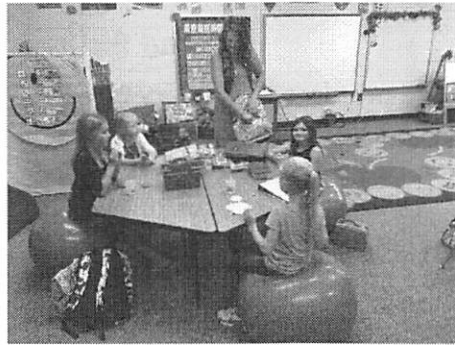
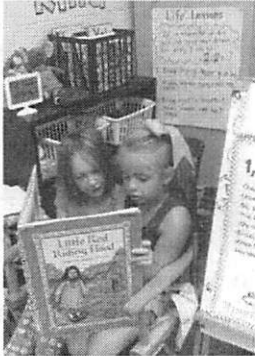


WELCOME WORDS For Families



AN EXCITING YEAR HAS BEGUN!

Thank you for being a part of our family and welcome to the 2017-2018 school year! We are off to a great start. Our staff is committed to building an environment where all students feel welcomed, while fostering a love for learning. We strive to provide nurturing classrooms where each child blossoms and grows. Throughout the building the chatter of students collaborating and discussing content can be heard. Students engaged in the process of learning is exciting to see!

This year some of our routines have changed. Art, Music, and PE are on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday this year. We have also added Kindergarten into the Enrichment Schedule with our certified teachers. Our media center has also had a makeover. A new Promethean board has been placed where students can access it as part of their research and learning. Mrs. Hoffman, our new Media Coordinator, has great ideas for MakerSpaces and other innovative learning experiences. We will continue to keep you updated with happenings at Welcome as the year progresses.

IMPORTANT DATES

- **September 26th:** Dine Out Night- Kimono
- **September 27th- October 11th:** PTO Fall Fundraiser
- **October 3rd:** Fall Pictures
- **October 5th:** School Improvement Team Meeting at 2:45pm
- **October 13th:** Fifth Grade Field Trip to Camp Caraway
- **October 23-27:** Fall Book Fair
- **October 24th:** Family Reading Night and Late Night Book Fair- Details Coming Soon!
- **October 27th:** First Quarter Ends
- **October 30th:** Required Workday (No School for Students)
- **October 31st- November 9th:** K-5 Benchmark Assessments
- **November 2nd:** Fall Picture Retakes
- **November 8th:** Report Cards Sent Home

PLEASE WELCOME OUR NEW STAFF MEMBERS

Join us in welcoming new staff for the 2017-2018 school year:

Third Grade: Megan Driver and Sarah Whitaker

Reading Specialist: Melissa Best

AIG: Tiffany Ehnes

Art: Cherie Eads

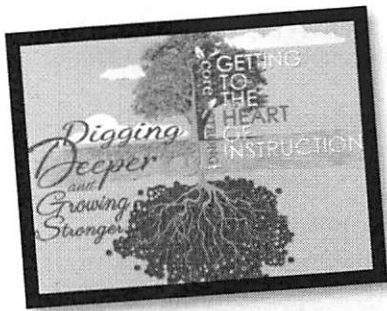
ETS/Media Assistant: HawShen Flinchum

Treasurer: Sherri Dry

School Nurse: Michel Jarrell

Custodian: Zach Williams

Social Worker: Megan Jeffries



DIGGING DEEPER AND GROWING STRONGER: Home Connection

"PREPARE THE CHILD FOR THE PATH, NOT THE PATH FOR THE CHILD."

-Brad McCoy

At Welcome, our staff is committed to the mindset that every child is capable of learning and growing. As educators and parents, one of the best gifts we can give our children is to teach them to love challenges, be intrigued by mistakes, enjoy effort and live out our motto... become lifelong learners. After going somewhere, reading something, or even experiencing a challenge with your child, try talking with your child about these questions:

- **WHAT CAN I LEARN FROM WHAT I READ?**
- **WHAT CAN I LEARN FROM WHAT I HEARD, SAW, OR EXPERIENCED? WHAT CAN I LEARN FROM WHAT I DID WRONG?**
- **WHAT CAN I LEARN FROM WHOM I MET?**
- **WHAT CAN I LEARN FROM WHAT WE TALKED ABOUT TODAY?**



Join us in congratulating Jennifer Miller as Welcome's Teacher of the Year. She was recognized September 18 by Davidson County Schools. Jennifer is one of our fifth grade teachers and a Robotics Coach. Thank you, Ms. Miller for all you do for the students of Welcome!

IMPORTANT BUS TRANSPORTATION INFORMATION



Our bus drivers are dedicated towards providing a safe and positive environment for your children on the bus. We ask that you review the following guidelines in order to ensure safe transportation for your child(ren) to and from school:

- Parents must complete a transportation request in order for their child to **ride a bus or change a bus stop**. Parents will be notified when the request has been approved and it could take up to 10 days.
- Students should be at their bus stop **10 minutes** prior to their assigned time.
- Students in **Grades K-3** must have a **parent visible at the bus stop** in order for their child to exit the bus.
- Only students assigned to a bus route may ride DCS buses. **(Students are not allowed to ride home with a friend for a sleepover or other function.)**
- Safety is our main concern when transporting students to and from school. We ask that students follow the bus driver's directions!

Please call the school if you ever have any questions regarding your child's transportation needs!



SIGN UP FOR TEXT MESSAGES ABOUT BUS TRANSPORTATION

Please remember you may sign up on Remind to receive updates regarding extremely late buses (more than 15 minutes) or other transportation information. The website is: www.remind.com/join/welcomebu or you can sign up through text message by texting (919) 328-2987 with this message: @welcomebu.