



PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

It's amazing that the holidays are here already! December is one of my favorite times of the year. It is a time to enjoy families and friends and refresh as the New Year approaches. This is also the time of year that we reflect upon the first semester of school. Many great things have happened, and we are truly working together. Our faculty and staff are committed to meeting the needs of our students, and we work hard to make AES a place where all students succeed. Please take time during the holidays to support our efforts to increase our students' achievement in all areas. Consider setting aside a time each day to read to your children. Talk about the stories, characters, and events and have your child retell you the story orally. Make time for a review of math facts and practice with flash cards. We would also like to encourage our students to write and write and write! A holiday journal would be a great idea. Your child could write about the special times during the holidays, and then you could respond to your child in this journal. They could also write about plans for the New Year and set goals for the next semester. These ideas are great ways to keep the learning going during the holiday break. We would like to wish all of our families a joyous and peaceful holiday season. We appreciate your continued help and support. Your cooperation truly makes a difference in our school. Thank you for being an essential part of our team.

Lisa Perrin
Principal

MISSION

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

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 lifelong 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.

UPCOMING EVENTS

December

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| 1st | PTA Board Meeting, virtual @ 1:00
Zoom Meeting Link:
https://us06web.zoom.us/j/93824317679?pwd=M3I0NDlCdXZaYTd3L3VXcGhvV2NUQT09 |
| 2nd | Saints shirt day |
| 10th | Fall pictures: Uniforms must be worn |
| 15th | Literacy Night @ 6:00 in your child's classroom
Read the article for more information |
| 16th | Progress Reports sent home |
| 17th | Pajama Day

Community Morning Meeting |
| 20th | Asynchronous Home Learning: please complete the packet and send it to school |
| 21st | Asynchronous Home Learning: please complete the packet and send it to school |
| 22nd-Jan.
2nd | Happy Holidays! |
| Jan. 3rd | Students return to school |



LET'S MAKE DREAMS COME TRUE



Welcome back to AES for Literacy Night!

We are so excited to begin holding events at AES again. With COVID19 still in the community, we are encouraging people who are not vaccinated to wear a mask. We will also ask you to space yourself from other groups. Literacy Night will be held on December 15th from 6:00-7:00 in your child's classroom. You will need to RSVP when the flyer is sent home to receive the snack provided on this evening. Door prizes will be given at this event.

Playgroup

Our Family Center will begin playgroup opportunities for our families in January. Mark your calendar for these wonderful events. We are planning to host playgroup every Wednesday at 10:00am.

United Way

Thank you for your support of our United Way Campaign! With your family and student donations, we were able to raise almost \$1800! With this donation, we will be able to allow United Way to help many families in our community!

Class Holiday Events

Teachers will send information to parents about holiday events. We will not have parents at this event. AES is providing a snack and drink for all students. Thank you for your understanding.

Second Grade Play/Event

Our second graders will sing Christmas carols as their performance this year. We will invite one parent for each child to attend after their child's class is being recorded. The video link will be shared with parents and the community via Twitter and School Status of the recording. We are so excited to have our parents at AES.

Cafeteria

Even though we are beginning to have parents and guests at our events, we are unable to have anyone eat with students in the cafeteria during lunchtime. We are utilizing the entire cafeteria to space our students and have enough time to sanitize between students for COVID19.





Newsletter Delivery

As part of our efforts to embrace technology, take care of our environment, and monitor spending, we will have an electronic newsletter delivery. 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.

Calendar Revisions

The district calendar has been revised due to Hurricane Ida. You can find the updated calendar at <https://www.stcharles.k12.la.us/domain/2866>

SIP Stakeholder Group

We are looking for parents, grandparents, and community members to work with us! Our School Improvement Team wants to hear your voice in regards to making improvements to our school. Each month we will hold a meeting with the group of stakeholders to talk about activities and initiatives as well as hear concerns. These meetings will be virtual until visitors are allowed and will last 30-45 minutes. Our next meeting is on January 18, 2022 at 8:45. At the last meeting, we reviewed our mission, vision, and beliefs in addition to discussing how to support our school improvement initiatives. If you are interested in being a part of this group, please contact Chellie Killian at ckillian@stcharles.k12.la.us.

Face Covering Reminders

Students in grades kindergarten through 12 are required to wear face coverings on the bus. Please make sure your child has a face covering each day for the bus ride; if you would like to send additional face coverings for your child in a bag with their name, we are happy to secure these items for you. Face shields, neck gaiters, and masks with exhalation valves or vents cannot be used in place of face coverings. Face coverings which contain profanity, vulgar, or offensive language/symbols are prohibited. These include but are not limited to: slogans or advertising of alcohol, tobacco, or drugs; satanic cult or gang-related symbols or paraphernalia; and profane, obscene, or sexually-oriented language. CDC information on how to safely wear and take off a face covering can be found at <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/downloads/cloth-face-covering.pdf>.

November United Way Events

With our Veteran's Day Dress Down, we were able to raise \$190. Thank you for your participation in our Dress Down Day



United Way Read-A-Thon

WOW! What an amazing job you all did for our Read-A-Thon!! Our students read so many books and raised so much money for our United Way Campaign! We are so appreciative and proud of how giving you all were to this wonderful cause. Each child who brought in any monetary donation was able to pick from our Prize Room! We raised over \$1600 to give to United Way!



OUR LEARNING

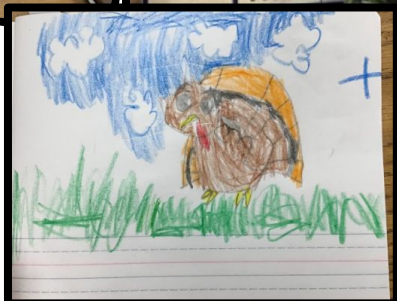
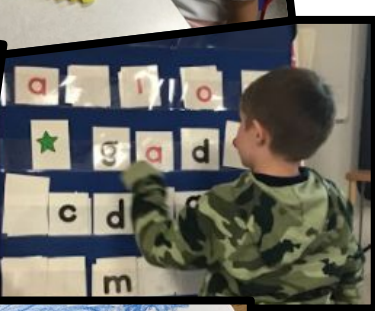
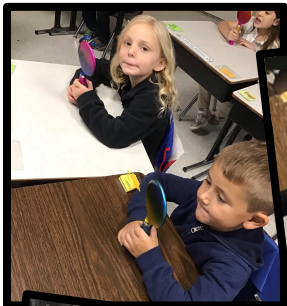


pre-k

- Our youngest catfish have enjoyed celebrating Thanksgiving at AES with their friends. We are all thankful for so many things.
- Students have also been learning about Native Americans and Pilgrims.
- Students also enjoyed dressing up for our delicious Thanksgiving Feast that was made with love from our hard working cafeteria ladies that really know how to fill our bellies with delicious food.



kindergarten



- During our Skills Strand, we continue to work on blending sounds to say words. We are beginning to read and write new letter sounds.
- We looked in mirrors to see the shape our mouth makes when we say different sounds.
- See the video sent home for ways to practice phonemic awareness and phonics.
- In our Knowledge Strand, we enjoyed learning about our 5 senses.
- In Math, we are counting how many and writing numbers to 10. See the Number Writing Rhymes in your child's folder for help practicing.
- We will begin to learn how to identify and describe shapes.



OUR LEARNING



first grade

In the month of December our first graders are continuing to build their learning in all subjects. In Skills, we are learning to read and write words with vowel digraphs. We started a new reader, *Gran*. Have your child discuss the story read in class with you. You can help by asking about the characters, setting, and major events in the story. In Knowledge, we have enjoyed listening to fiction stories from different lands. We will move into learning about Early World Civilizations. Check out a book at your local library to learn more! Your student is learning more about solving problems in math. We are focusing on making a ten to solve addition and subtraction problems within 20, understanding place value within teen numbers, and solving word problems within 20. Please complete nightly homework to support your child with these skills we are learning. We look forward to a wonderful holiday season, and we hope you have a happy holiday!

second grade

'Tis the season to celebrate the joy of reading by going on a journey with lots of books. Check out *The Legend of the Poinsettia* by Tomie dePaola or a timeless classic like *How the Grinch Stole Christmas* by Dr. Seuss. Second graders are making reading more enjoyable by analyzing the plot in stories. When reading, students should use a variety of reading strategies and should retell what is read in sequential order including the central message. Second graders are writing in response to questions.

In math, students will continue solving word problems and using place value strategies to add and subtract within 1,000. Please have your child practice math facts to 20. Have a safe and happy holiday season! Your continued home support is such a wonderful gift! See you next year!



ENRICHMENT

Librarian's

Letter

We're learning about the different sections of the library, and why books are where they are on the library shelves.

Remember to participate in our school wide reading program: Finley's Fin-tastic Fishies!

Please read the letter on the back of the reading log to learn how the reading program works.

Blank reading logs can be found online at:

<https://www.stcharles.k12.la.us/Page/15936>

PreK and Kindergarten students who read 100 books will be recognized on a bulletin board, as well as all 1st graders who read 200 books, and 2nd graders who read 300 books.

Happy Reading!

Love, Ms. Lacey, librarian

COUNSELOR'S corner

Let's be bucket fillers!

"A bucket filler is a caring, loving person that does or says nice things.

You feel a bucket when you show love to someone, when you say or do something kind, or even when you give someone a smile. When you're a bucket filler, you make your home, your school, and your neighborhood better places to be. Bucket feeling makes everyone feel good."

Have You Filled a Bucket Today?

By Carol McCloud

Lori Hogan, School Counselor

French FUN

Joyeux Noël et Bonne Année! It is so hard to believe the year is almost over, and the holiday season is in full swing! The students will be learning French Christmas vocabulary. They will also learn how families in France celebrate Christmas! Did you know that in some parts of France, Christmas is celebrated on December 6th? That date is the feast day of Saint Nicholas and young children celebrate by leaving special wooden shoes, called sabots, by the fireplace for St. Nicholas to fill with toys and candy. The rest of France celebrates on Christmas Eve by fasting all day, attending Midnight Mass and feasting on a huge multi-course dinner called the Réveillon while they open presents from Papa Noël.

A Note from the Family Center



How Can You Support Your Child Academically:

- **Find out how your child is doing.**
Ask the teacher how well your child is doing in class compared to other students. If your child is not keeping up, especially when it comes to reading, ask what you or the school can do to help. It's important to act early before your child gets too far behind. Also be sure to review your child's report card each time it comes out.
- **Make sure that your child gets homework done.**
Let your child know that you think education is important and that homework needs to be done each day. You can help your child with homework by setting aside a special place to study, establishing a regular time for homework, and removing distractions such as the television and social phone calls during homework time. If you are reluctant to help your child with homework because you feel that you don't know the subject well enough or because you don't speak or read English, you can help by showing that you are interested, helping your child get organized, providing the necessary materials, asking your child about daily assignments, monitoring work to make sure that it is completed, and praising all of your child's efforts. Remember that doing your child's homework for him won't help him in the long run.
- **Find homework help for your child if needed.**
If it is difficult for you to help your child with homework or school projects, see if you can find someone else who can help. Contact the school, tutoring groups, after school programs, churches, and libraries. Or see if an older student, neighbor, or friend can help.
- **Help your child prepare for tests.**
Tests play an important role in determining a student's grade. Your child may also take one or more standardized tests during the school year, and your child's teacher may spend class time on test preparation throughout the year. As a parent, there are a number of ways that you can support your child before and after taking a standardized test, as well as a number of ways you can support your child's learning habits on a daily basis that will help her be more prepared when it's time to be tested.

Apoye los esfuerzos académicos de su hijo

- **Averigüe cómo le está yendo a su hijo en sus cursos.** Pregúntele a la maestra cómo le está yendo a su hijo en comparación con los demás estudiantes. Si su hijo se está rezagando, especialmente en la lectura, consulte qué puede hacer usted o la escuela para ayudar. Es importante actuar oportunamente antes de que su hijo se retrase demasiado. Lea los reportes o informes escolares de su rendimiento académico. Para obtener más información, consulte la página Cómo saber si su hijo necesita ayuda adicional.
- **Supervise la tarea.** Haga a su niño comprender que usted piensa que la educación es algo importante y que hay que cumplir con la tarea escolar. Usted le puede ayudar a su niño con la tarea en las maneras siguientes: aparte un lugar especial para que su niño estudie, fije una hora para hacer la tarea, y elimine las distracciones como el televisor y llamadas sociales. También hay muchas maneras en que usted puede ayudar si no conoce la materia a fondo o porque no domina el inglés tan bien como su hijo.
- **Busque quién le ayude a su hijo con las tareas.** Si se le dificulta ayudarle a su hijo con las tareas o los proyectos escolares, consulte para encontrar a alguien más que pueda ayudarle. Comuníquese con la escuela, los grupos de tutoría, los programas después de la escuela, las iglesias y las bibliotecas o busque la ayuda de un estudiante mayor, vecino o amigo.
- **Ayude a su hijo preparar para las pruebas.** Las pruebas estandarizadas cumplen en la actualidad un papel fundamental en las escuelas públicas de los Estados Unidos. Su hijo puede dar una o más pruebas estandarizadas durante el año escolar y es posible que el maestro de su hijo dedique tiempo de clase a la preparación para el examen a lo largo del año. Como padre o madre, hay muchas formas de apoyar a su hijo antes y después de dar una prueba estandarizada, así como también hay muchas formas de apoyar los hábitos de estudio de su hijo a diario, que lo ayudará a estar mejor preparado cuando llegue el momento de la prueba.

Trick or Treat



Community Morning Meeting



**We received donations from
Kids in Need Foundation and
Kehoe-France School.
Thank you!**





This month, our students are building on November's theme of RESPECT and learning about **ACCEPTANCE**. Acceptance can be as simple as showing respect to others, speaking kindly to someone, or including someone new in a game or an activity. Acceptance can also mean being yourself and loving yourself just the way you are, standing up for others if they are teased for being different, or looking for ways that people around the world are alike even though we are thousands of miles apart.

Many people celebrate this time of year in ways that are unique to their families, cultures, and religions. Spend some time talking with your child about your family's holiday traditions and help him or her find similarities between your traditions and those from other cultures. Then ask your child to draw a picture or write a few sentences about one of his or her favorite holiday activities, foods, or traditions to be posted on the school bulletin board and shared, celebrated, and ACCEPTED for the special way it makes our school, our community, and our world a wonderful place... "Where Dreams Come True!"

If your child isn't able to participate at this time, please feel free to draw a picture or write a few sentences about what acceptance means to you and your family, especially during the holiday season.

Please welcome our updated PTA Board. They meet once a month and would love to have your participation.

President, Amanda Martin
Vice President, Laura Brown
Secretary, Celeste Matherne
Treasurer, Erica Dufrene
School Liaison, TBA

Grade Representatives:

Vanessa Camarata
Danielle Berthelot
Kelli Finstad
Tongla Turner
Megan Hammett
Jodie Matherne
Krissy Hebert
Chelsea Sassin
Kelly Madere
Katie Foster



Catfish Character Traits

Our School Improvement Team has designated a character trait each month to teach the Essential 11 Traits each week. In addition, the PTA will support our school by sending home a family activity to practice this trait. In December, we will focus on acceptance. Our teachers will read the book, The Potato Chip Champ by Maria Dismondy and review the following topics during the month. Please help us to reinforce these character traits at home and in the community.

- Week of 12/6 Celebrate the Success of Others
- Week of 12/13 Holidays Around the World

Let us know if your child shows this character trait at home or the community by returning the information below. We will read it during the announcements to celebrate your child!

Student Name: _____

What did he/she do to show acceptance in your home or the community?

Menus for December 2021

ST. CHARLES PARISH PUBLIC SCHOOLS

This institution is an equal opportunity provider. Menus are subject to change.

Available Daily



We'll see you again in 2022!

Christmas Holidays begin
at the end of classes

Friday,

December 17

Classes resume
Monday,
January 3



Due to
circumstances
beyond our control
Menus Are
Likely To
Change



Wednesday, December 1

Breakfast

St. Charley Cinnamon Roll
Cereal w/Cheese Stick
Yogurt w/Gripz
Fruit or Juice Choice

Lunch

Pork Siew w/Steamed Rice
Sweet Potatoes
Steamed Cabbage
Banana

Thursday, December 2

Breakfast

Sausage Biscuit
Cereal w/Cheese Stick
Yogurt w/Gripz
Fruit or Juice Choice

Lunch

Spaghetti & Meat sauce
Green Peas
Italian Salad
Garlic Bread
Pineapples w/Cherries

Friday, December 3

Breakfast

Chicken Waffle Bites
Cereal w/Cheese Stick
Yogurt w/Gripz
Fruit or Juice Choice

Lunch

Manager's Choice
Breaded Chicken Sandwich
w/Crinkle Cut Fries
Or
Bosco Sticks /Mannara

Monday, December 6

Breakfast

Pop Tarts or Cereal Bars
Cereal w/Cheese Stick
Yogurt w/Gripz
Fruit or Juice Choice

Lunch

Chicken Tenders
Waffles w/Syrup
Green Beans
Carrots
Sliced Peaches

Tuesday, December 7

Breakfast

Chicken Biscuit
Cereal w/Cheese Stick
Yogurt w/Gripz
Fruit or Juice Choice

Lunch

Orange Chicken
Fried Rice
Broccoli Florets
Asian Chopped Salad
Tropical Fruit

Wednesday, December 8

Breakfast

St. Charley Cinnamon Roll
Cereal w/Cheese Stick
Yogurt w/Gripz
Fruit or Juice Choice

Lunch

Fish Sticks
Macaroni & Cheese
Baked Beans
Cucumber & Tomato Salad
Banana

Thursday, December 9

Breakfast

Sausage Biscuit
Cereal w/Cheese Stick
Yogurt w/Gripz
Fruit or Juice Choice

Lunch

Manager's Choice
Turkey Sausage Gumbo Meal
Or
Sliced Turkey w/Mashed
Potatoes Meal

Friday, December 10

Breakfast

Muffin Choice
Cereal w/Cheese Stick
Yogurt w/Gripz
Fruit or Juice Choice

Lunch

Hamburger/Cheeseburger
Crinkle Cut Fries
Lettuce/Tomato/Pickle
Orange Wedges
Cookie

Monday, December 13

Breakfast

Powdered Donuts
Cereal w/Cheese Stick
Yogurt w/Gripz
Fruit or Juice Choice

Lunch

Red Beans w/Ham
Steamed Rice
Seasoned Mustard Greens
Steamed Carrots
Biscuit, Applesauce

Tuesday, December 14

Breakfast

Chicken Biscuit
Cereal w/Cheese Stick
Yogurt w/Gripz
Fruit or Juice Choice

Lunch

St. Charley's Chili w/Cheese
Tortilla Chips
Garden Salad
Steamed Corn
Apple Wedges

Wednesday, December 15

Breakfast

St. Charley Cinnamon Roll
Cereal w/Cheese Stick
Yogurt w/Gripz
Fruit or Juice Choice

Lunch

Chicken & Sausage
Jambalaya
Broccoli Florets
Garden Salad
Garlic Bread, Banana

Thursday, December 16

Breakfast

Sausage Biscuit
Cereal w/Cheese Stick
Yogurt w/Gripz
Fruit or Juice Choice

Lunch

Baked Chicken
Mashed Potatoes
Green Beans
WW Roll
Pineapple Tidbits w/Cherries

Friday, December 17

Breakfast

Biscuit Sticks (2)
Cereal w/Cheese Stick
Yogurt w/Gripz
Fruit or Juice Choice

Lunch

Mini Corn Dogs
Baked Beans
Celery & Carrot w/Ranch Dip
Orange Wedges