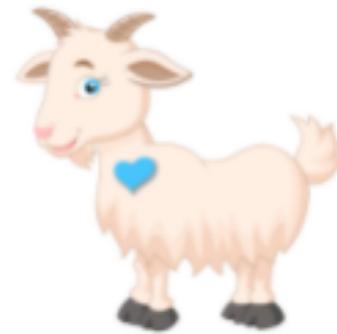




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What a great week we have had! It was so exciting to truly "see" all the cute little faces we have missed so much. And lots of new cute faces, too. We enjoy the time that we get to spend with your children. Thanks for sharing them with us. :)



In our Leadership lesson we are learning about being Respectful. Our little mascot helps us to remember what it means to be respectful to others but also to show respect for self.



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BY KIM GOATES

I AM RESPECTFUL IN MY WORDS, ACTIONS, AND RELATIONSHIPS

What does it mean to be respectful?

English proverbs were used to teach children the concept of respect... "Children are meant to be seen, and not heard."
...Yikes! Respect is not cultivated in children by subjecting them to behave as perfect little adults, in submissive stillness and silence. What a loss of precious childhood interactions and joy for those who enforced this standard! Being obedient out of fear, or by force, is not respect at all. It's misery! At the core of every respectful relationship is love, honor, and appreciation. Aren't we glad to live in a time when we say, "Children are meant to be seen, heard, cherished, and celebrated!" They deserve our deepest respect, and visa-versa.

So, how do we explain what respect really means so that our children will understand and embrace it? Teaching respect as a concept, using definitions, is a small beginning.

When we were children, we began to understand by experiencing the effects of both respectful and disrespectful words and actions from those closest to us; namely, our parents and teachers.

Respect is the experience of being heard and valued and knowing that someone genuinely cares. Being respected provides a safe place of belonging, and a confident-space for growth, learning, and contributing. Modeling respect is vital in teaching it. No parent or teacher can hope to receive respect until we first exemplify giving it.

Children Learn What They Live, by Dorothy Law Nolte, Ph.D.

If children live with criticism, they learn to condemn.
If children live with hostility, they learn to fight.
If children live with fear, they learn to be apprehensive.
If children live with pity, they learn to feel sorry for themselves.
If children live with ridicule, they learn to feel shy.
If children live with jealousy, they learn to feel envy.
If children live with shame, they learn to feel guilty.
If children live with encouragement, they learn confidence.
If children live with tolerance, they learn patience.
If children live with praise, they learn appreciation.
If children live with acceptance, they learn to love.
If children live with approval, they learn to like themselves.
If children live with recognition, they learn it is good to have a goal.
If children live with sharing, they learn generosity.
If children live with honesty, they learn truthfulness.
If children live with fairness, they learn justice.
If children live with kindness and consideration, they learn respect.
If children live with security, they learn to have faith in themselves and in those about them.
If children live with friendliness, they learn the world is a nice place in which to live.

Through our respectful words and actions we can begin to instill respectful feelings in our children.

When we act respectfully...

We look people in the eye.

We listen thoughtfully, and give our full attention.

We wait our turn.

We don't interrupt.

We use good manners and "magic" words:

Please, Thank-you, Excuse me, You're welcome.

We respond with consideration.

We show we care.

We watch for ways we can help and assist others.

We show interest in, and make time for others priorities, wants, and needs.

We show others we care about their feelings and well-being.

We do what we said we'd do.

We keep our commitments.

We choose not to do things that hurt or demean ourselves, or others.

We treat others the way we would like to be treated

**WHAT DO YOU DO TO HELP YOUR CHILDREN PRACTICE
RESPECT FOR OTHERS AND THEMSELVES?
YOU G.O.A.T. THIS!**





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ADVENTURES AT-SCHOOL

FULL-TIME ON CAMPUS

Assessments provide valuable data about a student's growth and achievement at one particular point in time. CGA understands that each assessment is only one piece of information. CGA understands that children are unique and we strive to provide individualized educational experiences for our students. CGA believes all students can learn and progress, and has numerous resources and supports to meet the varying needs of our students. Our goal is that all students progress academically while enrolled in our program while maintaining the freedoms our families enjoy.

Please make sure that your students get a good nights sleep and eat a good breakfast so they are ready for Assessments. IF you have headphones, please bring them.

Student Motivation

We all want to raise students who are motivated to fulfill their responsibilities without having external motivation. However, even as adults we don't always feel like doing things all the time. We like motivation at Canyon Grove- not because the tiny prizes are really great, but more because it gives the teachers an opportunity to stop and celebrate progress individually with your child, and that personal attention and praise go a LONG way! The little prizes are more of a reason to engage in that individualized conversation. Students will receive motivation prizes for their Lexia progress this year which has proven to encourage them to "keep on going" and to "keep on trying". Through numerous studies, Lexia has proven to show high success in early reading skill and language arts development in children.

In addition, students will be involved in the launch of our amazing new math program called Zearn. This program is engaging, and developed especially for children to explore visual, auditory, and kinesthetic learning as they explore the world of math. There are MANY ways to solve a math problem and through Zearn, math talks, and our hands on math games CGA students will get to enjoy everything mathematical. As the program progresses, we will share your child's progress with you and endeavor to help them fill in gaps, learn grade level material, and push themselves to go even further!

UPCOMING EVENTS

Aug 23-27
NWEA Assessments

Sep 16
Family Skate

Sign up now to reserve your spot

ALLY

This week you received a new CGA email account for your child. Please make sure you have logged into that account. This account is where you will received an invitation to Ally. Ally is our New CGA software. This software will provide you with access to your child's homework, CGA library, communication with your teacher, student progress reports and more.





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INNOVATIONS & DISCOVERY

Innovations and Discovery are optional programs and are opted into by parents signing up their students for each session. There are three more sign ups throughout the year. Signing up is on a first come first serve basis. If you don't receive a confirmation email you are not registered. If you don't remember or don't know where to find dates and links to sign up please watch or rewatch the required orientation video.

If you change locations you are not automatically switched to Innovations or Discovery for that group and you may be put on a waiting list if that location's session is already full. Students will attend Innovations or Discovery according to their assigned locations schedule. Please direct all your Innovations or Discovery questions directly to jana.stout@canyongrove.com.

If you are enrolled in this first session please make sure you accept the invitation to the Remind Group so you will receive any last minute updates.

NWEA

NWEA is a useful assessment tool for both the parent and the school. It produces a very detailed report of your student's achievement to help tailor their education to their individual needs. Students test out of any Power Standards that they already know so can then focus on what they still need to learn. It also helps us to see if students are struggling so we can provide additional support. You will receive a very helpful and detailed parent report of your student's achievement at your next ES meeting.

The data is then used to prove that our program is academically successful. We DO NOT give out student data. We use reports that show the academic progress of our students as a group. Our system of education is new and it's validity is still questioned. We need to show the world that being allies (parent and school) we can achieve awesomeness!! We've G.O.A.T. this - sorry I couldn't resist :)

Please help your student to understand the value of these assessments. We don't want them to be anxious but we do want them to know that we need them to show how absolutely amazing they really are.

At CGA we believe in the power of parents. We believe that we ARE an amazing team!
THANK YOU so very much for your support with the beginning of the year assessments.

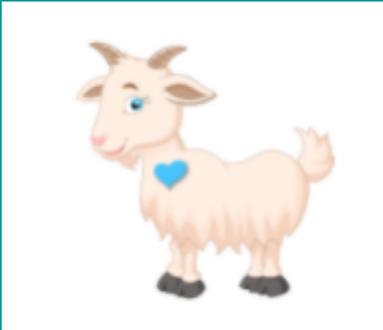


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Paths to Progress

We have seen from several years of effort that celebrating student progress helps them be more consistent. We have several avenues of motivation for this year that we hope will help make things easier for you to keep your students consistently engaged each week at home:

- Students will receive motivation prizes for ST Math, Zearn, and Lexia progress.
- Students in a Google Classroom math class can enjoy Goat Adventures, a really fun story starring our three goat mascots, Respectful, Responsible, and Ready as they travel through time this Epic year! Students will receive a code to access the next episode of the story if they do their weekly quick check-in for the math Google Classroom.
- Students can earn points towards motivation prizes for celebrating their weekly success in their math and language arts Google Classrooms through their check-in. They can also get points for turning in their student work in Google Classroom throughout the year.

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Center

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Speech & Debate

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Sep 16
Family Skate

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Hello Middle School Parents and Students!

First of all, welcome to CGA Middle School! We are so excited to have you here. We have some amazing things planned. This is going to be a great year!

My name is Sara Holt. I am joining the Middle School team as the new Middle School supervisor. I have been working at Canyon Grove for the last three years in the curriculum department. I love the vision of Canyon Grove and the exciting programs they have created!

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions or concerns about the Middle School program or specific issues your child may be having. I would love to answer your questions! My email is sara.holt@canyongrove.com.

Mrs. Bauer has also joined our team as the mentor for the Humanities classes and Mr. Curtis will mentor the math classes. They are both fantastic teachers. Because of this shift, the schedule for the 7th and 8th grade Humanities classes have permanently changed. You can find the new schedule on the CGA website under the Middle School program.

In addition, make sure you go through the Middle School section of the website if you have any questions about registering for or finding your online classes for the ILC, Outdoors Adventures or any Williamsburg classes. It gives you a step by step guide along with the best contact person if you have any issues.

We are committed to great communication with you as parents so that you can be successful. Please let us know how we can best help you!

Warmly,
Sara Holt

