



Caldwell-West Caldwell | ELEMENTARY FAMILY NEWSLETTER

GRADES K-5 | FALL 2021

“To foster, inspire, and champion learning for all.”

We are excited to share with you more information about curriculum and instruction in our elementary schools. Our team has done a tremendous job opening school this year, and we are excited for all the great learning in store for your children this year!

Student Progress Updates

Throughout the year, teachers will be sharing student learning updates with you by sending home tests, student work, and interim progress reports. Families in grades 3-5 will also have access to assessment results through the LinkIt! student portal. Your classroom teachers will notify you when you should check the portal for benchmark assessments (3x year) and math end of unit tests.

We hope that these regular progress updates will keep you informed and support your partnership with your child's teacher.

Please review the [district's assessment calendar](#) for the 2021-22 school year.

- **Reading Levels:** Interim Progress Reports will be sent home the last week of October & at the very beginning of February. Reading levels will also be added to the report cards.
- **Writing:** Final scored writing pieces will be sent home in a blue folder at the end of each unit.
- **Math End of Unit Assessments:**
 - Grades 3-5 students will take their assessments online (unless dictated otherwise by an IEP), and the results will be available to view in LinkIt!
 - Grades 1-2 students will take paper/pencil assessments which will be sent home with a standards-based cover sheet.
 - Kindergarten students will be sent home with an end of unit checklist.
- **LinkIt! Benchmark Assessments:** Students in grades 3-5 will take a Fall, Winter and Spring Benchmark Assessment to measure progress towards major standards in ELA and Math. These results will be available via the LinkIt! student portal. Click [here](#) to learn more about these tests, to see sample questions and reports, and for directions on how to access the student portal.



Elementary SMART Summer Academy

Given the enhanced need for academic and social-emotional support as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic, the district created an intensive SMART Summer Academy that provided academic and social-emotional programming for 94 students in grades 3-6.

RESULTS:

- **Math:** 94% of students who attended 75% or more of the sessions improved in the math focus standards.
- **Reading:** The average reading growth for the 5-week summer program was 3 months.

Fall Curriculum & Instruction Overview

- To learn about what is being taught in your child's classroom this Fall, please click [here](#). For specific information about your child's progress, please contact your child's classroom teacher(s).
- Fall Heritage Months:
 - Hispanic Heritage Month (9/15-10/15) is a time to recognize the achievements and contributions of Hispanic American champions who have inspired others to achieve success. Check out [this website](#) to discover documents, exhibits, films, blog posts and more from the National Archives and Presidential Libraries that highlight Hispanic culture.
 - National Native American Heritage Month (November), is a time to recognize the achievements and contributions of Native Americans, Alaska Natives, and Native Hawaiians. Check out [this website](#) to discover more about the history and continuing culture of America's indigenous people.
- Learn about our Grade 5 "[Agents of Change Unit](#)" featuring international figures who are recognized for their outstanding courage or achievements.
- Need help navigating Seesaw, Google Meet or logging into district Chromebooks? Please view the "[CWC Family Tech Support Resource](#)" for step by step directions.



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