



*Clemente
Leadership
Academy for
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Ms. Vena's September Classroom Newsletter

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Welcome Back!

Welcome back to school! I am looking forward to a great year in 3rd grade! This year, as 3rd graders, your child will be challenged by the rigor of the curriculum and the demands of being an active and productive learner. As their teacher, my goal will be to provide a rigorous, supportive, engaging and safe classroom culture and climate in order for each student to meet their potential while developing critical thinking skills and continue to nurture their passion for learning. I look forward to working together in order to provide your child with a multitude of opportunities for them to achieve both personal and academic goals.

Homework

Students will be given a homework packet in their mailbox on Monday and will be due on Friday in their **orange homework folder**. Please be sure to purchase a durable orange folder so that it can last the entire year. The homework assignments will reflect what is being taught during class time and/or review what students have previously learned. It is extremely important that students complete their homework every night in order to reinforce their skills and understanding. If your child does not understand a part of their homework, please just write a note so that I know that your child did attempt the homework.

Students **should** be spending a significant amount of time reading at home and complete their reading log. Please time your child 30 minutes each night and sign their log to indicate that they read. This is essential and will help them reach the benchmark reading level by the end of the school year. Please let me know if you need any books. I would be more than happy to send some home with the students. I cannot emphasize enough the importance of reading at home.

Classroom Rules & Rewards

Clemente Leadership Academy school rules are in the school handbook and are expected to be followed. Parents and students should read through the handbook and sign/return the "contract" page.

These rules will be posted in our classroom throughout the entire year. As a class, we have created our classroom norms to ensure that every student has an equal opportunity to succeed and that we have a safe learning environment. These rules are posted in our classroom so students can be reminded of our expectations along with potential consequences.

1. Treat others the way you want to be treated.
2. Respect your school and the people in it.
3. Always be prepared for learning.
4. Take responsibility for you actions.

This year we will use Vena Tickets for individual rewards and a class marble jar as classroom incentives. Throughout the day students can earn tickets for participating in lessons along with modeling positive behaviors. At the end of the week, students can cash in tickets for a variety of rewards.

Behavior & Incentive Policy

As a school, we will also be issuing school wide incentive policy for students to earn monthly school-wide activities and/or field trips. Students will be given an opportunity to earn Cougar Pride points monthly and tracked using Class Dojo. They will be able to earn points by attending school each day, wearing their uniform, having their agenda signed nightly, and completing their homework. Students will need a certain amount of points in order to participate in monthly incentive activities both in and out of school.

Students can lose points for classroom consequences, detentions, referrals, and suspensions. These subtracted points may result in students not earning enough to participate in incentive activities.

Character Education



It is important that students are in a healthy and safe environment. As we did last year, each month we will highlight an element of good character. For the month of September, students must showcase RESPECT. Students must show regard for the value of a person. They must be courteous, considerate, and appreciative. Please ask your child how she/he is being respectful.

Attendance Policy & Reminders to Parents

- Our goal at Clemente is to create a close sense of community. By having the students all wear uniforms the focus and attention is put on academics and promoting a positive learning environment. Students should be wearing khaki bottoms with a black collared shirt. All students must have AT LEAST one magnet school polo shirt to wear on school trips. Students will not be able to attend field trips without a magnet school polo shirt. You may contact the main office to purchase a school uniform.
- Instruction begins at 8:35 AM. Students that arrive after 8:45 AM are considered to be tardy.
- In the case of illness or other unavoidable circumstances that may prevent your child from attending school, parents are expected to provide written documentation of the reason for the absence. A student may be retained in a grade with an absence of 19 or more days from school.
- If your child has a change in dismissal you must send in a NOTE with your child indicating that change.
- Please make sure that if telephone numbers change that you send in a note with your child so I can have updated telephone numbers and pass the information along to the office as well
- Feel free to call me to make an appointment to meet with me before or after school. Many parents have also found it just as convenient to send me an email or message me through the REMIND APP. To join REMIND, just text @vena3 to 81010

School Happenings

9/3 Labor Day, No School
 9/10 No School
 9/11 Open House
 9/19 No School
 9/20 Character Education

Students must have all school supplies for our classroom color code system.

Orange, durable Pocket Folder for Homework
 Pack of 12 #2 Sharpened Pencils
 Pencil Box
 Colored Pencils
 Skinny Markers
 Glue Sticks
 Crayons
 5 Color Pocket Folders
 4 Marble Composition Notebooks
 Tissues and/or Baby-wipes

Please remember to sign your child's agenda book each night. If your child loses the agenda book, parents will be responsible for replacing it. Please call or email me with questions or concerns in regards to supplies.

Specials Schedule (updated)

Monday - Technology
 Tuesday - Gym
 Wednesday - Art
 Thursday - Gym
 Friday - Music

Perfect Attendance:

Coming Soon

Healthy Tip

Make sure your bedroom is cool, dark, and quiet. Ask your parents to help.

Exercise during the day. Running and playing at least 3 hours before bed help your body get ready for sleep.

Try to go to bed the same time every night. Your body gets used to a schedule and will be ready to sleep.



Avoid big meals before bedtime. Drink a warm glass of milk or have a light healthy snack like fruit instead.

Don't drink sodas with caffeine... especially in the afternoon and at night.

Have a bedtime routine. Do the same relaxing things before bed each night, like taking a warm shower, reading, or listening to quiet music. Your body will know it is time to get ready to sleep.

Make sure your child gets at least 10 hours of sleep a night. Children need 10 hours of sleep to stay healthy.