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No School – Monday, January 18, 2021



We are so excited to share a resource with you that our school has purchased to support your child at school and at home. We want to ensure that your child is a happy, confident learner in my classroom and has access to all of the material we are reading for class assignments and for enjoyment.

Our school has a membership to Learning Ally, a national nonprofit that provides access to human-read audiobooks through a reading app. They have novels from our assigned reading lists and those popular novels that other students are reading, as well as textbooks. By reading what other students are reading, we will be able to give your child the confidence they need to be an active learner in our classroom.

One of the best things about Learning Ally is all the books have human voices. It's like you have an extra voice helping your child with homework, and I have an extra reader to share more books with students in my classroom. Human voice helps to model what reading should sound like; it pronounces words correctly and helps to build your child's vocabulary, comprehension and fluency in reading.

We'll be adding books to your child's Learning Ally bookshelf and they'll use the app at school. You can download the free app on your personal computer, phone or tablet and log in with your child's credentials to add the books they want to read. I hope you take advantage of this wonderful resource we are providing to your child.

Readers are Learners. Readers are Leaders.

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Estamos muy contentos de compartir con usted un recurso que nuestra escuela ha comprado para ayudar a su hijo en la escuela y en casa. Queremos asegurarnos de que su hijo sea un alumno feliz y se sienta seguro en mi salón de clase y que además tenga acceso a todo el material que estamos leyendo para las tareas de la clase y lo disfrute..

Nuestra escuela es miembro de Learning Ally, una organización nacional sin fines de lucro que brinda acceso a audiolibros leídos por personas a través de una aplicación de lectura. Tienen novelas de nuestras listas de lectura asignadas y novelas populares que otros estudiantes están leyendo, así como libros de texto. Al leer lo que otros estudiantes están leyendo, podremos darle a su hijo la confianza que necesita para ser un aprendiz activo en nuestro salón de clases.

Una de las mejores cosas de Learning Ally es que todos los libros tienen voces humanas. Es como si tuvieran una voz adicional para ayudar a tu hijo con la tarea y yo tengo un lector adicional para compartir más libros con los estudiantes en mi salón de clases. La voz humana ayuda a modelar cómo debería sonar la lectura; pronuncia palabras correctamente y ayuda a desarrollar el vocabulario, la comprensión y la fluidez en la lectura de su hijo.

Agregaremos libros a la estantería Learning Ally de su hijo y ellos usarán la aplicación en la escuela. Puede descargar la aplicación gratuita en su computadora personal, teléfono o tableta e iniciar sesión con las credenciales de su hijo para agregar los libros que desea leer. Espero que aprovechen este maravilloso recurso que le brindamos a su hijo.

Los lectores son aprendices. Los lectores son líderes.

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Register for our FREE early learning series:
[Supporting Young Children and Families in a
Pandemic](#)

Let's shine a light on the important work of early learning providers during an extraordinary time in our world. We will discuss how to identify red flags, build resilience, and seek support despite the limitations this pandemic has created. Concrete resources and activities will be provided during these interactive virtual trainings.

February 9, 2021, 6-7:30
**Social Emotional Development-Looking for Red
Flags and Supporting Growth**

What is social-emotional development and why is it important? How can we support children returning to early childhood programs in the midst of a pandemic? This workshop will help providers recognize social emotional concerns in young children, create activities to help this growth, and consider community support resources. This interactive training is designed to give you practical information you can use.

March 9, 2021, 6-7:30

Building Resilience in Young Children

Resilience describes the handling of stress, trauma, and adversity. We all experience varying levels of challenges in our lives and the way we bounce back from them demonstrates how resilient we can be. We will explore why resilience is important, activities that promote resilience, and how caregivers can build their own capacity for resilience during difficult times.

Click [here](#) to register for our event
Click [here](#) learn more about this early learning series



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Become a DCSD Substitute Teacher!

The Douglas County School District (DCSD) is building its pool of substitutes to help get all students back to hybrid and/or full in-person learning as soon as possible. The Colorado Department of Education (CDE) recently introduced the 2020-2021 Substitute Authorization program. This path requires applicants to hold only a minimum of a high school diploma or its equivalent and a fingerprint-based history on file with CDE. This is ideal for college students and graduates, individuals between jobs or considering changing careers, and anyone interested in serving our community and our amazing students with a heart for serving and supporting children! To learn more visit the [Substitute Program page](#) of our website, [apply online](#) via the CDE's website, or contact the DCSD Substitute Program Office at suboffice@dcsdk12.org to get started!

Castle View Feeder News:



JOIN US for VIRTUAL INCOMING FRESHMAN INFORMATION NIGHT

CVHS will release a website with introductory videos and contact information on January 19th

EVENING OF JANUARY 19TH

Live Virtual Question and Answer Sessions
6:00-7:30pm (specific schedule to come)

Virtual Registration Assistance Sessions
5:00, 6:00, and 7:00pm

- Website will include links to videos, contact information requests for athletics and activities, and links to live Q&A sessions
- Website will be sent to families on January 19th