



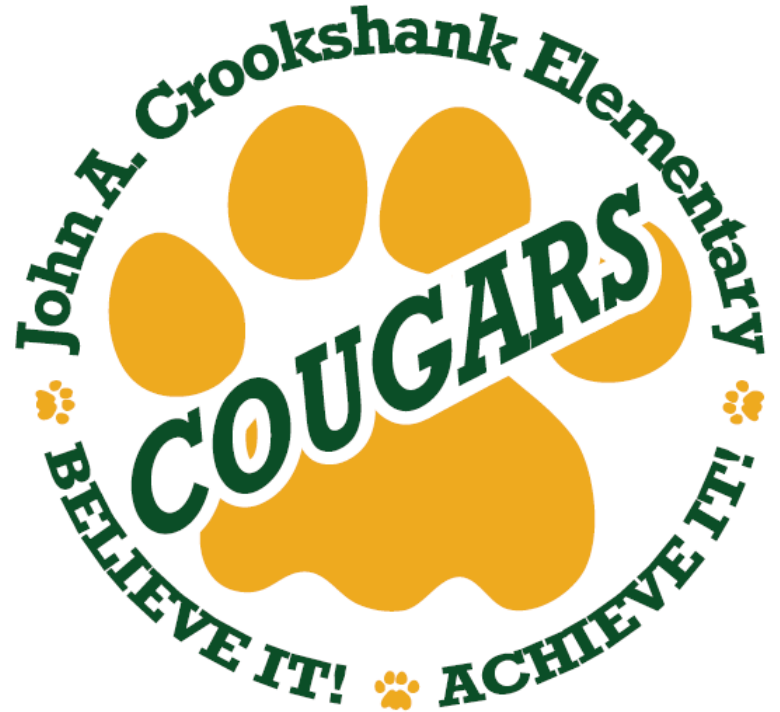
Welcome to Crookshank
2021



CES

Mission Statement

“Working
together we ALL
Succeed!”



ONE team. **ONE** goal. Success for **ALL**!

A is for...Assurance

Rest Assured that safety is our focus & the well-being of our students is our highest priority!



B is for...Birthdays

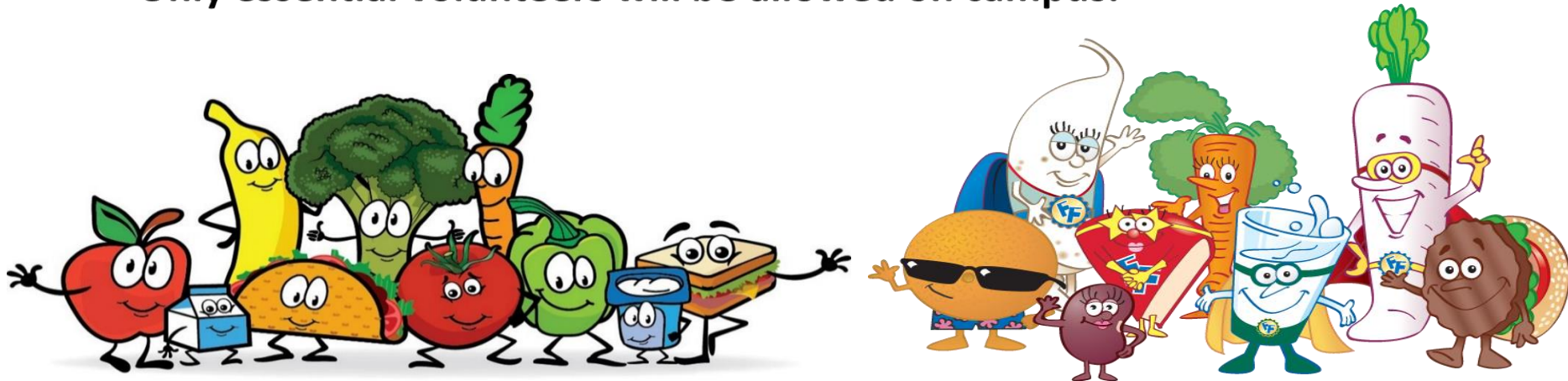
We love to celebrate student birthdays. However, we require that all birthday treats be individually wrapped and store bought. Pre-K students should consult their teacher before sending in treats. Separate rules apply to PK.



C is for...CAFÉ

CAFÉ Manager – Angela Boyer

- Each student has an ID used to purchase café items
- Teachers and staff are on hand to assist students in the café
- Students can also bring a healthy snack to have in the classroom during working snack
- Menus are available online
- PayPams is the online payment system used by St Johns County. You can deposit money and view purchased items on their website. All students at Crookshank eat for free.
- Visit the Cougar Café's webpage under the Departments tab on our website
- **This year, parents will not be permitted to have lunch with their children. Only essential volunteers will be allowed on campus.**



Please consider...

- Items in lunchbox should be easy for students to open without support
- Begin practicing with students now if they will be bringing a lunch from home
- We will make sure every student has the support they need
- Please note we are a "nut aware" school

Dear Parents

(of elementary school aged kids)

When your kids come to school we will have to help them open LOTS of the things you pack for lunch.

PLEASE HAVE THEM PRACTICE OPENING THINGS BY THEMSELVES.

These are EASIER to open. If I help them open it, I won't be putting my hands on parts that will go in their mouth.



These are HARDER to open. If you send these PLEASE have them PRACTICE opening it. If I help them open it, I will be putting my hands on parts that will go in their mouth.



If your kiddo can open everything in their lunch, it means less time waiting with their hand up, more time eating and less germs!! (even though we are washing our hands and disinfecting)

D is for...Dismissal

Dismissal Routines

- Reminder - all students have bus access
- Students on buses often arrive home before those who are picked up
- Please be patient if choosing PPU as a dismissal option- especially at the beginning of the year
- A helpful skill would be for students to practice buckling and unbuckling their seatbelt independently
- Dismissal changes should be made through the school website homepage under "Dismissal Changes"



D is for...Dismissal

Important Dismissal Reminders

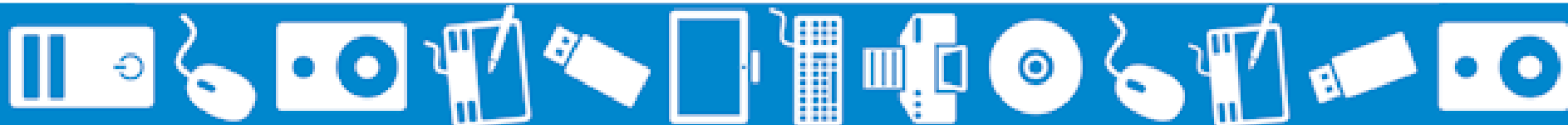
Critical Reminders - With increased traffic and safety updates, it is important that we work together to ensure the safety of our students.

- We ask that parents/families remain in their vehicles at **ALL TIMES** during dismissal. Please have your car tag displayed
- Anyone picking up your child must be listed on the student information form. Unfamiliar people or those without a tag will be asked to park and show ID in the office.
- **Parents/Families SHOULD NOT** park and walk up to the sidewalks. Students will not be released from this area
- **Early Release Wednesday** – All students are dismissed at 1:45 on Wednesday
- Pull your car up to the designated pole number. Your child will be waiting for you there



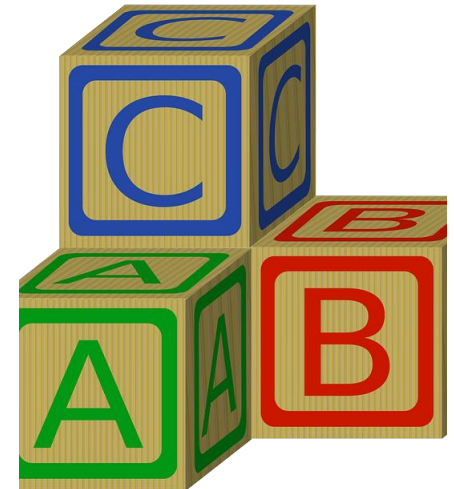
E is for...Email & Communication

- Teacher Emails
- Schoology
- CES Webpage
- Parent Handbook – CES webpage- Parent and Student information
- Weekly Newsletter – The Cougar Column- sent via School Messenger
- School Messenger – school-wide email, phone, text messaging system



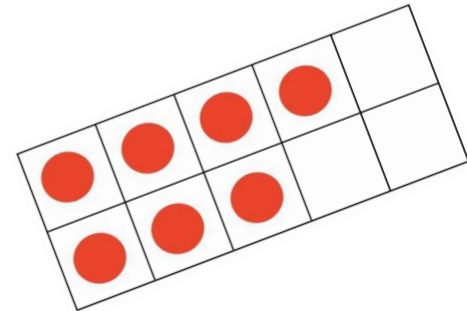
F is for...Foundational skills

- This year your child will learn foundation skills.
- PK- children learn how to follow routines, interact with peers, be in a school environment.
- The PK curriculum is called Teaching Strategies Gold.
- Units are organized into themes.
 - Trees
 - Building
 - Balls



F is for...Foundational skills

- Kindergarten children learn foundational skills in all subject areas
 - Reading
 - Concepts of Print (L to R, Beginning, Middle, End, Holding a book, turning pages 1 at a time)
 - Letter names and sounds
 - CVC words
 - Rhyming
 - Sight words 80-100 by end of year
 - Math
 - Counting 0-100 (by end of year)
 - Counting sets of 20
 - Add/subtract to 10
 - Make 10 using a 10 frame
 - Sci/SS
 - Cultures and celebrations around the world
 - Life cycles
 - Five senses
 - Day/Night



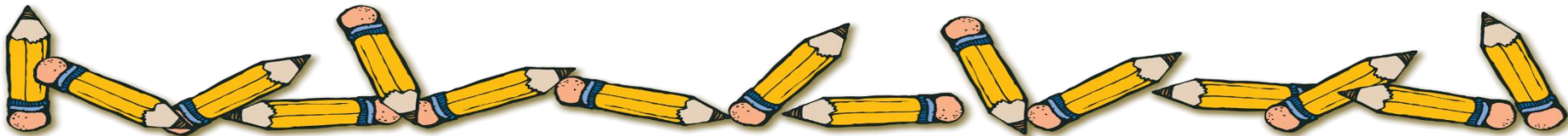
G is for...

Guaranteed and Viable Curriculum

ONE team. ONE Goal. Success for ALL!

Guaranteed and Viable Curriculum – Teachers develop units of study that identify the level of rigor and instructional timelines for all students and work collaboratively to ensure fidelity using high yield instructional strategies. Students are progress monitored using iReady.

Intervention and Enrichment – A universal re-teaching time where all learners are given additional time for re-teaching or enrichment. We flexibly group students to best meet the needs of all learners

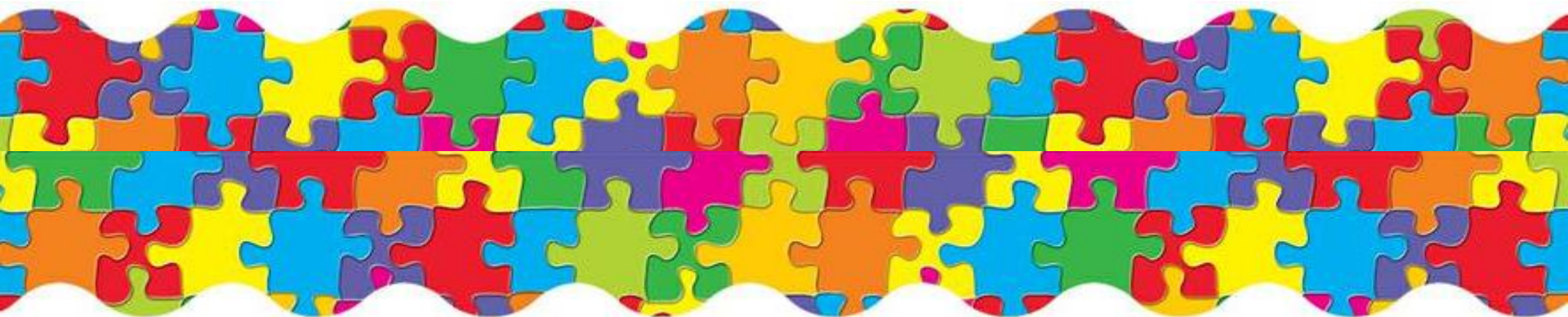


H is for...Handbook

The CES Parent and PBS (Positive Behavior Support)

Handbooks can be accessed on our webpage.

Please make sure to review prior to the beginning of the school year. A copy of the PBS handbook will be sent home with your child the first week of school



I is for...Independence

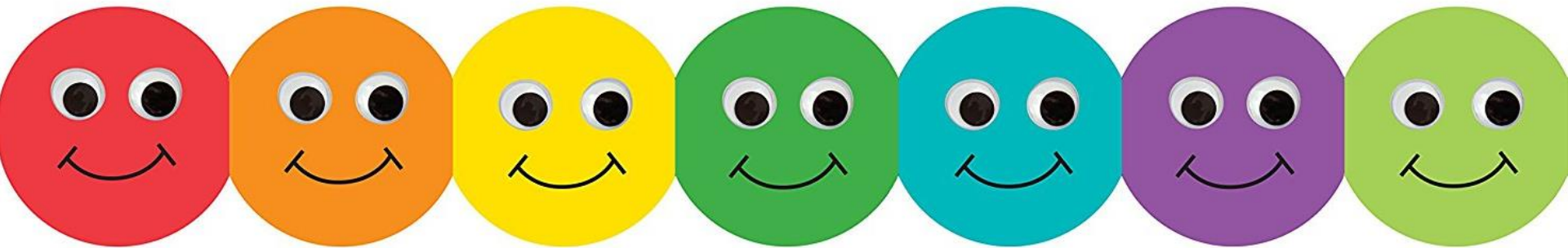
- Due to the current situation, parents will only be able to walk their child to class the first day they attend school.
- Staff members will meet the students and assure they arrive to class safely.
- **THEN...** we believe our students will be ready to be independent but...

We won't be far behind!



J is for...Joy

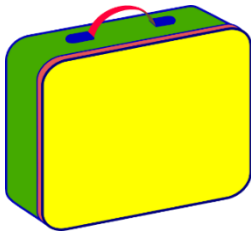
Our classrooms are filled with joy,
laughter, kindness, & compassion.



L is for...Label

Please label all supplies on your supply list with your child's name, grade and teacher.

In addition, please label jackets, water bottles and lunch boxes.



M is for... Mindset

Growth Mindset - We believe that all learning and achievement takes hard work and that often we need practice in order to master skills. We teach children the power of perseverance. Students utilize Leadership Notebooks to set goals and track their progress



N is for...Nurse

- Crookshank has a full time nurse in the Clinic
- Her name is Ms. Roxanne Smith
- She takes excellent care of our Cougars.
- When your child goes to the clinic for illness or injury, Nurse Smith will evaluate them and call you as needed.



O is for...Open House

This Fall, Crookshank hopes host our
annual Open House Night in
September. More details will follow.



P is for...Positive Behavior Support

- PBS Handbook
- Common school-wide expectations and language
- Ensures consistence and fairness across all classrooms
- Each teacher uses their own behavior system in the classroom
- Handbook given to each child and posted on website
- Daily PAW Points on PAW Card for meeting expectations
- Quarterly PAW Card Celebrations
- Cougars with Character Assemblies
 - 5 students per class each quarter
 - Character Counts, Academics, Growth Mindset, Community Service

P is for...PTO

- Mrs. Liz Beute– PTO President
- Our wonderful PTO supports the educational needs of students and staff as well as facility enhancements
- Visit the CES PTO link on our homepage
<http://crookshankpto.org>
- They also have a Facebook page
- Please consider getting involved, we need you!



Q is for...Quick Goodbyes

Quick goodbyes leave dry eyes!



R is for...Related Arts Classes

Students will rotate related arts classes each
week

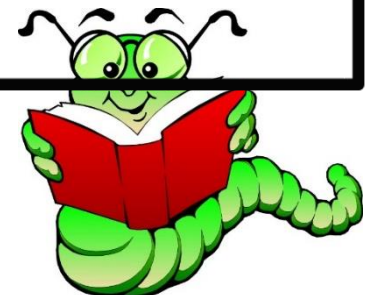
Music

Art

PE

Media

STEM and Science Lab



S is for...Staggered Start

(Kindergarten only)

- St. Johns County Schools utilize staggered start for kindergarten students
- This gives teachers the opportunity to get to know the students and teach important routines in a smaller environment.
- Students are staggered on Monday, August 16th and Tuesday, August 17th and all students start on Wednesday, August 18th. You will sign up for your staggered start day at “Meet the Teacher”
- On their staggered start morning, parents may walk students to meet their child’s teacher at their classroom.
- Students who ride the bus will be escorted to their classroom at the regular time



T is for...Transportation

- Consistent transportation routines helps make for a smooth transition to school
- PreK and K bus riders are seated on buses first
- All Pk-1st grade students have colored bus tags with corresponding animals attached to their backpacks
- Staff will assist students to their designated location during arrival and dismissal time
- The district will post bus information on Home Access Center beginning on Friday, July 30th.



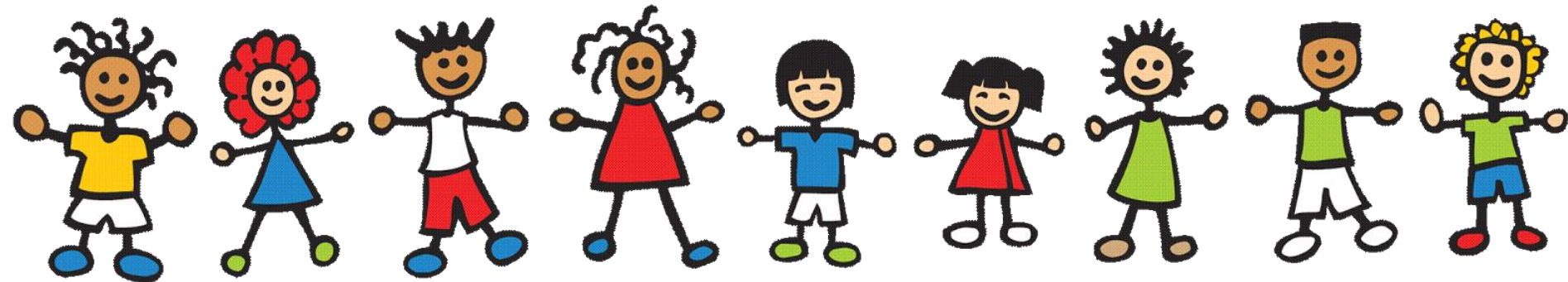
T is also for...Transportation Changes

- Transportation changes should be sent to: cestransportation@stjohns.k12.fl.us before 2:00 pm (1:00 pm on Wednesdays)
- Also, please email or write a note to your child's teacher. However, you must complete this link.
- We cannot accept phone calls for those changes
- If you do not have access to the link we will permit parents to submit a handwritten note 1 day in advance
- Changes in afternoon transportation should only be for **emergency** situations



U is for...Unique

- All of our students learn they are special and unique
- Our children have opportunities to describe how they are alike, as well as how they are different from others
- This is how we learn to be writers!



V is for...Visitors

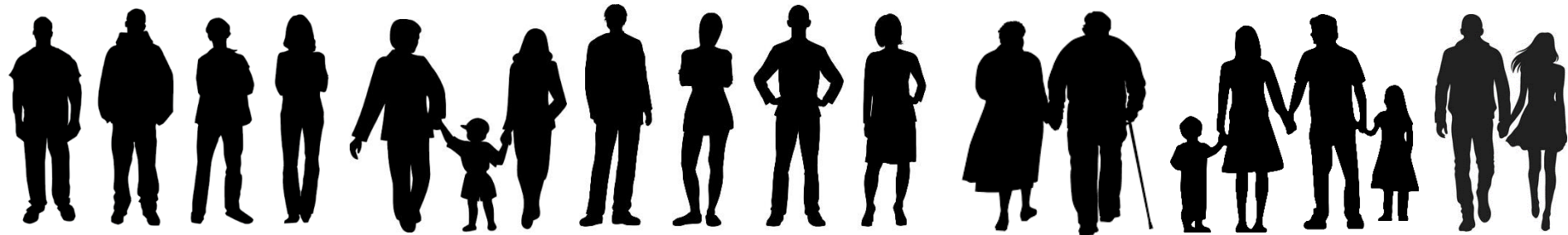
As required by Florida state law, everyone **MUST** have School Access approval to go beyond the front office or volunteer in any capacity at Crookshank Elementary.

Currently, only essential volunteers will be permitted on campus.

Visitors and volunteers must be on official school business by appointment to enter. Visitors and volunteers are subject to COVID screening/clearance before entry.

School access form can be completed at

www.stjohns.k12.fl.us/volunteer/



W is for...

Early Release Wednesdays

- St. Johns County Schools have early-release on Wednesday
- Crookshank dismisses at 1:45 PM *every* Wednesday

A large, stylized graphic of the word 'WEDNESDAY' in all caps. Each letter is a different color and has a 3D effect with a shadow. The colors are: W (red), E (orange), D (yellow), N (green), E (teal), S (blue), D (purple), A (pink), Y (magenta).

X is for...eXtra Clothes

Please make sure to have a pair of extra clothing, including under garments and socks, in your child's backpack in case of emergencies



Y is for...You!

You are a vital part of your child's education

- Play an active role in your child's education by communicating with teachers or staff members
- ***Review and sign your child's planner daily***
- Talk to your child about their school day
- Support CES rules and expectations
- Treat all citizens with respect. (Faculty, staff, students and other parents)
- Have **HIGH EXPECTATIONS** for your child, both behaviorally and academically



Z is for...ZZZ's

Please make sure your child is
well-rested every day.



It's going to be a great year to be a Cougar!

**See you at "Meet Your Teacher"
on August 13th from 8-9:45am**

Kindergarten! ... here I come!

