

Columbus Preparatory Academy School Counseling Newsletter

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Important Dates at CPA

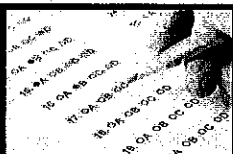
March 25
Parent Workshop &
Student
Literacy Night
6-7pm

March 29-April 2
SPRING BREAK

April 9
End of 3rd Quarter

April 12
The BLITZ
BEGINS!

April 19
Ohio Achievement
Testing Begins



Monthly Guidance Curriculum Update



Students in each grade have learned about turning wishes and dreams into goals—this means they learned that in order to make something happen, they have to **DO SOMETHING** about it! Ask your student what goals they have set for themselves!

During the month of March, **Kindergarteners** will review good listening skills as we read My Mouth is a Volcano by Julia Cook. We will also explore setting goals this month by reading The Little Engine That Could and drawing our own goals on a train car. **1st graders** focused on career exploration by playing “Career Bingo” using career puppets and related this to our February lesson about goal-setting. **2nd graders** learned how careers can be put into clusters by doing a special survey and explored their own interests as they relate to careers. In April, **Kindergarten, 1st graders, and 2nd graders** will work on getting ready for the ITBS test by singing songs about being successful students! **Grades 3 & 4** learned to relate their personal strengths (from their February career lesson) to setting short-term goals. We compared goal-setting to climbing up a ladder, and the students did a great job and set some wonderful goals!

3rd grade-8th graders will review important test-taking skills in March to get them ready for standardized testing, which begins April 19th! Each student will be given parent handouts for important notes on homework help and test preparation to help all students be successful! As always, look for my detailed notes that go home with each student after a lesson.

Current Groups: 2nd Grade Fun with Friends and Fabulous Friends groups, 3rd grade Keys to Confidence, groups, 6th Grade A.I.M. groups, and 6th & 7th grade ROX groups

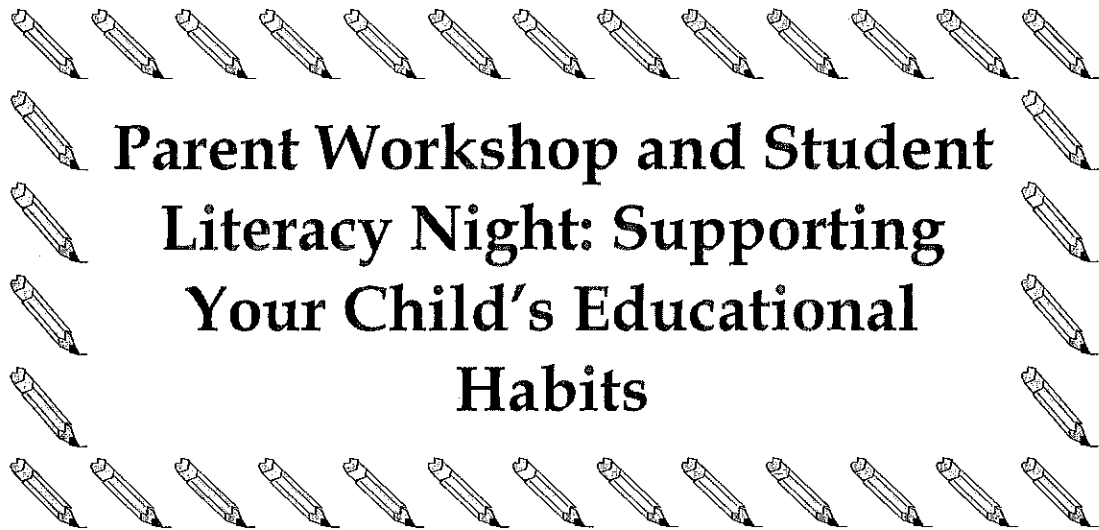
***If at any time you have questions, would like to refer your child, or would like more resources or reference materials, please let me know!**

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Is your child stuck on his/her homework? Each morning before school, Mrs. Cellino and Ms. Keaty provide a **homework table** which is available in the cafeteria to help students who need extra help with their homework.

If your student has questions or needs help, please encourage them to use this wonderful resource!



Parent Workshop and Student Literacy Night: Supporting Your Child's Educational Habits

Please join us for a Parent Workshop and Student Literacy Night on Thursday, March 25th from 6-7pm. This is a unique opportunity to hear from teachers and other parents on supporting your children's success at CPA. Your K-8th grade student will be doing their own activities while you are at the workshop! They can also bring homework to work on during the literacy activities. We will have some general information for all parents and then you will be divided into age groups so you can hear directly from teachers on specific skills and grade-level expectations. Light refreshments are provided, and you will also be given a packet of information full of practical ideas to help your child!

For Parents:

- Reading with your child
- Understanding the OAT Test and helping your child get ready
- Homework Help and Resources
- Supporting good study habits and time management
- Connect with other parents!

For Students:

- Homework help
- Fun Literacy Games and Activities for every grade level led by CPA teachers



If you have any questions about the workshop, please contact Mrs. Capriato: scapriato@columbuspreparatory.org