school newsletter will be posted to the school's web page. If you would like a printed copy of the school newsletter, please notify Lakia Butler at Lbutler@stcharles.k12.la.us and a copy will be sent home each month with your child. Thank you.

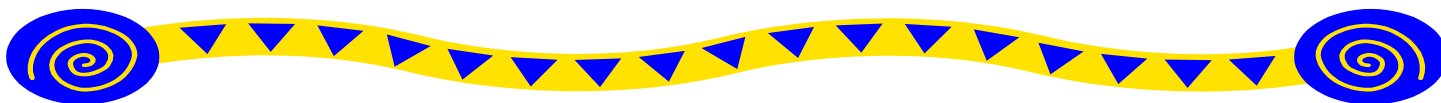
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During the school year, teachers will invite you to come to parent-teacher meetings (also called conferences). You can also ask for a conference any time.

Before the conference

Ask your child if there is anything that he wants you to talk about with his teacher.

Tell your child that you and the teacher are meeting to help her.

Make a list of topics that you want to talk about with the teacher.

Prepare a list of questions such as:

1. What are my child's strongest and weakest subjects?
2. Does my child participate in class?
3. Does my child seem happy at school?

During the conference

Be on time (or early) for the meeting.

End the meeting on time. Other parents will probably have a conference after yours.

Relax and be yourself.

Stay calm during the conference.

Ask the most important questions first.

Ask for explanations of anything you don't understand.

Ask your child's teacher for ways that you can help your child at home.

After the conference

Talk about the conference with your child.

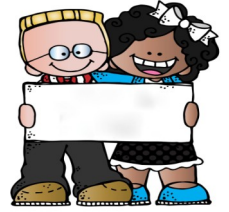
Talk about the positive points, and be direct about problems.

Tell your child about any plans you and the teacher created.

Keep in touch with the teacher during the school year.

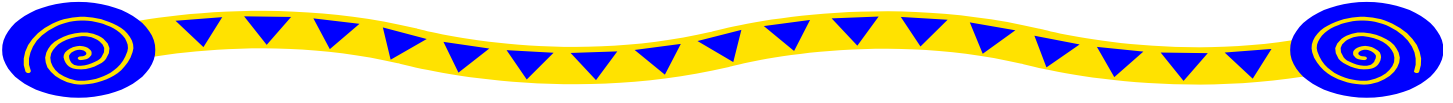
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Durante el año escolar los maestros le invitarán a participar en las reuniones de padres y maestros (también conocidas como conferencias).

Antes de la conferencia

Pregúntele a su niño si hay algo sobre lo que él quisiera que usted le hable a su maestro.

Haga una lista de los temas sobre los que desea hablar con el maestro.

Prepare una lista de preguntas como las siguientes:

¿Cuáles son las materias en las que mi niño es más fuerte y más débil?

¿Participa mi niño en la clase?

¿Mi niño parece estar feliz en la escuela?

Durante la conferencia

Llegue a tiempo (o temprano) a la reunión.

Termine la reunión a tiempo. Otros padres probablemente tienen programada su conferencia después de la suya.

Relájese y sea usted mismo.

Mantenga la ecuanimidad durante la conferencia.

Haga las preguntas más importantes primero.

Pida que le expliquen lo que no entiende.

Pídale al maestro que le indique cómo puede ayudar a su niño en casa.

Después de la conferencia

Hable de la conferencia con su niño.

Hable sobre los puntos positivos y sea directo acerca de los problemas.

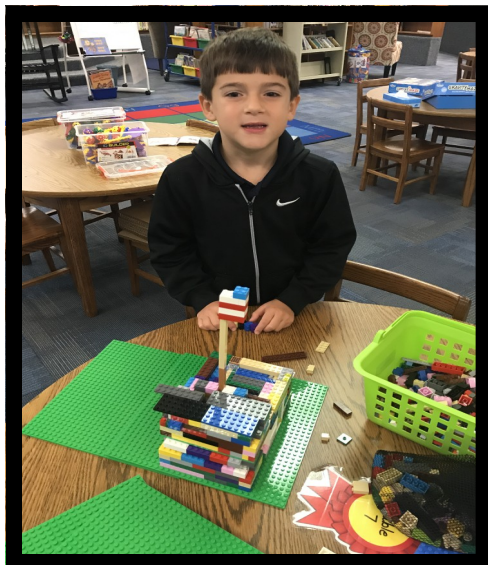
Comuníquese a su niño cualquiera de los planes que usted y el maestro hayan hecho.

Manténgase en contacto con el maestro durante el año escolar.

MAKER SPACE

Makerspace is a place where students have an opportunity to explore their own interests, learn to use Physical and virtual tools and materials, and develop creative projects. The materials are located in the library and are utilized during recess time and the end of lunch. Materials include legos, magnetic tiles, 3D wooden blocks, foam building blocks, Keva Brain Builders, Keva Structures, and IQ Builder - Educational Toy Building Sets. We have also begun integrating technology into our materials. We currently have a Makey Makey, Code&Go Robot Mouse Activity Set, and a Mini Sphero. New materials will be added throughout the year.

We would like to thank our Partner in Business, Otto Candies LLC for their continuous support and promotion of the engineering and Scientific process. In addition, we would also like to thank the St. Charles Public Foundation, Title I, and Title IV for making it possible to integrate technology into our Makerspaces.



Library News

Our Fall Book Fair is right around the corner! The event will take place Monday, October 22nd - Friday, October 26th. We will be open from 9:00 am - 12:00pm.

We will have extended hours on Thursday, October 25th during parent conferences. We will be open until 6:00pm.

More information will be coming home soon.

If you are interested in volunteering during this wonderful event, please email tturgeon@stcharles.k12.la.us.

Coca-Cola Fundraiser



We're excited to share that our school is part of the Coca-Cola Give program. This opens up Allemands to new funding opportunities to help purchase more library books.

The best part? Donations don't come out of your own pocket. When you make Coca-Cola purchases, you simply enter the product codes here: <https://us.coca-cola.com/give/schools/> and our school receives a donation.

Allemands Elementary make the most of this program and learn more at Coke.com/give.



Monthly Reading Program

"Reading is Where it's Hat" reading logs are beginning to trickle in. Any books, whether from school or home, can be written on the logs. Students that turn in completed logs will have their names announced during morning announcements and receive a reading certificate and a pencil. Be sure to turn your logs in to get credit for all of the reading I know you are doing!

"The more that you read, the more things you will know. The more you learn, the more places you'll go." — Dr. Seuss

Dismissal/Transportation



All bus changes / car rider request need to be submitted in writing by 2:30 on a full day and 10:30 on an early dismissal day to **aes-bus@stcharles.k12.la.us**. Bus changes need to include the students name, teachers name, bus number or animal (if known) and the physical address of where the student will be dropped off. Car rider request need to include the name of the student, teacher name, and the person who will be picking him/her up. Please try to keep your child's schedule

DRESS CODE



The following guidelines have been established and are included in the Code of Conduct Handbook. Any apparel for males or females should be worn as designed, i.e. belts, pants at waist, shoestrings tied, etc. All students must conform to the official dress code guidelines below:

Shirt - Collared white or navy blue dress/oxford or polo-type shirt. The official PTA school spirit shirt is allowed every day of the week. If a child has another AES school event or spirit shirt, they may wear it on Fridays only if it is white or navy blue. Please contact Mrs. Perrin if you have questions.

Pants/Shorts/Skirt/Skort/Jumper - Navy or Khaki (no shorter than 2' above the center of the kneecap).

We encourage all students to show their school pride by wearing spirit shirts with jeans on Fridays; however, the jeans must be solid blue, without tears and decorations.



United Way of St. Charles

At Allemands Elementary, we are learning everyday about showing C.A.R.E.S. C.A.R.E.S. stands for cooperation, assertion, responsibility, empathy, and self-control. This year we are planning a school-wide effort to support and help others by showing C.A.R.E.S. During the week of October 8th we will learn about the "E" in C.A.R.E.S. We will take this week to emphasize showing EMPATHY. This lesson will include ways to show others that you care and that you support them. On Thursday, October 11th we will have a \$1.00 dress down for all students. The funds raised will go toward our school goal for United Way. Our culminating activity will be a grade level PENNY DRIVE. Starting October 17-26 we are asking students to bring in pennies to help us meet our school goal. If we meet our goal Mrs. Perrin has a surprise for the entire school. At Allemands Elementary we love helping others!



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 will print a follow up letter in our next monthly issue.

Questions or Suggestions for School Improvement:

Your name (optional) _____



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