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Spring is on the way!

We wish you a restful and refreshing spring break beginning on March 17, 2025!

In the face of challenging weather and illness, our teachers, families and students have persisted to keep learning and engaged! We appreciate everyone's hard work and commitment to our school community. Thank you, thank you!

- When school resumes on March 24, 2025, we will be ready to run towards the finish line.
- As long as your student is healthy, please encourage showing up to class when school is in session.

Every day of school is an important opportunity for students to learn and connect to peers and their teachers.

Until then, have a wonderful spring break!



Art Allers

Kindergarteners have been doing our best throughout the year practicing their artistic skills as we explore pastels and other media.

1st grade and 2nd grade have started working on their portrait skills with the help of "Mona Lisa"



3rd graders have worked so hard on some wonderful yarn weavings and will continue to create more beautiful art with watercolors and soon try printmaking!

4th grade continues to work on their drawing and coloring skills with different media.

5th grade has been working on portrait drawings and next will convey emotions through paper collage and other media.



Upcoming Events

March 11

Spring & Class Pictures
SOT @ 3:45 PM

March 17

Spring Break begins

March 24

Classes resume

March 31

Marco's Pizza Fundraiser

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Most artwork remains at school to conduct a self-evaluation closer to the end of the year. Students will choose one artwork to hang up for display to transform our school into a huge art gallery where we celebrate Fine Arts Night with musical performances and make and take activities at the end of April. Feel free to message me on Dojo with any questions.

Your Art Teacher, Ms. Morris

Second Grade Shindig

Our second graders are more than halfway through second grade and getting ready for third grade.

They just finished writing their first imaginative narrative piece on their own and have come a long way since the beginning of the year. We continue to be impressed with how much their writing has improved.

In reading our students have been learning how to use and identify text features in nonfiction text. They have been working on identifying if a text is written in first or third person and being able to tell us what the author's point of view is.

Teaching the Vowel
Team Syllable



We've been continuing to introduce the different vowel teams in our phonics lessons and have been working on knowing the meanings of words when prefixes and suffixes are added onto base and root words.

We have finished our time and money unit in math and are now transitioning into our measurement unit. Students will get to learn the different units of measurement and how to measure with each one.

We are looking forward to our upcoming field trip to Smith Center at the end of March. Be on the lookout for more details to be coming home soon.

First Grade Fandango

First Grade had a wonderful time in February with all the different celebrations! In the month of March, we will be working on fraction in math. In reading, we will begin Module 7 which will focus on how things in nature change. Students will explore writing an opinion about our favorite season. Continue to work on reading daily, and adding and subtracting at home.



News You Can Use

Welcome to our newest cowgirl!

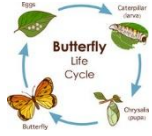
We are excited to have Ms. Armendariz join us in the wild west here at Kay Carl. Ms. Armendariz is our new office manager. She comes from a lot of experience in the district and was an assistant accountant for the ELL department. Feel free to stop by the office and say a friendly howdy to our newest cowgirl.

Positive thoughts for one of our cowgirls

Ms. Bartolotta is home for the at least the next few weeks while she manages some health issues. Students have been making cards here at school that we deliver to her. Please send positive and healing thoughts her way. Want to help? She likes Coconut Bai, Diet Coke, Belvita Crackers (cinnamon sugar and chocolate), and Nature's Bakery Oatmeal Breakfast Squares. Sweet messages are always welcome. You can bring these items to the front office. We're hoping our cowgirl comes back to the wild west soon.

Preschool Perk

Spring is an exciting time for Mrs. Allen's class! We will continue learning about different letters in the alphabet and practicing our handwriting skills.



We will be learning about farms and different animals that live on a farm. We will also be learning about lots of different insects and their life cycles. We will get caterpillars in our classroom and the students will be able to follow along on their journey as they transform into a butterfly. I look forward to the final semester push and getting the students ready for kindergarten.

Kindergarten Keepers

Spring is here!

Everything is blooming, even our kindergartners!!

During Spring our students make tremendous growth in their learning and maturity. Our Tiny Humans are becoming readers, writers, mathematicians, and problem solvers.

At home, parents can continue to nurture their child's growth by reading nightly, studying sight words, practicing basic addition and subtraction facts, and exploring the changes in nature around them.

In class we will be learning lots of fun things about nature. How caterpillars change into butterflies, eggs hatch into chicks and seeds grow into plants!

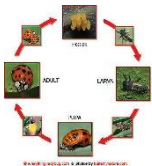
Our kiddos are going on a field trip to Gilcrease Orchard to learn about bees, chickens, and plants first hand. They will even get to pick their own carrots.



Spring is an exciting season... so is watching our kindergartners grow into first graders!

Happy Spring!!

ECSE Express



The ECSE class will be exploring the world of bugs in March! Just because they are small does not mean they are not mighty. We will learn the difference between an insect and an arachnid. We will learn insect body parts.

Get your jars ready, bug hunts and fun games are in store for preschool.



Let's Talk

Effective communication can change the world and most certainly improve our home life! Try some of the following conversation starters during car rides, meal time, or a walk to the park.

- Do you think it's important to keep a promise?
- What is your favorite board game?
- What is something you can do to help the unpopular kids feel accepted?
- What's the best way to spend a rainy weekend?
- What would be in your pot at the end of the rainbow?
- If you found ten dollars on the street, what would you do with it?
- If you had a secret power, what would it be?
- If you could master one instrument, what would it be?
- How do you know when you can trust someone?

Source: smarterparenting.com

PBIS Partners



As we transition into another exciting month at KCES, we want to take a moment to share some insights about our Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports (PBIS) program and its wonderful impact on our school environment

Benefits of PBIS

- 1. Promotes Positive Behavior:** One of the core goals of PBIS is to establish clear expectations for behavior. By consistently teaching and reinforcing these expectations, we see a marked improvement in student conduct, leading to fewer disruptions and more time focused on learning.
- 2. Creates a Supportive School Environment:** PBIS fosters a culture of respect, responsibility, and community. When students feel safe and supported, they experience better well-being and are more likely to collaborate with peers and staff.
- 3. Boosts Academic Engagement:** Studies have shown that a positive school climate correlates to increased academic success. As our students experience more success behaviorally and socially, they are more motivated to engage in their learning and achieve academically.
- 4. Strengthens Relationships:** By focusing on positive interactions, PBIS helps nurture strong relationships between students and staff, contributing to a sense of belonging for all students. This foundation of support is vital for fostering emotional and social development.
- 5. Tailored Support for All Students:** PBIS allows us to identify and implement targeted interventions for students needing additional support. This individualized attention helps every child flourish in their educational journey.

KIDS Corral



In the KIDS Program we are each other's biggest cheerleaders! We love to cheer each other on, and cheer each other up. We are also learning about different people in history, and how to be a good person. Many of us are learning to do basic addition and reading CVC words. We are loving school and we are loving our friends!

Special Announcement

Have you heard? The theme for next year has been released: Teamwork Makes the Dream Work! Grab your jerseys and get ready to cheer for your favorite teams as we put in the work together to make the 2025-2026 school year a Stanley Cup [Gold Medal, World Cup, Green Jacket, Commissioner's, Lombardi, etc.] kind of year.



Celebrations

Congratulations to our Student of the Month Super Citizens for February. Continued thanks to Dentistry for Families and Dr. Zac Soard for sponsoring the celebration each month.

Miguel V.	Violeta P.
Daniel F.	Zoey S.
Loey W.	Corbin D.
Christianah S.	Jazmin A.
Sofia B.	Soma A.
Dakota M.	Ca'Saree' H.
Tina F.	Isabella R.
Emery J.	Yvian T.
Riley C.	Lovelyn P.
Josette J.	Karly B.
Penelope S.	King B.
Steven F.	Sanaa C.
Robert R.	Jacob B.
Anthony M.	
Ella K.	
Faylisna Y.	
Phoenix W.	
Julieta L.	
Aven E.	

