



Lighthouse Spotlight

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We prepare our students for college through a rigorous arts-infused curriculum.

Readers are Leaders

Did you know that the simple act of reading with your child can make a huge difference in comprehension? We encourage all our families to spend quality time together reading books, watching movies, and talking to each other. In addition to building strong family bonds, reading and discussing together will help our scholars build strong critical thinking skills. Here are some recommended activities that help build strong young minds.

1. Ask students to make predictions when reading with them.
2. Make connections between the text and the real world. Help students see how what they're reading relates to the world around them.

3. After reading a page or two, ask students to summarize the text in their own words.
4. Does your son or daughter like to draw? Asking him/her to illustrate pages can be a fun way to keep scholars engaged with reading.
5. Ask lots of *why* questions. For example: *Why* do you think the character made that decision? *Why* do you think the author made that choice? *Why* did that cause lead to this effect?

These are simple strategies to reinforce the literacy strategies our scholars hear from their teachers every day. They work with movies just as well as with books! The more the school and the family can speak with one voice, the greater the benefit to our scholars.

Heard Around Campus

- At ECLCS learning comes in many shapes and sizes. For example, fifth grade scholars in Mrs. Hebblethwaite's Social Studies classes are hard at work on a project exploring important inventions. Working in teams of two or three, scholars spent time in the computer lab collecting facts and answering research questions. They are creating posters and presentations. They will stand in front of their classmates to share their research soon.
- On Thursday, fourth graders in Mr. Feaster's PE class completed the third leg of their four-part fitness challenge. During a single gym period, scholars recorded their own performance in sit-ups, push-ups, and laps completed around the gym. After comparing results with totals recorded in September and November, many students showed impressive growth.
- First graders in Ms. Foley's classroom shared their personal narratives with their classmates by reading from the author's chair. It's great to see first graders excited about writing.
- Sixth and Seventh graders in Mrs. Kozakowski's writing classes began an intense poetry study this week, aiming to analyze fifty poems in the next 20 days of school.

Important Dates

Thursday, March 11th: Community Health Fair 5:00

Friday, March 12th: No school for students. Professional Development for teachers.

Tuesday, March 23rd: Parent Advisory Board Meeting at 5:00, New student lottery at 6:00

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Math 24 Competition

This year ECLCS will be participating in the Math 24 Competition. Select students will be joining over 300 local students at Calumet College of St. Joseph's on May 2. Students will be tested on their knowledge of math operations and calculations. They will have to combine numbers on a given card through adding, subtracting, multiplying and/or dividing in order to equal 24.

Congratulations to the follow scholars who were selected to represent ECLCS in the Math 24 Competition.

3rd Grade: Davion Phillips, Kashad Hawthorne, Andre Lopez, Daniela Peralta, Ahmed Sultan, Dejana Jones

4th Grade: Leon Valdez, Angel Anaya, Esmeralda Martinez, Jibril Harris, Montana Heuertz, Pablo Roman, Pablo Moore, Taje Wilson

5th Grade: Jaylan Robinson, Tia Winbush, Adriana Guadarrama, Cyan Segura, Juan Gonzalez, Nakia King

6th Grade: Jovione Perry, Essence Mask, Alex Gonzalez, Azalia Segura, Kendall Rhodes, Katelyn Luna

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