

CVMS NEWS

Expect Academic Excellence; Let Education help you Soar

November 2018

Reading Goal

Our school-wide goal this year is to increase the percentage of students whose Lexile reading score is at or above grade level. Lexile scores help measure how well students understand what they read.

One of the best ways to help improve students reading comprehension is to encourage them to read. We encourage reading at CVMS by setting aside class time just for reading - silent and guided (the teacher reads aloud while students read along) reading. Also, we started a free after school family book club. At the first meeting, families get two copies of "I Survived Hurricane Katrina", New Orleans style refreshments, and tips for supporting your middle school reader. We will meeting again in March for a Mardi Gras celebration and book discussion.

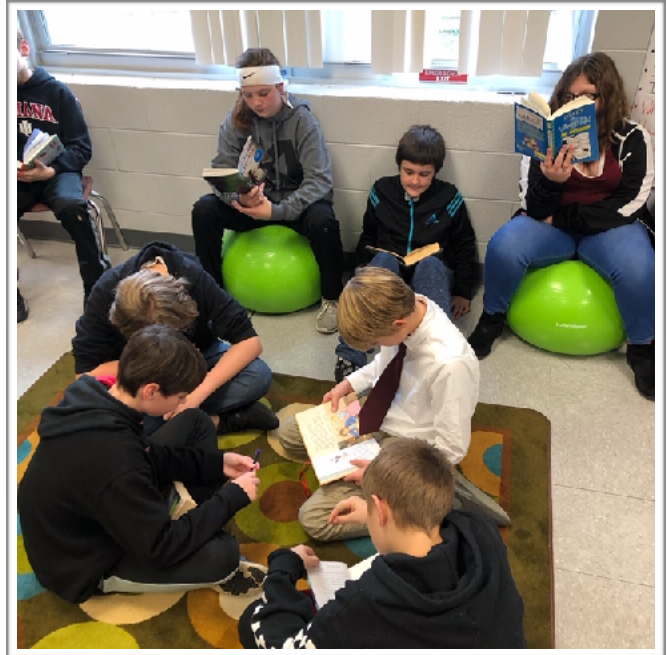
Tips for Supporting Your Middle School Reader

- Ask, "What are you reading?", "What do you like about your book?", or "What are you learning?"
- Find a second copy of the book and read it along side them.
- Visit the public library or McKay's together and browse.
- Talk about your favorite books growing up.
- Check in about reading homework progress- 20 minutes per night minimum.
- Let your child see YOU reading!
- Play games like Pictionary, Scrabble, Charades, and Headbanz to build vocabulary.
- Listen to audiobooks in the car. Many are available for free download from the public library!

Calendar of Events

- 12 - Veterans Day Luncheon, 11:00 am
- 13 - Art Field Trip to Atlanta's High Museum of Art
- 14 - Family Book Club First Meeting, Media Center, 6 pm
- 19-23 - Thanksgiving Break
- 30 - Last Day to Qualify for Renaissance

Free tutoring on Mondays and Thursdays, 3:30-4:30 pm, and Wednesdays, 7:00-7:30 am.



6th graders in Mrs. Stewart's class enjoying books in her room's new comfortable reading center.

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Away Games

3 - JV Basketball Play Day @ Lakeview

8 - JV Basketball @ Dade

8 - Wrestling @ Dade

12 - JV Basketball @ Gordon Lee

13 - Varsity Basketball @ Saddle Ridge

14 - Wrestling @ Saddle Ridge

17 - Wrestling @ Heritage

Basketball - Girls tip off at 4:30 pm, boys follow

Wrestling - 4:30 pm

Home Games

3 - Wrestling Walker Cup, 8:00 am

5 - JV Basketball vs. Lakeview

6 - Wrestling vs. Gordon Lee

9 - Varsity Basketball Play Day

10 - Varsity Basketball Play Day, Girls 1:00 pm, boys follow

13 - Wrestling vs. Trion

15 - Varsity Basketball vs. Heritage

26 - JV Basketball vs. Ringgold

27 - Wrestling vs. Ringgold, Lafayette

Smoke Detectors

If you need a smoke alarm for your home, call Regina Dorsey at 706-539-1255, ext. 111. She will schedule a firefighter to install an alarm for free. Walker County Emergency Services partners with the American Red Cross of Northwest Georgia to provide this service.

Students of the Month

Congratulations and thank you to the students of the month. Your actions and attitude make our school a better place! The outstanding students of October are Samuel Kinsey, Donovan Morgan, Jacob Romine (6th grade), Addison Jones, Maddie O'Toole (7th grade), Olivia Merritt, Halie Thompson, Destin Wheeler, Joshua Wingard (8th grade), and Andrea Boyko (Band).

Patriot Pen Contest Winners

Chattanooga Valley Middle School is pleased to announce the school's VFW Patriot's Pen Essay contest winners. Over 80 participants wrote an essay on the topic "Why I Honor the American Flag". The winners were:

3rd place- Roger Collins (6th Grade) \$20 Prize

2nd Place- Brooke Clawson (6th Grade) \$30 Prize

1st Place- Ian Byrd (8th Grade) \$50 Prize

These winners will go on to represent CVMS at the local VFW Post competition.



Brooke Clawson, Ian Byrd, and Roger Collins won our VFW Patriot

Angel Tree

Every year, CVMS partners with Chattanooga Valley Baptist Church to provide Christmas gifts for local children whose families are facing financial hardships. If your family would like to help sponsor a child, please let your homeroom teacher know.

Leslie Shepherd is the Family Engagement Coordinator. The Family Center is in the school office. Hours are 10:00 am - 2:00 pm.