

We Love Our 8th Grade
Parents & Guardians



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"Poised, Polished, & Professional"

What's Going On In 8th Grade?

English Language Arts

Ms. Garner & Ms. James

The unit we are currently working on is Expository Writing. This unit focuses on the informational texts and your daughter has begun the process of researching a topic to create her own expository text. Some of the girls chose to work independently, while others decided to work in groups of two or three. They will soon begin the process of actually writing their papers. The final products are due on November 04, 2011.

Additionally, we are reading a class novel. On Team A, we are reading *I am the Cheese* by Robert Cormier. They have recorded specific pages and activities that should be completed in their agendas.

We will soon begin Unit 3 which will focus on persuasive texts and review GPS that have been previously presented. Your daughters will be writing several papers during this unit in preparation for the Middle Grades Writing Assessment.



Science- Mr. Attles

Physical Science – Unit 2 includes the study of the following about energy:

Energy – We will study categories of energy such as potential and kinetic.

Energy Types – such as light, electric, magnetic, mechanical motions and sound.

Heat – We will study how heat is transferred through open space, through liquids, and through objects touching each other.

Science Fair Reminders: November 11th – Grade Level Classroom Fair November 17th – CSKYWLA Science Fair
Science Project Requirements
8th Grade projects must have a Display Board, Log, Abstract, and a Research Report.

Our novel focus for this unit will be *The Diary of Anne Frank*. This is a memoir written by a young girl who was a part of the holocaust. The girls will need to purchase at any book story or check this book out in the community library.

Standards To Be Covered:

ELA8W2. The student demonstrates competence in a variety of genres. The student produces writing (multi-paragraph expository composition such as description, explanation, comparison and contrast, or problem and solution) that:

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Coretta Scott King graduated from Antioch with a B.A. in music and education and won a scholarship to the New England & Conservatory of Music in Boston, MA. Just like Ms. King, our girls are college bound!

Mathematics

Ms. Council and Ms. Woods

We are currently on Unit 3: Equal or Not Equal. In this unit, students will simplify and evaluate algebraic expressions, solve and interpret equations and inequalities, and graph the solution of an equation or inequality.

Standards:M8A1(a - e) Students will use algebra to represent analyze and solve problems

M8A2 (a - d) Students will understand and graph inequalities in one variable.

The Math Fair is coming! More information to come soon!



Social Studies-Mr Lee

In Georgia Studies, we are wrapping up the unit that examines the people and events that led to the American Revolution. The unit also discusses Georgia's role during the American Revolution. Upon completion of the unit, students will take a post benchmark test. Ms. Melton, my student teacher candidate, is preparing to teach the students about slavery during several lessons.

She has already administered a pre- test to assess what prior knowledge students already have on the topic, so that she can plan her lessons accordingly. She will begin those lessons during the last week of Oct. thru the first week of November.

We are also in the process of finalizing two field trips to the Dahlonega gold mine and the Atlanta History Center to experience the interactive Civil War exhibit.

Students are also working on Social Studies Fair Projects.

The standards for this unit are SS8H3: The students will analyze the role of Georgia in the American Revolution.

SS8H4 The students the impact of events that led to the ratification of the United States Constitution and the Bill of Rights.





Check for our School Website for Updates!

<http://www.atlanta.k12.ga.us/site/default.aspx?domainid=2754>

*"Struggle is a never ending process.
Freedom is never really won you earn it and win it in every generation"*

-Coretta Scott King

Field Trips and Fees/ Academic Fair

This year we are tentatively planning several educational field trips to enhance and support students learning:

1. MLK King Center
Cost: Free
2. Dahlonega Gold Mines
Cost: 10.00
3. Atlanta History Center
Cost: 20.00
4. Anne Frank Exhibit
Cost: Free
5. APEX Museum
Cost: Free

As they prepare for their last year of middle school, the 8th grade students will be participating in several events and will need attire for the Stepping Up Ceremony.

Total Cost for 8th Grade Fees for the Year: \$120.00

Installments will be collected in 30.00 Increments.

Payment 1	11/4
Payment 2	12/2
Payment 3	1/13
Payment 4	2/10

You will receive regular updates including an itemized sheet with tentative plans. Look for a monthly notice regarding 8th grades events.



- October is Breast Cancer Awareness month.

We have several events planned to raise money for the Susan G. Koemen Foundation

- November 11th– Grade Level Fair
- November 17th– Academic Fair (Science, Math, and Social Studies)



School Uniforms

Please be reminded that the official Coretta Scott King Young Women's Leadership Academy school uniform consists of the following:

Girls Must Be In Uniform At All Times

1. Pink collared blouse or polo collard shirt with the CSK logo
2. Brown pants, or knee length shorts during warm months
3. Brown skirts (knee length)
4. Brown or black shoes
5. Brown socks or tights
6. A brown or pink sweater, hoodie or jacket (any color jacket or overcoat can be worn to school, but must be kept in your daughters locker during the day)
7. Spirit day CSK t-shirts for Fridays (\$10.00)

Our school store is open from 9-3.

We are proud to announce that some of our 8th Grade Students Attended the Queen of the Nile Performance at the Ray Charles Performing Arts Center

Victoria Simmons

Keturah Butler-Reed

Mya Gholston

Keyana Williams



Regularly check your daughter's academic progress & grades by using the parent portal of Infinite Campus! The Parent portal is on online database.
To Receive Log-In information please contact the counselor, Ms. Onwukaeme at 4-802-4963.



Our Students are making great strides...

Congratulations to the students of the month. These young ladies are Poised, Polished and Professional!

Wandezia Holman (Mr. Lee)

Seqoyah Weems (Ms. Council)

Kadeejah Rasheda (Ms. James)

Breasia Jenkins (Ms. Woods)

We are proud of our 8th grade students who represented CSK by attending the dedication of the Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. memorial on the National Mall in Washington D.C. Dr. King is the first African-American honored with a memorial on or near the National Mall and only the fourth non-president to be memorialized in such away.

Dallas Gordon

Keturah Butler-Reed

Victoria Simmons

Jasmine Radford

Destiny Jackson

Titilayo Peters

Niara Swan

Taylor Garlington

Mia Moon

Mya Gholston

Michelle Moon

Reem Adem

Parent Chaperones

Michelle Jackson

Precious Moon

Congratulations to our 8th Grade SGA

Shadavia Bolston-President

Titilayo Peters-Vice President

Shiki Crane -Secretary

Dianna Tucker-8th Grade Treasurer

Student Body President-Tiffany Rodgers

Student Body Vice President- Zhierra Simpson

Student Body Treasurer-Jasmine Radford

Student Body Historian-Breasia Jenkins

Student Body Parliamentarian-Reem Adem