

JOY JAMES ELEMENTARY
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UPCOMING EVENTS

10 Oct 9am
Positive Proof

11 Oct 8am-3pm
PTO Yard Sale

14 Oct 5pm-7pm
PTO meeting JJE Library

20 Oct
PTO fundraiser begins

24 Oct 7pm-9pm
PTO Movie Night

30 Oct 5:30pm-7:30pm
Site Based Committee
JJE Library

7th Nov
PTO Dance

11th Nov 6-7pm
K-1st Music Program



Terry Johnson
Principal

Joy James Elementary School News

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Note from the Principal's Office

Homework

I came home the other night and found my 2nd grade daughter crying on the couch in the living room. When I asked what the problems was she looked at me and said, "Mommy said I have to read for twenty minutes for homework and I don't want to." I am pretty sure that I am not the only parent that runs into that problem. Speaking parent to parent here are some things that I have found to work pretty successfully. The first thing is set up a routine. All of us are creatures if habit and feel pretty comfortable when a task we have to do becomes a routine. Have a specific time every day that the homework gets done. Also, having a specific place set aside helps them to know it is time to focus on the task of homework. Second, help to make homework a positive thing. Our kids are great imitators of those they love the most. When we make homework a positive thing they are more apt to fall in line with that attitude. It is very important that students who are elementary age learn the discipline of setting aside time to do homework. The responsibilities that go along with the homework are only going to grow as the students get older. So it is a wise thing, I do believe to help them develop basic beginner skills now.

Terry Johnson-Principal

Parents, Children and Reading

For many people reading is a fun experience and for others reading can be a chore. However, as teachers and parents, we need to understand that reading is the most important part of school. Because of how our world is changing, our children need to read more than ever. By not reading we limit ourselves and our children. We must make reading fun to our kids and helping them to be good at it by reading to our kids especially when they are very young, but it's never too late. Listening to parents or adults read or describe pictures will help our children learn new sounds, word ideas, and expand their listening skills. Reading uses words and encourages speech to develop their language. Reading also helps children learn the rules of language. Help your child today by reading with and to them.

Cal Chapa-Instructional Specialist

The Mission of Castleberry ISD is to graduate all students as lifelong learners who will excel in our changing world and competitive workplace.

Joy James Elementary Newsletter

Counselor's Corner

Hi Parents,

It is my pleasure to be the school counselor this year at JJE. Please know that I am thrilled to work here this year.

Let me tell you a little about myself, I am a former music and kindergarten teacher. I attended the Hardin Simmons University to pursue a degree in counseling and the following years I did just that at the elementary and secondary levels. Most recently I worked in Little Elm ISD. This year begins my fifteenth year to work as a school counselor. I consider it such a privilege to serve in Castleberry ISD.

This year I will be working on just what the counselor does at the Pre-k, kinder and first grade levels. And how they can come to me when they are experiencing different feelings. The second through third grades we will discuss how each one of us is unique and character. Our fifth grade will be focusing getting prepared for college and it is already looking like an exciting time. I hope to meet many parents while I am here at JJE this year.

Liz Brown-Counselor

New Faces

Please join me in welcoming the following new faces this year at JJE!

Barbara Baganz-SPED Teacher
Josh Fox-5th gr. Teacher
Brandy Llwellyn-2nd gr. Teacher
Charlotte Reeves-SPED Para
Brenda Zapata-SPED Para
Kristina Couch-SPED Teacher
Jennifer Kniffin-Pre-K Teacher
Ronie Rosales-Kinder Teacher
Ana Tocasuchyl-4th gr. Teacher

Cal Chapa-Instr.Specialist
Kara Hankins-Diagnostician
Sam Ramirez-3rd gr. Teacher
Rebecca Stead-5th gr Teacher
Eizabeth Brown- Counselor
Megan Grimm-SPED Para
Lala Peralez-SPED Para
Sabra Smith-2nd gr. Teacher
Virginia Garcia- Gen Ed. Para

District News

Skyward Family Access

Castleberry ISD parents can now check their student's grades, attendance, discipline, and health records from home with Skyward Family Access. New for the 2008-2009 school year, parents can see what their children are purchasing for lunch and their lunch account balance. To sign up to receive your user name and password for Family Access, please call 817-252-2023.

For more information about Castleberry ISD

- Explore our Webpage: www.castleberryisd.net
- Watch **Charter Cable Channel 30** in the River Oaks and Sansom Park Areas.
- Call **817-252-2000** and choose **Option 8** for weekly events.

Schedule of Events

- Your school's calendar, as well as a district-wide calendar, are available on our website.
- From our home page, choose "schools," then your school, then "School Calendar."

Family Access

- CISD parents can now go online and view their student's grades, health records, attendance, and much more.
- Sign up for Skyward Parent Access today by calling 817-252-2023.

Volunteers

- From our home page, choose "Volunteer Program."
- You can print out a volunteer application and turn it in to your school secretary.

School Board Meetings

- A summary of each Board meeting is available on our website.
- From the home page, choose "Board of Trustees."